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From: Pamella Milhorn <pammilhorn@hotmail.com>
Sent: Tuesday, June 14, 2016 9:20 AM
To: Ask Planning
Subject: Establishment of buffer zones for marijuana businesses in Yakima

To the Yakima Planning Commission members:

I am writing this to voice my concern about allowing marijuana sales near areas where children and young adults congregate, live, work, and play.

I am concerned that the City Counsel has decided to lift the ban on marijuana sales in the City of Yakima. However, now that it is lifted, we need to consider the effects of where these businesses are allowed to operate.

As a Pediatric Nurse Practitioner, I have seen first hand the problems associated with marijuana use. These effects are just beginning to be studied, but we know that because brain growth and development continues into a person's 20's, these are the individuals who are most at risk for cognitive, behavioral, and mental health sequelae from marijuana use. Therefore, we need to think pro-actively to prevent these problems that we are beginning to see in the newer medical studies.

To help decrease the problems associated with marijuana use, I would ask that you increase the buffer zone around elementary and secondary schools, playgrounds, recreational facilities, public parks, public transit centers, libraries, churches, and any game arcade to 2000 feet. I also strongly request that marijuana retail stores be prohibited from locating in any residential neighborhood.

Thank you taking the time to consider my concerns.

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From: Richard Milhorn <rich.milhorn@gmail.com>
Sent: Tuesday, June 14, 2016 3:25 PM
To: Ask Planning
Subject: Retail Sales of Marijuana in Yakima City Limits

Planning Commissioners,

First, please understand that I am personally opposed to the legalization of Marijuana use for recreational purposes. I am fast approaching my 70th birthday and I have lived through the 1960s & 1970s. I have seen first hand the destructive power of this drug. I have known people that "tried" marijuana, liked it, used it extensively, and eventually moved on to more powerful drugs that altered their lives forever. I personally knew of three young men who were drafted into the Army and sent to Viet Nam in combat assignments. They were frightened and turned to marijuana to relieve their fears. All three were killed in action shortly after they were sent into battle. All three were known to be using marijuana as an escape mechanism prior to their deaths. Marijuana causes people to lose their sense of what is safe to do and allows them to put themselves and others in harms way. It is not a safe drug. It kills.

Second, now that the City Council has decided to lift the ban, my responsibility, and yours as planning commissioners, is to restrict the open selling of this drug to areas of the city that least impact our children and grand children. So, I plead with you to consider the following:

- 1). Increase the distance from any school, playground, park, church, or any public gathering place to at least 2,000 feet, or even one-half mile (2,640 feet).
- 2). Restrict the retail sales to locations that are as far as possible from residential areas. There are a number of outlying areas in industrial areas

and along 1st Street, near Union Gap that would possibly satisfy this restriction.

3). Restrict the number of retail sales permits to no more than 3 establishments within the City of Yakima.

I urge you to take this situation very seriously. The lives of our children are at stake.

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Peters, Jeff

From: COM GMU Review Team <reviewteam@commerce.wa.gov>
Sent: Wednesday, June 15, 2016 9:11 AM
To: Peters, Jeff
Cc: Andersen, Dave (COM)
Subject: 22463, City of Yakima, Expedited Review Granted, DevRegs

Dear Mr. Peters:

The City of Yakima has been granted expedited review for the: Proposed ordinance to establish zoning controls for I-502 Marijuana uses. This proposal was submitted for the required state agency review under RCW 36.70A.106.

As of receipt of this email, the City of Yakima has met the Growth Management Act notice to state agency requirements in RCW 36.70A.106 for this submittal. For the purpose of documentation, please keep this email as confirmation.

If you have any questions, please contact reviewteam@commerce.wa.gov

Thank you.

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