

## Christie Overlay

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**From:** Jeannie White <jeanniejunction@gmail.com>  
**Sent:** Saturday, July 23, 2022 10:12 AM  
**To:** Christie Overlay; Planning Department  
**Subject:** Marijuana Dispensary Development

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This is Jeannie White: 775-720-7407

No one seems to notice that our home is nextdoor to this proposed dispensary development.

We have lived here almost 30 years and no one even notified us about what they were proposing until I received a notice from the Planning commission just last week.

I called mayor Bagwell and she was amazed no one had contacted me; thanks to her Bruce Robinson called me right away.

They are proposing a drive through pick up running along our property line. A 24 hr Drive through will destroy my life. I am almost 90 years old and I don't need this. My life matters as do the lives of my family.

Sent from my iPhone

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**From:** Tasha Couste <tashacouste@gmail.com>  
**Sent:** Saturday, July 23, 2022 12:39 PM  
**To:** Public Comment; Planning Department; letters@lasvegassun.com; editor@nevadaappeal.com; Adam Trumble NVAppeal  
**Subject:** Public Comment - Proposed Qualcan Marijuana Establishment Carson City

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Respectfully, both Qualcan and our City Planners should be ashamed of themselves for allowing this to move forward in the manner that it has. My 90-year-old grandmother shares a fence line with the proposed establishment. She was only notified last week of the plans that include a 24-hour drive through window that will ultimately introduce a high amount of traffic on her peaceful property. She has worked hard and dedicated a large portion of her life cultivating the small piece of land that sits at the Carson City gateway entrance to Lake Tahoe. Both herself and her husband have devoted many hours planting gardens and orchards from nothing but sage and dust to create a serene environment that they can spend their last years enjoying. My grandmother was diagnosed with cancer recently and receives chemotherapy treatments often. Her husband is also battling health issues that prevent them both from having the energy to challenge such a large industry. The property has been their home for over 30 years; neither of them can afford the time or money it would take to influence the politics surrounding this decision. There is no moral justification that should be considered that would discount their desire to enjoy the fruits of their labors during their final days.

The little elderly woman working in the garden behind the proposed pot shop, her name is "Nana". The little old man that is limping across the yard to help her, he is "Grandpa Bruce". The two old dogs in the yard, barking hoarsely at the cars as they guard the fence; they are the "Old Night Watchmen". Their children rode horses on the hills overlooking downtown, their children's children are "Battle Born" and visit often to help with the chores. Their great grandchildren climb the trees in the yard and can be seen picking apples in the orchard as you walk by. They have lived to see the birth of their great great grandchildren.

Everything they love is tied to the property. They are beside themselves with grief as they try to imagine how they would pull up their roots and reestablish their dreams at another location. If they choose to stay, the 24-hour drive-up window being proposed will afford them very few moments of peace. They are the average grandparents who worked hard in our community, paid their taxes honestly, and helped to raise four generations of children in Nevada. They are both aging, ill, and tired. They desire nothing more than to get some rest. Their 30 years of hard work and their pride of ownership should not be minimized by the prospect of the State receiving additional tax revenue from this specific location. Their dreams are not disposable, their hard work means something, and their choices for their last years should not be discounted by the Carson City Board of Supervisors when they vote at the Carson City Planning Commission meeting on Wednesday, July 27<sup>th</sup>.

**From:** Dee Dee Foremaster  
**To:** Planning Department  
**Subject:** Please deny expansion of marijuana dispensaries!  
**Date:** Monday, July 25, 2022 8:37:57 AM

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Dear Commissioners:

I am writing to express my fears that your expansion of the current marijuana dispensaries will cause many people who are mentally ill to exacerbate their illness by using the high THC marijuana that is available nowadays. <https://www.cbsnews.com/news/marijuana-psychosis-smoking-strong-pot-daily-increases-risk-of-psychosis-study-finds/> Must we expand the temptation? I think NOT!

I also want to express my dismay at the community planning staff, who state on their city web page that their job is to balance competing interests, but who did not even bother to talk to the 90 year old woman who has lived in the home for more than thirty years, that will be directly impacted by their poorly thought out approval of this plan.

Don't her taxes pay their salaries? But, staff could not find the time to go talk to her?

At the very least, I would think a marijuana dispensary at the junction of two very busy highways coming into Carson City sends a very wrong message! Let's keep the temptation to the two existing dispensaries. After all, one of the existing dispensaries is located **right across the street** from this terrible proposal!

Please do the right thing for the existing businesses and the citizens of Carson City and deny the expansion.

