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**From:** Fikes, Cathy  
**Sent:** Tuesday, November 1, 2022 12:13 PM  
**To:** Agenda Alerts  
**Subject:** FW: Item 22-876 City Council Agenda November 1, 2022  
**Attachments:** CC Letter - 11-01-22.pdf

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**From:** Cindi Lee <CLee@ovsd.org>  
**Sent:** Tuesday, November 1, 2022 11:51 AM  
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**Cc:** Frakes, Sandie <Sandie.Frakes@surfcity-hb.org>; Gina Clayton-Tarvin <ginaclaytontarvin@gmail.com>; Michael Conroy <mconroy@ovsd.org>; Susan Whittaker <Susan@WhittakerPlanningServices.com>  
**Subject:** Item 22-876 City Council Agenda November 1, 2022

Good morning,

Please see the attached correspondence from Ocean View School District regarding City Council Agenda Item 22-876 – Consideration of Adoption of Cannabis Business Regulations, to be considered at the November 1, 2022, City Council Meeting.

Thank you.

*Cindi Lee, Executive Assistant*

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# Ocean View School District

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November 1, 2022

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The Honorable Barbara Delgleize, Mayor and Members of the City Council  
CITY OF HUNTINGTON BEACH  
2000 Main Street  
Huntington Beach, CA 92648

Re: Item 22-876 City Council Agenda November 1, 2022  
Consideration of Adoption of Cannabis Business Regulations

Dear Mayor Delgleize and City Councilmembers:

Ocean View School District adamantly supports including a 1,000-foot or greater buffer between cannabis zoned properties and K-12 schools. We have reviewed the staff report that includes Attachment #1 Draft Cannabis Candidate Sites Map dated October 2022. Ocean View School District's Westmont Elementary School, located at 8251 Heil Avenue, is within the 1,000-foot buffer. The 1,000-foot buffer must be measured from the school's property line since all school grounds are used for school purposes, such as outdoor recreation.

We strongly request that the Cannabis Candidate Sites Map be revised to eliminate those properties within 1,000 feet of Westmont Elementary School. Anything less is unacceptable.

Thank you for your thoughtful consideration when determining if cannabis manufacturing is an appropriate use for the city.

Sincerely,

Michael Conroy, Ed. D.  
Superintendent

On behalf of the Board of Trustees:  
Gina Clayton-Tarvin  
Board President

cc: Al Zelinka, Huntington Beach City Manager( [Sandie.Frakes@surfcity-hb.org](mailto:Sandie.Frakes@surfcity-hb.org) )

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**From:** Fikes, Cathy  
**Sent:** Monday, October 31, 2022 10:34 AM  
**To:** Agenda Alerts  
**Subject:** FW: November 1 Council Meeting Agenda Item 25

**From:** Russell Neal <russneal@ieee.org>  
**Sent:** Sunday, October 30, 2022 6:50 PM  
**To:** CITY COUNCIL <city.council@surfcity-hb.org>  
**Cc:** Yoon-Taylor, Grace <grace.yoon-taylor@surfcity-hb.org>; Gates, Michael <Michael.Gates@surfcity-hb.org>; Zelinka, Al <Al.Zelinka@surfcity-hb.org>; Cari Swan <cswanie@aol.com>; Casey McKeon <caseymckeon@gmail.com>; Gracey VanDerMark <gracey4hbcc@gmail.com>; Tony Strickland <tstrickland@tonystrickland.com>; Pat Burns <pburnshb@gmail.com>; Ray Raines <rayraines@hotmail.com>; Annette Eliot <hhrwfv@aol.com>; Panagiotis Frousiakis <panagiotis.frousiakis@gmail.com>  
**Subject:** November 1 Council Meeting Agenda Item 25

Concerning Agenda Item 25 to direct staff to draft a zoning change to delete the prohibition of cannabis business and provide regulation for such businesses, I remain concerned that this is moving forward without adequate public notice and involvement. As we have seen with the Edwards Hill fiasco, the perception of the Council and the community as to the adequacy of public notice differs widely. Legalized recreational cannabis businesses popping up all over Huntington Beach will dramatically and forever change the character of the city, and in my opinion, for the worse. Whatever you think about the merits of cannabis, you cannot think it acceptable to make this change and have the community think they were never told about it.

