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**From:** Joel <joel9728@yahoo.com>  
**Sent:** Sunday, July 24, 2022 5:41 PM  
**To:** Planning Department  
**Subject:** Marajuana Dispensaries, NO!

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My name is Joel Flamenbaum, I live on the Northside off of Arrowhead Drive.

An important prior commitment prevents my presence at this this weeks board meeting. I would like the following comments to be read into the public meeting records:

A few weeks ago Guy Farmer wrote a brief excellent comment as why the Carson Planning Commission should NOT vote in favor of changing the Municipal Code to allow a 4th marihuana dispensary entitled "Enough is Enough" I usually am not in agreement with most of Farmers comments but with this one, I am.

The areas encompassing Douglas, Carson and Washoe supplies enough Dispensaries within a short drive. I can see only one positive derived from allowing a 4th dispensary and that is a potential increase in tax revenues. But in my opinion that is a very small benefit with a lot of negative ones. While Marihuana has been made legal in most places around our nation I firmly believe out combined area has enough dispensaries to accommodate those that imbibe.

I ask strongly that the Planning Commission vote a unanimous NO on this proposal.

Respectfully,

Joel Flamenbaum

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**From:** Ann James <anndomingosonntag@gmail.com>  
**Sent:** Saturday, July 23, 2022 2:46 PM  
**To:** Planning Department  
**Subject:** 7/27/22 agenda item 6.C ZA-2022-0263

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yes! we need more cbd stores, as many as possible. since they are so heavily regulated and taxed, it's great revenue for carson city. much better than car washes and slaughterhouses.

ann james, author  
"Bienvenidos a Calzoncillos"

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**From:** betsy strasburg <strasburgbetsy@gmail.com>  
**Sent:** Monday, July 25, 2022 1:38 PM  
**To:** Planning Department; Heather Ferris; Hope Sullivan  
**Subject:** Public Comments for July 27th on Marijuana retail and drive thru  
**Attachments:** Did Carson City residents say that we need another Cannabis retail outlet.docx

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Hello Heather and Hope,

I will make some comments at the meeting but wanted to send you in advance due to the 3-minute limit.

Thank you,  
Betsy

## Public Comment at Planning Commission, July 27<sup>th</sup> regarding increased # of cannabis retail stores in Carson City

### **Betsy Strasburg and Richard Nagel**

Did Carson City residents say that we need another Cannabis retail outlet?

Who is Qualcan? Qualcan is a Las Vegas cannabis company – has anyone asked how many outlets they have in Las Vegas compared with the population size of Las Vegas? <https://investqualcan.com/>

“The Las Vegas Market is exploding. Nevada’s first year recreational retail sales of \$425M **drastically outpaced that of Oregon, Washington and Colorado**. Marijuana is already generating more tax revenue than alcohol. If it continues at this pace it should pass the estimated forecast revenue of \$814M by 2025.”

Is this what we want in our rural community where we value the quality of life of current and future generations? **We are not Las Vegas or Reno.**

**What is the worth of City Commission approvals?** In 2017, after some rather contentious hearings, the Board of Supervisors amended the municipal code to require that any retail pot establishment be co-located with the two existing medical marijuana dispensaries and confined to certain zoning districts as **a way of restricting the retail growth of the industry in our city.**

A subsequent Commission should not override public policy simply because a single applicant wants a change in the City rules. Do you believe in the Book of Rules or do you change them based on convenience?

Today, Marijuana, has become three to four times more potent than it was only a few years ago and has, according to the National Institute on Drug Abuse, led to psychosis at a **rate five times greater than among those who do not smoke pot** - not to mention a reported link between marijuana use and schizophrenia, paranoia, and other psychotic disorders.

With increased access, consumption is significantly higher among adolescents and young adults which correlates closely with the rise in self-reported cases of major depressive episodes, mental illness, and suicidal thoughts. Isolation during Covid has increased mental illness so do we now need to invent another way to harm our community?

Anyone remember the “Just Say No” programs? If you read the sheriff’s arrest records in the NevadaAppeal, every single incident have associated possession charges.