Sincerely,  
Dee Dee Foremaster  
205 Annapolis Way  
Carson City, Nevada 89703

**From:** Sandra Coyle  
**To:** Planning Department  
**Subject:** Deny marijuana shop expansion!  
**Date:** Monday, July 25, 2022 9:04:13 AM

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Dear Commissioners:

I am writing to express my dismay at your reckless plan to expand the marijuana dispensaries in Carson City! Two are enough! We don't need more! Especially right across the street from each other!!

Also, I want to say how callous the Carson City planning staff must be to not even make the time to speak to the two elderly, taxpaying residents who live in the only house next to the proposed expansion!! Everyone else could find them with no problem! The people who want them to move so they can build their marijuana shop.....the people who will be competing against them if they do build it! Why couldn't your staff take a moment to ask the two elderly residents whose lives and peaceful retirement will be ruined by this poorly thought out commercial venture?

Is Carson City really that desperate for tax revenue that you would sell our teens down the river for a few dollars more? Do you know that teen marijuana use rose 17% in out state when marijuana was legalized? Or that daily use can trigger mental illness? Please protect the youth and citizens of Carson City and deny this expansion!

Sandy Coyle  
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**From:** Sandra Coyle <nevadacoyle@icloud.com>  
**Sent:** Monday, July 25, 2022 10:33 AM  
**To:** Planning Department  
**Subject:** Another study proving expansion of marijuana dispensaries are a bad idea!

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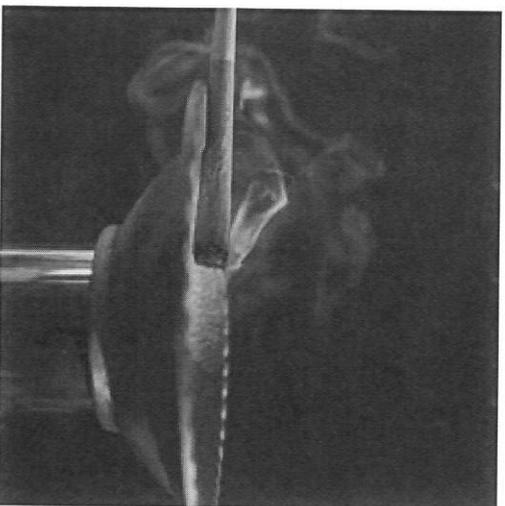
Sandy Coyle

# One Toke Over The Median: Driving Stoned



(<https://www.acsh.org/profile/chuck-dinerstein-md-mba>) By Chuck Dinerstein, MD, MBA (<https://www.acsh.org/profile/chuck-dinerstein-md-mba>) — July 19, 2022

*There is some truth to the urban myth that those high on marijuana tend to drive more slowly and at greater distances from other cars. Whether out of an old-time fear of being pulled over or because of some impairment of their perceptions. [1] With eighteen states (and the District of Columbia) with recreational pot sales, and an inability to determine the presence of marijuana as an intoxicant, as we do for alcohol, there is rising concern about marijuana's impact on traffic accidents and fatalities. Here is the latest data.*



I last wrote (<https://www.acsh.org/news/2020/12/14/dwb-%E2%80%93-driving-while-baked-15211>) about this in December 2020; here is the gist.

- THC used by itself or with CBD resulted in a 2.33cm increase in the degree of weaving in traffic for 40-100 minutes after "lighting up," compared to placebo, but there was no difference in the two groups at 240 minutes.
- CBD by itself did not significantly increase weaving at any interval.
- Speed of driving was unaffected under all conditions.

The researchers concluded that "... impairment was modest in magnitude and similar to that seen in drivers with a 0.05% BAC." What does the new research say?

## The Current Study

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 (https://pixabay.com/photos/joint-blunt-smoke-ashtray-cannabis-6535558/)

Highway Administration.

Federal sources also provided estimates of the percentage of front-seat vehicle occupants wearing seat belts and annual consumption of alcohol per capita. The six remaining western states [2] were used as the controls; the researchers pooled these results because of the smaller populations and traffic fatalities over the period. Finally, since traffic accidents have a seasonality, all results were adjusted to take that into account.

Before we go on, it is essential to recognize that many variables were involved in adjusting these numbers. These covariants included unemployment rates and seat belt use, associated with fewer injuries and fatalities; population younger than 25, maximum posted speeds, percent of rural roads traveled, and per capita alcohol consumption, all associated with increased injuries and deaths.