I recommend you pause this freight train until adequate public notice and discussion has occurred. The two open house meetings held so far had very little public participation apart from people associated with the industry. I think a special meeting with notice mailed to all residents would not be too much.

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**From:** [Heather Trudnich](#)  
**To:** [Cannabis](#)  
**Subject:** Cannabis sales in HB  
**Date:** Monday, July 25, 2022 1:54:19 PM

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As a resident of Huntington Beach, I strongly support the sale and taxation of cannabis in our city.

There are liquor stores everywhere, and that is equivalent.

All we are doing at this point by not allowing this, is giving tax money that would go to us, to other cities nearby.

If someone in HB buys some (and many, many do) the taxes go to the city they bought it in.

Is our stance that we don't use cannabis here or somehow not selling it here will make it so? Well, we do use cannabis in the city of HB and we're losing tons of money by dragging behind the times.

Additionally, I support very much letting the voters decide how to spend the tax money from cannabis.

Thank you,  
J. Trudnich

**Heather Trudnich**  
*Receptionist*

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**From:** [JO8N N80J](#)  
**To:** [Cannabis](#)  
**Subject:** Cannabis vs Alcohol Regulation  
**Date:** Wednesday, September 7, 2022 8:30:29 PM

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Dan, I noticed on the DRAFT for Cannabis Commercial Regulation that store hours are only 8 AM- 8 PM and non-Cannabis food cannot be distributed on the property.

I've thought about our previous exchange quite a bit, and I believe the biggest problem with big guy Cannabis sales is the retail atmosphere. There is a lack of community culture surrounding Cannabis despite its legality in CA because Cannabis cannot be served and consumed on site unlike alcohol.

If you truly want revitalized areas down Beach Blvd, restaurants/venues open until 2 AM on Friday/Saturday that have live music or DJs, Cannabis infused meals, Cannabis infused drinks, and Cannabis smoking lounge areas on site is the way. As it is now, most Cannabis retail stores are mandated to be sterile corporate experiences that lack community. The regulations mapped out in the DRAFT nearly guarantee market dominance and working conditions of the Cannabis equivalent to Wal-Mart and Amazon (like we can clearly see in Long Beach). I do not want to see the same mistakes made in Huntington Beach.

Peace and Love,

John Kochevar

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**From:** [William Hennerty Jr.](#)  
**To:** [Cannabis; Gates, Michael](#)  
**Cc:** [CITY COUNCIL; Luna-Reynosa, Ursula](#)  
**Subject:** Hulu series Trafficed season 2 episode 3  
**Date:** Wednesday, September 14, 2022 8:15:44 AM

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Good morning,

I am writing in regards to a series on Hulu called Trafficed season 2 episode 3. This episode deals with the cannabis industry with in the state of California. This episode aired in 2021 and is spot on on what is happing. The town hall that took place a few months ago share a lot of similarly with the state. Lots of good information to look over.

Thank you,

Bill Hennerty

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**From:** [David Linderman](#)  
**To:** [Cannabis](#)  
**Subject:** Against dope sales in HB  
**Date:** Monday, September 26, 2022 6:02:12 PM

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I think as much as possible Huntington Beach should stay dope free. Let the subprime areas have that trade if it needs to go on.

David Linderman

[Sent from Yahoo Mail for iPhone](#)

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**From:** [Russ Talbot](#)  
**To:** [Cannabis](#)  
**Subject:** No to Cannabis  
**Date:** Tuesday, October 4, 2022 9:14:02 AM

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Hello

I would prefer the city completely outlaw cannabis sales in the city. Some will say it will generate sales tax revenue, but at what price? The price will be the further diminishing of public safety in our family friendly community to sell more drugs (legal or not).