One study of pot products seized by the U.S. Drug Enforcement Administration (DEA) found the potency has increased from about 4% THC in 1995 to about 12% in 2014. Newer products called marijuana concentrates can have levels of THC as high as 85% to 90%. Do you know **the consequences of this very high content of THC?**

**Who is the beneficiary other than the applicant with increased profits? Sales tax revenue to the City?** San Francisco just eliminated the sales tax on marijuana sales to compete with illegal sales just like underground cigarette sale. If you approve the change in City Ordinance, it is the same as Defund the Police – unforeseen consequences of a decision. Will Carson City need to build drug addiction treatment centers just like Las Vegas? Or should we leave the addicts live in tent cities on the sidewalks as in San Francisco?

Alexia Benshoof of the Nevada Division of Child and Family Services said nearly 20 percent of expectant mothers reported using pot. She said the **percentage of pregnant women** using illegal drugs and those using prescription drugs has remained stable over the past decade but that pot use is up **212 percent** since recreational use was legalized. The testimony came during the Interim Joint Committee on Health and Human Services. 15-28 percent of women in their child-bearing years now admit to using pot so access will cause addiction from birth and mental disorders.

This Commission should require a due diligence study of the adverse long term effect of increased access before tossing a deliberate action of a prior Board of Supervisors. This is so much more worse than a slaughter house outside the town.

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**From:** Lisa Partee <dlpartee@sbcglobal.net>  
**Sent:** Monday, July 25, 2022 2:04 PM  
**To:** Planning Department  
**Subject:** Marijuana dispensary

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Hello,

My name is Lisa Partee and I'm a resident of Carson City (my hometown).

I am against changing the laws and rules by allowing yet another Marijuana dispensary here. A recent article in the paper recently surmised that the current rules in place shouldn't be changed to accommodate one business who is asking for us to change the rules. I couldn't agree more! Because then there would be exceptions for EVERY applicant going forward to the point of oversaturation.

I'm sure those that wish the rules to be changed to allow it are just looking at the tax revenue the city will receive.  
It's always about the money.

If I recall, the whole reason for allowing these dispensaries in the first place was because they were mainly to be used for medicinal purposes? Of course we've completely gone WAY past that by now. It's mostly recreational use now and that was the goal all along.

Next thing you'll be allowing pot lounges and smoking in public??

Just Say No, Please.

Lisa Partee  
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**From:** Madeline Nichols <mcnichols7@gmail.com>  
**Sent:** Tuesday, July 26, 2022 6:59 AM  
**To:** Planning Department

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To Whom this Concerns,

Concerns for this development are huge...making this availability sounds like it's must be very profitable for you rather than the concerns that marijuana opens the door to other more addicting drugs...the research is very clear and very defined.....you must reconsider with different opposition.

Respectfully,

Madeline Nichols

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**From:** Mary DeFelice <Marenang@hotmail.com>  
**Sent:** Monday, July 25, 2022 6:12 PM  
**To:** Planning Department  
**Subject:** Pot stores

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No more pot stores!

40 year Carson City resident!

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**From:** JACK ELDRIDGE  
**To:** Planning Department  
**Subject:** I think that each person should be able to make their own decisions on cannabis use. I am 91 years old and I don't use any form of cannabis, but I think it is up to each person to make their own decision as to make cannabis part of their life.  
**Date:** Monday, July 25, 2022 6:47:41 PM

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**From:** Donald Asp <d.asp@sbcglobal.net>  
**Sent:** Monday, July 25, 2022 7:11 PM  
**To:** Planning Department  
**Subject:** No more marijuana stores in Carson City

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Hopefully you will not approve additional marijuana stores in Carson City. The number of stores currently in existence is more than sufficient.

Donald Asp  
Carson City, Nevada

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**From:** Mark Paloolian <m.paloolian@icloud.com>  
**Sent:** Monday, July 25, 2022 7:42 PM  
**To:** Planning Department  
**Subject:** Additional "pot" stores in CC....

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I want to add my comments to the proposed additional pot stores within the city. I am opposed to doubling the available stores. I see no benefit for the city. We have enough dysfunctional humans within our city limits. There is no benefit to more impaired people walking our streets. Although you rarely turn down any development, this is one opportunity you have to do the right thing for the quality of life within the community.  
Mark....

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**From:** Shellie  
**To:** Planning Department  
**Subject:** Marijuana dispensary  
**Date:** Monday, July 25, 2022 6:04:42 PM

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As a native Carsonite, I am asking the board to reject changing the law or ordinance to allow yet another dispensary.

