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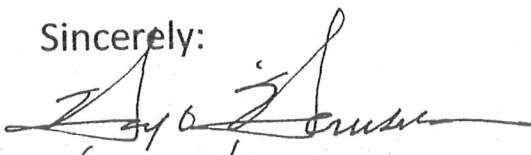
Subject: Proposal to operate a medical and adult-use retail cannabis dispensary at 817 Russell Ave, Santa Rosa.

Ladies and Gentlemen:

I am the owner of the Bicentennial Apartments at 825 Russell Avenue. I strongly object to the proposal to operate a cannabis dispensary at 817 Russell Ave. I have owned the apartment for over 30 years and during that period I have work diligently to improve the apartment buildings and neighborhood to provide a safe, comfortable, and affordable place for the tenants.

This is a working class residential neighborhood with lots of children. A complaint I hear from the apartment manager and the tenants has to do with the behavior of some of the customers of the convenience store at 817 Russell Ave. They are drunk, destructive, and loud. From the liquor bottles I find left on my property it appears that the store sells to customers that are already inebriated. The behavior of these customers has required three of the apartment owners in the neighborhood to install security fences and gates. In addition, I have hired a security service in an effort to keep the tenants safe. The proposed cannabis dispensary will compound the problem we have with unruly customers.

Sincerely:



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City of Santa Rosa
Planning & Economic Development
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Reference: File No. CUP18-041

Attention: Gary Broad, GBroad@srcity.org

Dear Mr. Broad:

Thank you for the notice dated August 21, 2018 regarding the conditional use permit application to operate a medical and adult-use retail cannabis dispensary at 817 Russell Avenue, Suite C in Santa Rosa. The purpose of this letter is to comment on the application.

I am the owner of the Russell Court Apartments at 833 Russell Avenue, very close to the proposed cannabis dispensary and just separated from it by one other apartment complex. I am writing to express my opposition to the proposed cannabis dispensary. I am opposed to the dispensary for several reasons, which should be considered as part of the application process:

The immediate neighborhood on Russell Avenue has unfortunately been in decline in recent years. There has been a dramatic increase in homeless people in the local area -- people who vandalize my apartment complex and resident's vehicles and property, break into utility closets for shelter, and cause other damage and problems. As a result, I had to spend about thirty five thousand dollars(!) to install vehicle and pedestrian gates and fencing to keep homeless and other unwelcome people out of the apartment complex and maintain a safe environment for my tenants. I believe a cannabis dispensary will draw more unsavory people into the area.

There is a large Motel 6 on the block, just behind the Russell Court Apartments and adjacent to the proposed cannabis dispensary. People shoot drugs at that motel, and I have experienced a number of drug addicts jumping over the fence between my apartments and the motel, and escaping through my apartment parking area. I fear that adding a cannabis dispensary will just make these problems of drugs and undesirable people worse.

I want the Russell Court Apartments to be a welcoming and safe community where residents want to live, but the type of tenant I want to attract generally does not want to live near this kind of establishment. The cannabis dispensary will result in a reduction in rental values as well as property values and further contribute to a decline of the immediate neighborhood.

In summary, I hope the conditional use permit application will not be approved by the City.

Yours very truly,
/s/
Roy B. Woolsey

Broad, Gary

From: Archibald Walker <judywteach@sbcglobal.net>
Sent: Saturday, September 1, 2018 11:47 AM
To: Broad, Gary
Subject: Hook Dispensary file number cup18-041

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September 1, 2018

RE: Hook Dispensary file number cup 18-041

Gary Broad, Planning & Economic Development Department
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Dear Sir,

This letter is to express my total rejection of that referenced drug (federal designation) facility. We have already attracted a criminal presence in Sonoma from as far away as the southern states of America. The residences on Russell Street between Range and the frontage road are essentially residential. On the left side facing the freeway we have approximately 100 family units and on the right there is approximately 60 low income units. At present this street is relatively crime free, with all complexes well cared for. Furthermore, there is limited/zero visitor parking available.

As an alternate suggestion, why doesn't the City of Santa Rosa provide a site at Stoney Point Road for this type of business? That way the city would be better able to observe and take action on potential unlawful behavior.

In conclusion and by copy of this letter, I am holding the City of Santa Rosa legally and financially responsible for any loss of property value and increased criminal behavior.

Sincerely,

Archibald Walker
For Santa Rosa Investors
845 and 849 Russell Ave.