As a former smoker of cannabis, I can tell you with first hand experience that there is no positive impact cannabis has on a community, but there are numerous downsides including:

- Increased crime in the vicinity if cannabis retailers
- Increased vagrancy in the vicinity of cannabis retailers
- Increased driving while high in the community
- Increased acceptance of illegal drugs in the community. And yes cannabis is a gateway drug to harder drugs. It was for me, as it led me to use cocaine, amphetamines, psychedelics and alcohol in my youth.
- Increased social acceptance and influence of legal and illegal drugs on children and young people in the community

Please do not allow cannabis sales in the community of Huntington Beach!

Sincerely

Russell Talbot  
37 year resident of Huntington Beach

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**From:** [Rig Rentals](#)  
**To:** [Cannabis](#)  
**Subject:** Business Question: Municipal Code 5.130.070  
**Date:** Monday, October 17, 2022 2:51:01 PM

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My question is on Municipal Code, 5.130.070. Consumption or Use Prohibited on Site and In Public – Cannabis event prohibited.

I rent out high-end functional art pieces retailed at \$13k brand new (in attachment). Rental services are usually for photoshoots/movies, weddings, education, and cannabis tastings.

Can I provide these services in residential homes to Huntington Beach home owners? or is this illegal due to, "a thing of value...related to provision of cannabis?" Has any bong rental businesses applied to the city? Can I advertise this on GoogleMaps in the city of HB?

5.1.30.070 A. 2) iv., "Any location where an entry or other fee is charged to attendees or to the host or where a thing of value or consideration is received or exchanged, directly or indirectly, for or related to the provision of Cannabis."

Thank you for your time,  
John Vidal

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**From:** [Reginald Chun](#)  
**To:** [Cannabis](#)  
**Subject:** Fwd: How legal weed led to political corruption in California - Los Angeles Times  
**Date:** Monday, October 17, 2022 11:03:16 PM

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See LATimes article in cannabis corruption  
Please No cannabis sales in HB due to real corruption threat, insufficient taxes to compensate for increased strain on rehab facilities and scarce police and court resources as cannabis in youth leads to more smoking among youth and open gateway to other more serious drug use.  
Thank you  
Hb resident Reggie Chun  
19772 Lexington Ln HB 92646

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**From:** **Reginald Chun** <[uhkane13@gmail.com](mailto:uhkane13@gmail.com)>  
**Date:** Mon, Oct 17, 2022 at 3:09 PM  
**Subject:** How legal weed led to political corruption in California - Los Angeles Times  
**To:** <[uhkane13@gmail.com](mailto:uhkane13@gmail.com)>

How legal weed led to political corruption in California - Los Angeles Times

<https://www.latimes.com/california/story/2022-09-15/cannabis-corruption-threats-secret-financial-deals-politicians>

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**From:** [Niki Wetzel](#)  
**To:** [Cannabis](#)  
**Cc:** [Hopkins, Travis](#)  
**Subject:** Public Comments on Cannabis  
**Date:** Monday, October 17, 2022 3:53:15 PM

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My name is Niki Wetzel, and I have been a professional planner working for municipal governments for 25 years. I write to you today as a nearly 20 year resident of Huntington Beach.

I attended the city-sponsored cannabis open house on 10/16/22 and reviewed the information provided with city staff. While I feel that the testing of cannabis should be permitted in the city of Huntington Beach, I do not believe that manufacturing, cultivation, or retail sales should be allowed. I believe that the testing of small amounts of cannabis in labs would not have a negative impact on the community, but I believe that the odors, traffic, loitering, and potential crime that the other types of uses would bring would adversely impact our community. In addition, I noticed that a buffer from other sensitive uses is included in the plans, but a buffer from residential uses is not. Should retail, manufacturing, or cultivation uses be permitted, I suggest that a buffer from residential uses would be crucial to minimize potential impacts to community residents.

