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From [REDACTED]
Date: Sat, Feb 15, 2020 at 12:14
Subject: Against marijuana stores
To: edgar.marazilla@hayward-ca.gov <edgar.marazilla@hayward-ca.gov>
CC: merry.monlux@hayward-ca.gov <merry.monlux@hayward-ca.gov>

Morning, Mr. Marazilla,
I am one of the Hayward residents, I m strong disagree to build the marijuana stores in Hayward, not only for our kids but also for our community,
Hayward residents [REDACTED]

Please Reject Aunty Honeys in Downtown Hayward



To: Al Mendall; Barbara Halliday; Colleen Kamai; Elisa Marquez; Francisco Zermeno; Mark Salinas; Sara Lamnin

Cc: Merry Monlux; Edgar Maravilla

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Mon 2/17/2020 2:25 PM

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Dear Council Member,

We are Hayward residents from Jackson Triangle raising three children and we are writing to you in hopes that you will reject the proposal to put in a cannabis dispensary, Aunty Honeys, in downtown Hayward that was recently recommended for approval by the Planning Commission. The City has taken great steps forward in making the downtown area a destination for families with the construction of the new library and adjacent plaza. While approving this proposal would bring jobs and revenue for the City in the short term, it would be a step backwards for the overall vision for the downtown and long term benefits to the City.

We are hoping that the vision for the City of Hayward would be to attract young families by being a City where people would want to raise their children. As seen in other cities, the fulfillment of this vision would create a higher demand for housing, which in turn would increase home values and generate additional revenue for the City through the collection of property taxes. One step for fulfilling this vision would be to create destinations where young families could spend their free time, and consequently a city a family would want to call home. Having a cannabis dispensary in the downtown area would have the opposite effect, as a young family would not want to go to a place where they could be exposed to marijuana, including second hand smoke and recreational drug users. Other Hayward families have expressed similar sentiments, that they wouldn't want to spend time in an area with a cannabis dispensary, with a more extreme response of wanting to move out of a City that supports the cannabis industry.

The best direction would be for the City to be more restrictive towards the cannabis industry, but if that can not be addressed at this time, the next best thing would be to, at the very least, push these businesses to the industrialized areas in the outskirts of the City away from the general public. Although prohibited by law, people already consume marijuana in public areas, and by placing a dispensary in the downtown area, this would only increase exposure of marijuana smoke and its users to the general public.

Additionally, downtown Hayward is within walking distance from Bret Harte Middle School and Hayward High School. Being in close proximity to these schools would potentially expose our city's high school and middle school students to marijuana. Speaking as parents, we would not be comfortable sending our children to a school that is within walking distance of a cannabis dispensary. As mentioned previously, this could expose our students to second hand marijuana smoke and recreational drug users. Exposure at an early age (more so than later) could lead to addiction, serve as a gateway drug to more dangerous drugs, and impair cognitive function/ability.

Our hope is that you will understand our perspective and will vote for what would be the best direction to fulfill the long term vision for our City by rejecting the proposal to bring Aunty Honeys (or any cannabis businesses) to downtown Hayward.

Please let us know if you have any questions.

Thank you for your time.

Sincerely,

[Redacted Signature]

From: [REDACTED]
Sent on: Friday, December 14, 2018 4:28:29 PM
To: [REDACTED]
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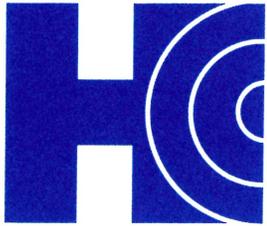
Hi,
We cannot be present for the hearing on dec 18
But wanted to let you know we OPPOSE the
Permit to operate cannabis dispensary in location near the property for increase
In risky behavior people.

Sincerely,

[REDACTED]

[Newark, CA 94560](#)

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PLANNING DIVISION

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Jeremy,

The Hayward Chamber of Commerce is pleased to endorse the application for a conditional use permit for Aunty Honeys as a cannabis dispensary in downtown Hayward. Please include this letter of support in any materials connected with the CUP application

The Aunty Honeys team, led by Esther Lopez, will have a staff of industry professionals that will operate the business with care, safety and security. It will be a tremendous enhancement to downtown Hayward.

The chamber is impressed with the high professional standards of Aunty Honeys business plan and how the company will use sound, ethical business principles. In addition, meeting with Ms. Lopez has given me assurance Aunty Honeys will be a good corporate citizen in Hayward. She is committed to "community benefits" such as appropriate civic service and support of the business community as a whole, nonprofit organizations, and education.

Sincerely,



Kim Huggett
President & CEO



To Edgar Maravilla

You replied to this message on 2/18/2020 2:57 PM.

Dear Mr. Maravilla,

Hoping you are having a wonderful day. Today, I am writing to give you confirmation on a person what I have worked with for the past 5 years. I met Esther 5 years ago from one of her purchasing clients. This client was a very difficult client as she would change her mind every few weeks on what she wanted and Esther gave her not only her full attention to detail, but also gave her extra time and efforts when the client called on the weekends and holidays. This is the Esther that I know,.... Always going the extra mile and never expecting anything extra back for the efforts. Jameie is only one of the many clients that we have worked with over the past 5 years.

Compassion is a word that closely describes how Esther Lopez is and always will be. I have seen her in times where she has spent all of her patience and energy and knowledge to help others where those others might have not appreciated her full endeavors. Nevertheless, she will always give her 1000% to anyone and everyone in the community that might need help. On many occasions, she will work extra time for clients with no expectation of higher pay. She also spends a lot of personal time and money cultivating the City of Hayward and all of her resources for the love and growth of this city.

I absolutely believe that Aunty Honeys will be a rock in this community and will always be there to help the city if called upon.

Aunty Honeys will continue to help the City of Hayward grow through future jobs and taxes as well.

I am here as a very vocal supporter of Esther Lopez and Aunty Honeys. Happy to speak with you if you had any concerns,

Sincerely,

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