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From: Evelyn Anderson <evelyn_a_anderson@yahoo.com>
Sent: Wednesday, November 28, 2018 3:34 PM
To: _PLANCOM - Planning Commission
Subject: Agenda item 10.4

Dear Planning Commission Members,

I wish to comment on Agenda Item 10.4 regarding BKind conditional use permit for 1128 Sonoma Avenue.

While I recognize that the proposed business falls outside the legal minimum setback of 600' I ask that you consider declining this use permit for the retail sale and delivery of cannabis so close to a school. My primary concern with this and other dispensaries that choose to locate in the pedestrian traffic flows of our students is that there may be secondary negative impacts on children. Granted that the business will not sell to minors, it is not difficult to imagine children witnessing and perhaps even interacting with dispensary clientele on their way to and from school. There is little difference between a cannabis dispensary and a liquor store. Are you comfortable having your children walk in front of these businesses every day? If you don't have children, can you remember what it was like walking in front of a liquor store as a child? Most children naturally feel curious about the obvious allure and taboo of such a place. It has never been uncommon for young adults to buy alcohol for 10 year olds. Do you really think cannabis will be different?

Please consider the safety and health of children as they walk to and from school with regard to this proposal.

Thank you for your consideration.

Sincerely,

Evelyn Anderson
Trustee, Santa Rosa City Schools

Maloney, Mike

From: Sarah-Jane Wiseman <sjk.wiseman@gmail.com>
Sent: Thursday, November 29, 2018 10:48 AM
To: _PLANCOM - Planning Commission
Subject: BKind Support

Dear Planning Commission,

I am writing to you in support of the BKind dispensary that is being planned at 1128 Sonoma Avenue. I do not see it as a threat to the welfare of our children as they will be only selling to adults and not advertising to our children. Medical marijuana is very healing for lots of people in our community.

My only concern would be that they have ample parking so that traffic is not an issue.

I am unable to attend your meeting in person as I work 9-5:30pm. Thank you for hearing my letter of support.

Regards,
Sarah-Jane Wiseman
Parent at SRFCS

Maloney, Mike

From: Sandra Van Blair <sandra@sproutdigital.com>
Sent: Wednesday, November 28, 2018 9:47 PM
To: _PLANCOM - Planning Commission
Subject: Cannabis Dispensary near School on Sonoma

Dear Commission Board members,

My children attend the elementary school down the street from the proposed BKind dispensary site. I understand that this site will more-than-likely be approved, and I want to share that I am disappointed.

Though they are currently lawfully placed- per California requirements- it is still bad placement to set a recreational shop near apartments, homes and near schools. Marijuana is an adult-use recreational drug. And this particular dispensary is not for medical use only. If it were, I would feel better about it, considering it's placement. But, to me, it is the same as a wine shop. And because dispensaries cannot currently bank due to their business being illegal in the eyes of the Federal government- it leaves them more vulnerable to robbery because of the cash that may be on hand, plus the product that can be sold on the black market, here or out of state.

How would any of you feel to have a dispensary set up in your neighborhood? Take a moment to consider that idea.

The appropriate place for a dispensary, and any marijuana growth, sales or production facility is placed away from families and farms- in business or industrial zones.

My personal fear is that everyone currently has dollar signs in their eyes, and they aren't thinking long-game, nor big picture. I would hate to see the town approve dispensaries in any part of town- changing the feel of our communities and the face of our city. Peppering our town with cannabis is not going to improve it. I understand that the City will make more money. But, we need to establish businesses that will thrive long-term. That means setting limits and proper placement in our communities. Our town does not need to be the next Amsterdam. We need to stay Santa Rosa- the heart of wine country.

There is a place for cannabis in our community. It just needs to be well thought out, and approached in a conscientious manner. Well placed dispensaries, and possibly "tasting rooms" of some sort, can be introduced in a respectful, professional manner. Not taking into account opinions of the neighborhoods full of people feels disrespectful and callous. If you want people to welcome these new businesses, you need to keep them far from people's homes, and/or their children. Plain and simple. Otherwise you will continually get back lash from them. If you make decisions that show that you have concern for your fellow citizens, you will undoubtedly be more successful.

In the future, I would love to see the City welcome community input publicly, and in the beginning stages instead of at the tail-end of the conversation.

Thank you for reading,

Sandra Van Blair


P.S. I also use cannabis



Casey Edmondson, Chair
Santa Rosa Planning Commission
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I recently had the opportunity to tour NorCal Cannabis's manufacturing operation during a Leadership Santa Rosa tour. The consensus of the tour participants was that NorCal Cannabis operated the facility with strict and professional security, and a highly professional and clean manufacturing site. Based on this tour, I would expect businesses associated with NorCal Cannabis to uphold similar professional standards and operate in full compliance with City regulations.