The cannabis industry is strong and persuasive, but our city is under no obligation to allow for uses that would be detrimental to it.

Thank you for your consideration.

Sent from my iPhone

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**From:** [Schneider, Matthew](#)  
**To:** [lwinston@hbcsd.us](mailto:lwinston@hbcsd.us)  
**Cc:** [Yoon-Taylor, Grace](#); [Beckman, Hayden](#)  
**Subject:** FW: Map with schools  
**Date:** Wednesday, October 19, 2022 11:57:10 AM  
**Attachments:** [CannabisCandidatesOct2022\\_wSchoolsParks.pdf](#)

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Dr. Winston – Thank you for participating in our open house event. Per your email request I have attached a copy of the map displayed at the open house that includes school locations as well.

Please feel free to reach out if you have any questions or need additional information.

Regards,

**Matt Schneider**  
Planning Manager  
City of Huntington Beach  
Department of Community Development  
714-536-5596 [matthew.schneider@surfcity-hb.org](mailto:matthew.schneider@surfcity-hb.org)

**From:** Leisa Winston <[lwinston@hbcsd.us](mailto:lwinston@hbcsd.us)>  
**Sent:** Tuesday, October 18, 2022 4:20 PM  
**To:** Cannabis <[cannabis@surfcity-hb.org](mailto:cannabis@surfcity-hb.org)>  
**Subject:** Map with schools

Good afternoon,  
I attended the Cannabis Open House on Saturday and was directed to this email address to help me find the maps that were displayed at the event. I found one in a presentation, but it is blurry when I try to enlarge it enough to try to see where our schools are location. If you have a map that shows school locations, that would be incredibly helpful. Here is the general area our district covers (south of Ellis):

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Thank you!

	<p><b>Leisa Winston, Ed.D.</b> <i>Superintendent</i> Huntington Beach City School District 8750 Dorsett Dr.   Huntington Beach, CA 92646 <a href="mailto:winston@hbcasd.us">winston@hbcasd.us</a>   714-964-8888 <a href="#">Website</a>   <a href="#">Twitter</a>   <a href="#">Facebook</a></p>
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**From:** [Joe Prior](#)  
**To:** [Cannabis](#)  
**Subject:** Cannabis Business Related Questions  
**Date:** Thursday, October 20, 2022 9:04:58 AM

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Hello, I see there was an open house regarding public comment on cannabis businesses on October 15.. Unfortunately I was unable to attend.

Is there a recording of the speaking points at the event that I can view?

Additionally,

I saw on the city's instagram a map was posted with highlighted sections along with a key indicating "zoning". Has the committee finalized ordinance requirements?

I also saw a snippet of what looked to be a timeline or flow chart indicating the path to launching cannabis businesses in the City of HB. Is this something I can have access to, so I know how to plan for the future of Cannabis in HB?

I look forward to your reply,

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joe prior co-founder

Shaka People  
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Huntington Beach CA. 92648

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**From:** TOM  
**To:** Cannabis  
**Subject:** Dispensary Retail Shop  
**Date:** Thursday, October 20, 2022 3:32:57 PM

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Hi

I wasn't able to attend your meeting. Can you please provide information on how I can apply for a permit or what the process for opening a dispensary in HB once the city approves the matter? I would be interested in opening a shop. If you can provide any information on how many the city will allow and how we can apply for a permit? TIA

Sincerely,

Tom S. Choi  
Email: tchoi714@gmail.com

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**From:** [Janet Michels](#)  
**To:** [Cannabis](#)  
**Subject:** Question and request to be added to future updates  
**Date:** Wednesday, October 19, 2022 12:28:55 PM

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Hello,

I have a question with respect to actually legalizing dispensaries in the city. Is this something the City Council can do or must the issue be put on a ballot for voters to decide?

