



MEMORANDUM

DATE: November 6, 2018

TO: Members of the Cannabis Subcommittee

FROM: Kristinae Toomians, Senior Planner

SUBJECT: Cannabis Retail Merit Based Review – Concentration Area – 112 Commercial Ct

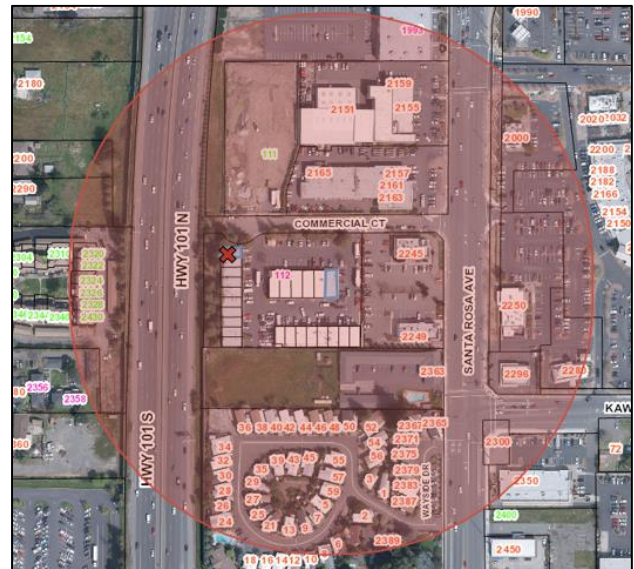
(A) 112 Commercial Ct, #2 CUP18-065
 (B) 112 Commercial Ct, #25 CUP18-045



600ft Buffer from Proposed
Retail Parcel Boundary



Prospective Cannabis
Retail Applicant

**Background**

A total of 38 Cannabis Retail Conditional Use permit applications were filed during the application period. City staff reviewed the applications to ensure that applicants submitted all the required checklist items. Applicants were allotted 21 calendar days to respond to any items deemed missing, incomplete, or insufficient. Staff reviewed revised application materials and deemed 37 applications as complete.

Applications deemed complete within the prescribed time period were also evaluated for potential overconcentration. If a proposed location is within 600 feet of another proposed or existing retail location, then the project(s) entered a competitive merit point based process. Planning staff identified a total of 21 applications, representing 7 areas of overconcentration, for this track. Staff evaluated each competitive application against four criteria that were identified in the City's *Cannabis Use Application Retail Use Requirements*, published on www.srcity.org/cannabis. Points were awarded based on the quality and extent that an application addressed the merit criteria. A total of 100 points may be awarded for all criteria.

After each individual application is reviewed and scored, staff compared the scores to determine which application responded best to the merit-based review criteria. Staff will recommend the highest scoring application to continue through the entitlement process, which will result in voiding the lower scoring applications in direct competition. Once the lower scoring applications are voided, this may result in one or more applications that are no longer within 600 feet of another proposed cannabis retail project. By default, the resulting noncompetitive project applications will move forward in the entitlement process.

Commercial Court Overconcentration

Pursuant to the City's *Cannabis Use Application Retail Use Requirements*, staff evaluated and ranked competing cannabis retail applications in the Commercial Court overconcentration area for consideration by the City Council's Cannabis Policy Subcommittee and assigned the following scores, below.

AVERAGE SCORES		
Cannabis Retail Merit Based Review Criteria	A	B
	Emerald Blooms CUP18-065 112 Commercial Ct, #2	NorStar Dispensary CUP18-045 112 Commercial Ct, #25
Local & State Compliance (20 points)	10.7	15.7
Site Management (20 points)	14	19.7
Neighborhood Compatibility (30 points)	21.7	23.8
Neighborhood Enhancement (30 points)	18.3	23.5
TOTAL SCORE (Out of 100)	64.7	82.7

Recommendation

Since applicant B achieved the highest score, the Department of Planning & Economic Development recommends that the Cannabis Subcommittee, by motion, select applicant B to move forward in the Conditional Use Permit entitlement process.

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Attachments

Scorecards for CUP18-065 & CUP18-045
Application materials for CUP18-065 & CUP18-045