Do we need to start investigating kickbacks? Why is it the rules always change when a big company wants to come in? Do we need to start investigating the bank accounts of, or gifts to the supervisors? This is getting ridiculous.

Thank you,

Shellie Shannon  
Carson City

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**From:** Mary Bryan <meadowmary@aol.com>  
**Sent:** Tuesday, July 26, 2022 4:46 AM  
**To:** Planning Department  
**Subject:** Marijuana

**Follow Up Flag:** Follow up  
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No need for more. Certainly no need for drive through.

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**From:** CHERYL PAWLUK <cheryljp@aol.com>  
**Sent:** Tuesday, July 26, 2022 10:38 AM  
**To:** Planning Department  
**Subject:** New pot stores

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My spouse has used medical marijuanas fir years and relies on it for his glaucoma. He says we do not need more pot stores in Carson. Please vote no on this measure.

Thank you.

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**From:** Derrick Miles <derrickxmiles@yahoo.com>  
**Sent:** Tuesday, July 26, 2022 11:10 AM  
**To:** Public Comment  
**Cc:** Planning Department  
**Subject:** Public Comment LU-2022-0262 (Qualcan proposal)

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I am a cannabis industry professional and retail cannabis guest consultant in Carson City speaking on behalf of myself.

Since the initial request and discussion to increase the number of retail cannabis dispensaries to either 3 or the approved amount of 4 set by the state, I have read and heard a few arguments against that have been primarily fear based and quite disheartening.

I hope eventually we can move past the notions that cannabis is equally or more dangerous than the widely accessible and acceptable use of alcohol and tobacco. In reality, the barriers in place for those incredibly harmful substances pale in comparison to cannabis.

Unsurprisingly cannabis industry professionals and consumers alike are still reversing decades of miseducation and downright propaganda used to scare people about cannabis.

I'm not going to dissuade anyone of their fears of cannabis right now. Instead I ask the Commission to focus on two issues that I find vastly more important.

The first is with whom and where exactly Carson City's massive amounts of cannabis profits (not taxes) end up. Personally, I'd much rather see a local minority owned retail cannabis business that will proudly stand with, invest in and support our community in more ways than just selling cannabis.

I would ask the Commission to look into whatever avenues are available and within their control to seek only cannabis license candidates that will contribute to a locally based cannabis culture and directly give back to our community; to stray away from a complete corporate takeover of the industry in Carson City by multi-state operators.

All that being said, the Vegas headquartered Qualcan does operate several Jade dispensaries in the state, and would hopefully be a step up from having 3-4 Chicago based entities with large presences elsewhere pulling Carson's profits to Illinois.

The second focus is on the current zoning limitations that likely restrict where the few dispensaries allocated to our community can even exist. The freedom to choose from 3-4 different dispensaries is hampered when the ability to access them isn't equitable. Again compared to alcohol and tobacco access the particular discrimination in our cannabis policy is apparent.

This proposal places the third dispensary mere blocks from another off HWY 395. The other current dispensary is approximately 5 miles away on Lincoln HWY. I'm unsure how this increases the equity in accessing products for those living in various areas of the municipality, putting additional risks on the consumer that is well within their right to purchase retail cannabis. Many of whom are using cannabis products for severe medical issues.

With large gaps in accessibility, favoring proposals filling these "dry" spaces would significantly increase the equitability of access in our community.

I'd like to thank you all for your time and your consideration in seeking the community's input on this important proposal.

With Respect,

Derrick Miles  
Carson City

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**From:** D M Aunkst <agctry.a6@outlook.com>  
**Sent:** Tuesday, July 26, 2022 12:58 PM  
**To:** Planning Department  
**Subject:** Planning Commission Meeting 7/27/22

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I would oppose any further cannabis outlets in Carson City. We have two too many now. The consensus of the voters several years ago was against any recreational cannabis outlets in the City. (Only medical outlets were generally approved.)

And we do not need any drive-up or delivery cannabis services. The verification of customers would be compromised.

I think, the reason you are not getting more feed-back from the public is a lack of confidence in the decision making. People figure what's the use of input, they are going to approve it anyway.

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