I'm aware of the tax issue on the upcoming ballot, but it does not address above.

Also, can you please add my email to any upcoming communications?

Thank you!  
Janet Michels

Sent from my iPad, sorry for any typos!

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**Moore, Tania**

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**From:** Yoon-Taylor, Grace  
**Sent:** Tuesday, November 1, 2022 7:24 AM  
**To:** Esparza, Patty; Moore, Tania  
**Subject:** Fwd: Update: Huntington Beach Cannabis Regulation - Council Mtg. tomorrow

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**From:** Kim Flores <kimhanhflores@icloud.com>  
**Sent:** Tuesday, November 1, 2022 4:25 AM  
**To:** Yoon-Taylor, Grace <grace.yoon-taylor@surfcity-hb.org>  
**Subject:** Fwd: Update: Huntington Beach Cannabis Regulation - Council Mtg. tomorrow

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Begin forwarded message:

**From:** Kim Flores <kimhanhflores@icloud.com>  
**Date:** November 1, 2022 at 4:17:57 AM PDT  
**To:** bwhetsell@ochca.com  
**Subject: Re: Update: Huntington Beach Cannabis Regulation - Council Mtg. tomorrow**

Dear Ms. Yoon-Taylor:

I am unable to attend the meeting today but, would like the city to know that I support Mr. Russel Neal's Measure O that opposes cannabis businesses due to the illicit drug and controlled substances epidemic. I prefer that the city allocate their resources in youth obtaining an education so that they can rank #1 for an academic decathlon.

Thank You,  
Kim

On Nov 1, 2022, at 4:11 AM, Kim Flores <kimhanhflores@icloud.com> wrote:

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Begin forwarded message:

**From:** "Yoon-Taylor, Grace" <grace.yoon-taylor@surfcity-hb.org>  
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**Date:** October 31, 2022 at 12:25:05 PM PDT  
**To:** Cannabis <cannabis@surfcity-hb.org>  
**Cc:** "Schneider, Matthew" <Matthew.Schneider@surfcity-hb.org>, "Beckman, Hayden" <hayden.beckman@surfcity-hb.org>, "Luna-Reynosa, Ursula" <ursula.luna-reynosa@surfcity-hb.org>, "Hopkins, Travis" <thopkins@surfcity-hb.org>  
**Subject: Update: Huntington Beach Cannabis Regulation - Council Mtg. tomorrow**

Dear Community Stakeholders:

This is inform you that the City Council will be discussing the policy related to cannabis businesses at the November 1, 2022 (Tuesday) Council meeting, which is tomorrow. City staff will be presenting key findings from the recent Community Open House event held on October 15, as well as the Ad-hoc Council Subcommittee's final recommendation about zoning and buffer restrictions.

You should be able to access the City's presentation, staff report, and GIS maps [here](#). Please know that the final proposed buffer restriction for both retailers and non-retailers is 1,000 ft. from K-12 schools and 600 ft. from other sensitive uses including parks – same as what was presented at the open house. The meeting starts at 6pm, but this item is under Administrative Items later on the Agenda.

Should you have any questions, please contact Community Development Department at 714-536-5271 or our office. Thank you.



**Grace Yoon-Taylor**

Principal Administrative Analyst (she/her/hers)  
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**From:** Fikes, Cathy  
**Sent:** Tuesday, November 1, 2022 12:12 PM  
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**Subject:** FW: November 1st Council Meeting Agenda Item 25

**From:** donnadillon214@aol.com <donnadillon214@aol.com>  
**Sent:** Tuesday, November 1, 2022 11:40 AM  
**To:** CITY COUNCIL <city.council@surfcity-hb.org>  
**Subject:** November 1st Council Meeting Agenda Item 25

Honorable Mayor and City Council Members,

I urge you to pull Agenda Item 25 on tonight's calendar pending future public notice and community input.