Sincerely,



Peter J. Smith, CEO

CC: Karen Weeks, Vice Chair
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Akash Kalia
Vicki Duggan
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Julian Peterson

David R. Field, ND, LAc

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November 22, 2018

Santa Rosa Planning Commission

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Re: 1128 Santa Rosa Avenue Project

Dear Planning Commission:

This letter is in full support of the application for a project at 1128 Sonoma Ave, Santa Rosa, proposing a licensed Cannabis Dispensary at that location.

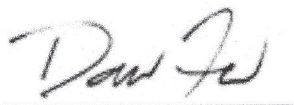
Having practiced as a Licensed Acupuncturist in Santa Rosa for over 30 years, I have treated thousands of patients for pain relief. Many of my patients have found relief using various Cannabis-derived products. Unfortunately, this has often entailed risky sourcing of sometimes questionable products.

Having a legitimate, licensed dispensary in a respectable neighborhood with a long history of medical use will allow my patients safe access to effective, legal relief for their various conditions.

I highly recommend the Commission approve this much-needed project.

If you have any further questions, please contact me.

Yours truly,



David Field, ND, LAc

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California Naturopathic Doctor Drug Furnishing Number NDF-1

California Acupuncturist License AC-2874

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To The Planning Commission:

I'm Eric Bell with Misty Mountain Services. I have worked with Jigar of NorCal Cannabis Company for over a decade. He and his team are hard-working, ethical, and resourceful. They will bring that same dedication to their work and surrounding area with B Kind, the dispensary they are hoping to host for Santa Rosa Residents. I'm thrilled to work with them and see their business' new project thrive.

Best,

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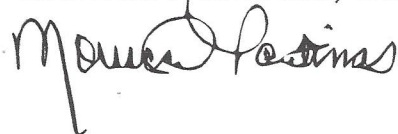
Eric Bell
Misty Mountain Services

Santa Rosa Planning Commission,

I have worked for Jigar Patel and his team for almost two years. Everyone I work for is dedicated to growing a compliant and sustainable business. Even more, they offer full benefits for full time positions. This is so helpful for me and my family, and one of the many reasons that I plan to work with them for a long time. I am so thankful that I've had the chance to do what I do with this employer. B Kind is the next step toward great progress in Santa Rosa, and will do so much to continue benefiting the city.

Sincerely,

Monica Pantinas, Santa Rosa

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read "Monica Pantinas". The signature is written in a cursive, flowing style with a long, sweeping underline.

To the SR Planning Commission,

My name is Chris Kates of CSK Electric. The NorCal Cannabis Company's team is timely, consistent, and efficient. In an industry that constantly changes, it is nice to work with a business that knows their bottom line and will work diligently to make sure everything is done correctly. I can honestly say there are few businesses that are willing to take the extra steps to ensure that everything is paid in a timely fashion. I am sure their new B Kind dispensary will have the same positive impact for me and other Santa Rosa businesses.

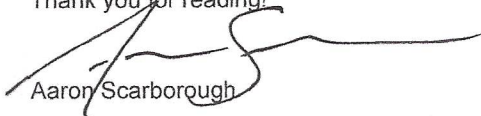
Chris Kates

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Santa Rosa.

I am NorCal Cannabis' Operations Director and I've never worked for an employer so passionate about their community. These people are actively involved in a variety of efforts and have great hearts. Being a team member has made me more aware of the social state of affairs. I realized early on the significance of having a facility with workers like ours in the city, and have learned since that B Kind would be the only of its kind in East Side Santa Rosa. I know residents in the SR and can see the demand for our services. We have to be able to provide for the demand. We can only meet these needs by having the dispensary we are hoping to use in that area. To not do this would be unfortunate for those who are looking forward to having a place with values like what the NorCal Cannabis team provides so close by.

Thank you for reading!



Aaron Scarborough

11/5/18

Planning Commissioners,

Working with NorCal Cannabis Company has been an incredible experience. I have developed as a leader, colleague, and representative thanks to this hard working group of professionals. They have fantastic customer service and treat employees with respect and care.

I can't wait to see what the team will be able to do with the new B Kind business set in an awesome spot in Santa Rosa.

Best,
Diana Perkins

A handwritten signature in dark ink, appearing to read "D Perkins", with a stylized flourish extending to the right.

Post Cultivation Manager
Santa Rosa, CA



November 23, 2018

Santa Rosa Planning Commission
100 Santa Rosa Ave.
Santa Rosa, CA 95404

Re: Proposed cannabis dispensary 1128 Sonoma Avenue

I am writing this letter supporting the approval of the cannabis dispensary at 1128 Sonoma Avenue. As a clinician with extensive experience in the medical application of various forms of cannabis, I have learned that it can provide unique treatment benefits that other medication cannot provide or supplant. Consequently, I am an enthusiastic supporter of the concept of a dispensary located in the neighborhood of my office.

It would be my hope that a dispensary located in a medical area will help accelerate the appropriate clinical application of cannabis. This would occur in part through enhanced patient availability. It is reasonable to assume that the number of customers seeking relief for specific medical conditions through this dispensary will lead the dispensary towards standardized products and careful education of their customers.

Please give favorable consideration to this application.

Sincerely,

Michael Carlston, MD