For the six control states, there were no trends over the 11 years

- Fatal crashes were 10.6 to 13.1 per billion VMT
- Injury crash rates 488 to 544 per billion VMT

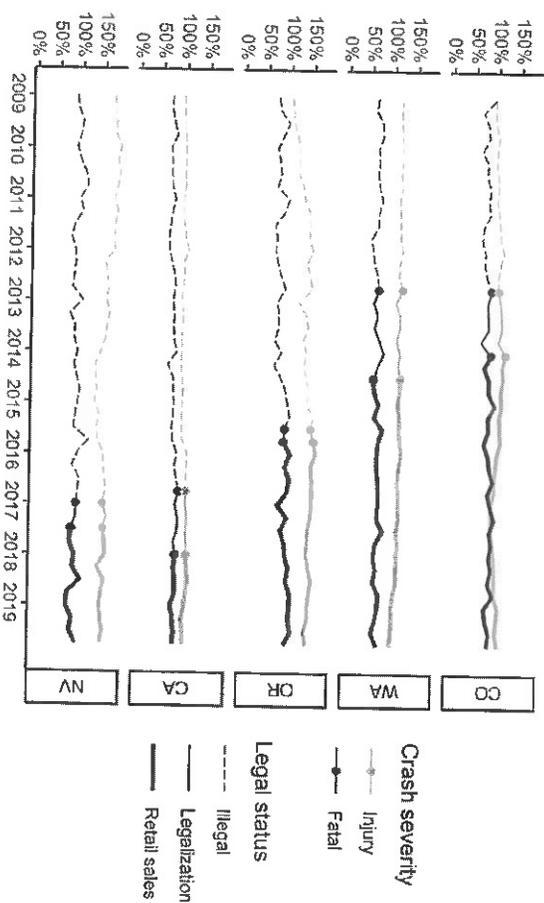
(https://www.jsad.com/doi/full/10.15288/jsad.2022.83.494) For the five study states, the results were different. At baseline, when marijuana was illegal, these states had fewer fatal accidents than the controls, but injury crash rates were higher. Legalization and retail sale of marijuana was associated with an aggregate

- 5.8% increase in injury crashes
- 4.1% increase in fatal crashes

As you might expect, the results varied by state. Four states

experienced a net increase in injury crash rates, from Colorado's 17.8% to California's 5.7%. Only two of the five states had an increase in fatalities, Colorado again, at 1.4%, and Oregon at 3.8%;

They begin by pointing out that prior studies have all found more accidents. However, the "effect size" varied because of the time frames between legalization and the collection of crash statistics. So they focused on five early-adopter states, Colorado, Washington, Oregon, California, and Nevada, and traffic statistics between 2009 and 2019. Traffic accidents came from state databases, and vehicle miles traveled (VMT) from the Federal



the remaining three saw decreases between 1.9% and 9.8%

### **What to conclude?**

There is no apparent rhyme or reason to why some states see little change and others significant shifts. It could be the culture, more focused public service announcements, or greater law enforcement. We just don't know. We may be on firmer ground in concluding that the impairment from pot, slowing your speed, and increasing your distance from the other cars "may not be sufficient to avoid a crash, but it may be enough to reduce the severity of that crash."

The researchers provided this as a comparator,

***"the estimated effect of marijuana legalization on crash rates is only slightly lower than the estimated effects of lowering the legal drinking age in the United States from 21 to 18."***

[1] Tommy Chong and Cheech Marin can provide an example of that myth (<https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=r8pEKwV19tA>).

[2] Arizona, Idaho, Montana, New Mexico, Utah, and Wyoming. Alaska and Hawaii, with limited numbers of roads, were excluded.

Source: Changes in Traffic Crash Rates After Legalization of Marijuana: Results by Crash Severity Journal Of Studies On Alcohol And Drugs DOI: 10.15288/jsad.2022.83.494 (<https://www.jsad.com/doi/full/10.15288/jsad.2022.83.494>)

**From:** James Crance  
**To:** Planning Department  
**Subject:** LU-2022-0262  
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Planning Division members,

This letter is concerning the possible development regarding the NW corner of the I580-US395-Spooner Junction.

Concern rises for the current proposed development/zoning amendment becoming a public safety issue and a distraction to drivers in what is already a dangerous and congested intersection. Responding emergency, police and fire continually fight the said intersection and it's drivers when called out.

I would like to see more City/NDOT negotiation and planning for a better solution of the said intersection. I would be more apt to agree with future "planned" development if a traffic "plan" was implemented at the I-580 US395 Spooner Junction. The proposed signal at S. Carson/Appion Way at Dutch Bros may not solve all the traffic issues.

Current development and increased traffic in the surrounding area is understood. Not necessarily desired by the few residents of the area.

I currently disagree with the planned development/zoning amendment.

I don't believe anymore distractions should be presented at this intersection, at this time.

Thank you for your consideration,

James R. Crance