Agenda Item 25 to directs staff to draft a zoning change to delete the prohibition of cannabis business and provide zoning regulation for such businesses. I remain concerned that this is moving forward without adequate public notice/involvement and clear regulations/restrictions for retail, grow and processing cannabis businesses. Legalized recreational cannabis businesses opening all over Huntington Beach will dramatically and forever change the character of the city, and in my opinion, for the worse. Whatever you think about the merits of cannabis, you cannot think it acceptable to make this change and have the community think they were never told about it.

I recommend you pull Agenda Item 25 until adequate public notice and discussion has occurred. The two open house meetings held so far had very little public participation apart from people associated with the industry.

Thank you.

*Donna Dillon*  
714 319-3581  
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Huntington Beach, Ca 92646

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**From:** Fikes, Cathy  
**Sent:** Tuesday, November 1, 2022 12:13 PM  
**To:** Agenda Alerts  
**Subject:** FW: November 1st Council Meeting Agenda Item 25

**From:** Greg Dillon <gndillon@verizon.net>  
**Sent:** Tuesday, November 1, 2022 11:44 AM  
**To:** CITY COUNCIL <city.council@surfcity-hb.org>  
**Subject:** November 1st Council Meeting Agenda Item 25

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Thank you.

**Gregory Dillon**  
714 316-3374  
22102 Jonesport Ln  
Huntington Beach, Ca 92646

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**Switzer, Donna**

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**From:** Yoon-Taylor, Grace on behalf of Cannabis  
**Sent:** Tuesday, November 1, 2022 3:30 PM  
**To:** supplementalcomm@surfcity-hb.org; Esparza, Patty; Moore, Tania  
**Cc:** Beckman, Hayden  
**Subject:** FW: Regulation Written Comments - Cannabis

Came in today via [cannabis@surfcity-hb.org](mailto:cannabis@surfcity-hb.org)

**From:** Michael Bustillo-Sakhai <mbsakhai@gmail.com>  
**Sent:** Tuesday, November 1, 2022 11:58 AM  
**To:** Cannabis <cannabis@surfcity-hb.org>  
**Subject:** Regulation Written Comments

Hi, I know this may be late. I wanted to submit my public comments to the city council. I plan to present them orally, but this is just in case there is limited time for public comment.

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**HB City Council Cannabis Public Comment**

I, a local homeowner, am attending here today to support the city council's efforts to legalize and regulate cannabis businesses in Huntington Beach. Cannabis use is very common and popular throughout all of California. The city is making some good decisions and bad decisions within its regulatory framework.

The city does not need to be afraid of the presence of cannabis commerce within city limits. Arbitrary restrictions that limit the presence of businesses are detrimental to the city's goal of collecting revenue from cannabis commerce and to the public perception of cannabis use. Ten retail permits may be a good start, but should not be a hard cap on the amount of retailers within the city because demand for legal cannabis products is very high. People want these businesses and want a diversity of choice when selecting from where to purchase products and what kind of business to operate. The kinds of businesses that are being permitted are limited to the degree that they will not allow for an environment of entrepreneurial creativity and small businesses to thrive. Microbusinesses are an opportunity for folks without significant capital or business experience to start a cannabis business and provide boutique products. Outdoor cultivation should be allowed as it creates a product that consumers prefer to flowers produced under indoor synthetic lights. Cannabis events can be safe, fun and inviting so that people can see there is little harm to be had from cannabis. Limiting the convenience of drive-through ordering is nonsensical. Cannabis customers should be able to limit their interaction with other folks as we are still living through the global pandemic of COVID-19. These restrictions are bad for a competitive and creative business environment.

