

**PLANNING COMMISSION MEETING
THURSDAY, OCTOBER 8, 2020**

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ITEM #1 PH 20-073

**PROPOSED CANNABIS RETAIL DISPENSARY WITH ANCILLARY
RETAIL DELIVERY WITH EXISTING COMMERCIAL
Located at 22701 Foothill Blvd and 1055 C St.**

PUBLIC COMMENTS

From: Kim Huggett <KimH@hayward.org>

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Subject: Public Comment on Planning Commission Item #1 on Oct. 8, 2020

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City Clerk,

Please accept the attached letter with comments from the Hayward Chamber of Commerce on Item #1 on Thursday night's Planning Commission agenda.

Sincerely,

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HAYWARD
CHAMBER of
COMMERCE

October 5, 2020

Members of the Planning Commission
City of Hayward
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Hayward, CA 94541

Members of the Commission,

It is my pleasure to inform you that the Hayward Chamber of Commerce, representing the business community of our city, is in support of the conditional use permit application by Jiva Life recommended by city staff that comes before you at your meeting of Oct. 8, 2020.

The chamber has had the opportunity to review the Jiva Life business plan and meet with the management team and is impressed with their professionalism and experience in the industry, as well as their dedication to safety, security and community service. As a member of the Downtown Hayward Improvement Association Board of Directors, whose office will be two blocks from the Jiva Life site, I can say personally that I appreciate that such a troublesome intersection will finally have a solidly-backed, well-run business in an attractive building with ownership that actually seeks to be engaged appropriately with the City of Hayward at large and the downtown area and chamber, in particular.

Hayward's downtown zone has clearly been developed by the city as an attraction for adult-related businesses. There are no schools here and no convenient routes for students to walk through downtown to school. Within two blocks of my office at B and Main streets the city has permitted 26 alcohol-related businesses, now in place, and three cannabis dispensaries, one currently operating across the street from the chamber. Jiva Life fits in an environment the city has tried to create as a downtown entertainment zone, including the Hayward Police Department's North Division command office at the corner of C and Main streets.

I urge you to vote to approve the conditional use permit application for Jiva Life.

Sincerely,

Kim Huggett
President & CEO