Geographic restrictions will also have a negative effect. I do not understand why the city has prohibited cannabis businesses in the downtown and coastal retail zones. Maybe to appease wealthy landowners? Maybe the city council thinks these kinds of legal, regulated, popular, and safe businesses bring shame to the city, so they ought to be kept away from its prime real estate? If either of these are true, they are backwards ways of thinking. All types of folks enjoy the beachfront, including cannabis consumers. So, why must these types of products not be sold there? I guarantee businesses located here would provide immense tax revenue and foster a positive perspective of these businesses as being beneficial for our city. Some folks think these businesses are undesirable, create problems for neighbors, and are unsafe to be around, but all of these are not true. The security measures imposed as part of the new regulations will allow for functions as safe as any other business permitted to operate within the city. If folks can get drunk and belligerent at an establishment in either the downtown or other coastal areas, why should a responsible adult not be able to buy cannabis

products during a beach visit? Tourists, residents, and neighbors, I am sure, will enjoy the convenience and accessibility of legal cannabis in a beautiful beachfront setting. Please also consider utilizing the state minimum requirements for setbacks from 'sensitive uses' when siting cannabis businesses. All this does is reduce the total number of available locations for commerce which is redundant if the city will limit the number of available retail permits anyway.

On a related note, the city council must adopt an ordinance to allow personal outdoor cultivation of cannabis on private property. Growing cannabis outdoors within the limits of state law is a beneficial use of land for private landowners and is not a nuisance to neighbors. The city allows for homeowners to smoke tobacco products on their premises, which is a great nuisance to neighbors and also has documented negative health effects as a result of secondhand smoke. This is a common sense ordinance that allows homeowners greater freedom in how they utilize their property without negatively impacting neighbors.

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**From:** Fikes, Cathy  
**Sent:** Wednesday, November 2, 2022 11:19 AM  
**To:** Agenda Alerts  
**Subject:** FW: Cannabis wait on vote need public input

-----Original Message-----

From: Dennis Pappas <ndoceanpappas@gmail.com>  
Sent: Tuesday, November 1, 2022 1:39 PM  
To: CITY COUNCIL <city.council@surfcity-hb.org>  
Subject: Cannabis wait on vote need public input

Dear City Council, Please wait to vote and approve Cannabis in HB. Please give time for public input. This is a huge decision and will affect our city immeasurably and in a negative way. Please consider stopping the vote and involving the public in the conversation. Wait for new council. Patricia Pappas

Sent from my iPhone

**From:** [Sal Solo](#)  
**To:** [Cannabis](#); [Beckman, Hayden](#); [Luna-Reynosa, Ursula](#); [Hopkins, Travis](#)  
**Subject:** Cannabis Licensing Program  
**Date:** Monday, November 7, 2022 11:08:40 AM  
**Attachments:** [Outlook-arvamby5.png](#)

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Hello my name is Sal Solo: CEO of Nationwide Consulting Professionals.


I am a U.S. Army military veteran and former Anti Money Laundering Investigator turned Cannabis Banking Consultant. I have over 15 years of Banking & Financial services, 10+ years of experience working with the big 4 banks.

I have direct frontline knowledge and experience in multiple lines of business: Business Operations, Development, Financial Operational, Risk Compliance, Compliance & Business Analyst, Audits, Government, Fraud, Financial Crimes, AML, Terrorist Financing, Investigations for Domestic & International. Global & International Banking, Commercial Banking, Corresponding Banking, Consumer & Retail Banking.

Financial Institutions, Corporations, Cannabis& Hemp Dispensaries, Marijuana-Related Businesses, Commercial Real Estate, Mortgage, Jewelry & Precious Metal, Money Services Business, Cash Intensive Businesses, PEP, Non-for-Profit. In my Financial Banking career, I have worked some high-profile cases, such as the Panama Papers and the Iranian Accounts.

I attended the City Council meeting on 11/1/2022, I wanted to reach out to you regarding your Cannabis Licensing program. I would like to know more about the projected parameters of the program. I have been working exclusively in the Cannabis Industry since March of 2020, so I know that every single has different guidelines.

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