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**From:** Planning Commission  
**Sent:** Thursday, January 21, 2016 9:59 AM  
**To:** Jason Rogers  
**Subject:** FW: Comments on Marijuana Stores - Zoning Regulations

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**From:** Winfred Wong [REDACTED]  
**Sent:** Wednesday, January 20, 2016 10:35 PM  
**To:** Planning Commission  
**Subject:** Comments on Marijuana Stores - Zoning Regulations

Dear Sir/Madam,

We have been living in Redmond for the last 16 years. We are writing to express our strong opposition to any change to the zoning code or policies that would allow marijuana-related businesses to operate in Redmond. While we appreciate the efforts by the Technical Committee to minimize the impact of MRBs in our community, we believe that the recommended zoning changes would still pose significant health and safety risks to all of us living in Redmond, especially to young people. In fact, we support a total ban of MRBs in Redmond.

As parents, we are truly worried that allowing MRBs in our community would increase the availability and use of marijuana by our young people. Numerous studies have shown that marijuana use by adolescence can cause various developmental and behavioral problems. For example, early initiation of marijuana use, especially among adolescence, have has been shown to cause memory loss, trouble with attention and learning abilities, poor academic performance and increased absence from school. Furthermore, marijuana use from an early age can cause behavioral problems such as driving under the influence of marijuana, immature sexual activities, and criminal behaviors.

The zoning changes recommended in the Technical Committee Report to the Planning Commission would put MRBs dangerously close to our young people. For example, the proposed Sammamish Valley Manufacturing Park covers or is close to several establishment frequented by children or young adults. Among them are Arena Sports and Overlake Christen Church. Similarly, the proposed General Commercial (GC) zone near Redmond Way between SR 520 and East Lake Sammamish Parkway is adjacent to the popular East Lake Sammamish Trail where kids ride their bikes. The GC zone includes Whole Foods Market, Family Pancake House, and several family-friendly businesses, and is within close proximity to schools including Cedar Crest Academy and Sammamish Montessori School.

As concerned parents, we strongly oppose allowing the operation of MRBs in Redmond.

Thank you for your consideration.

Yours Sincerely,  
Winfred Wong & Lili Wang

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**From:** Planning Commission  
**Sent:** Thursday, January 21, 2016 9:59 AM  
**To:** Jason Rogers  
**Subject:** FW: Objection to changing zoning code and policy for retail marijuana stores in Redmond

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**From:** Xia Li [REDACTED]  
**Sent:** Wednesday, January 20, 2016 10:10 PM  
**To:** Planning Commission  
**Subject:** Objection to changing zoning code and policy for retail marijuana stores in Redmond

Dear members of Redmond Planning Commission and Redmond City Council,

Redmond has great reputation as a family friendly--especially kids friendly--environment. This was the primary reason that our family picked our home in Redmond 4 years ago. However, I recently heard that Redmond City is planning to change zoning code and policy for retail marijuana stores. This news greatly concerns me. I strongly object to having any retail marijuana stores in Redmond City. I think keeping clean and safe environment is all Redmond residences' common interest and top priority. There is no doubt having retail marijuana stores in the city will greatly increase the possibility for kids to be exposed to marijuana products, which none of us want to see. I sincerely ask you to seriously consider NOT relaxing the zoning code and policy for retail marijuana stores; in addition, please consider prohibiting retail marijuana stores and marijuana related businesses in Redmond entirely. Let's work together to keep our Redmond continue to be safe place for our kids to grow up, and even future generations.

Sincerely,  
Xia Li

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**From:** Planning Commission  
**Sent:** Thursday, January 21, 2016 9:59 AM  
**To:** Jason Rogers  
**Subject:** FW: Opposition to zoning changes that allow marijuana stores  
**Attachments:** letter against marijuana in redmond.docx

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**From:** Liwu and Yan [REDACTED]  
**Sent:** Wednesday, January 20, 2016 9:33 PM  
**To:** Planning Commission  
**Subject:** Opposition to zoning changes that allow marijuana stores

Dear Planning Commission,

Please see the attached letter expressing our opposition to any zoning or policy changes that would allow marijuana-related businesses in Redmond.

Thanks and best regards,

Yin Cheung and Liwu Hao  
[REDACTED]  
Redmond, WA 98053

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Dear members of the Redmond Planning Commission and Redmond City Council:

We are writing to express our strong opposition to any change to the zoning code or policies that would allow marijuana-related businesses (MRBs) to operate in Redmond. We have reviewed the recommendations put forth by the Redmond Technical Committee. While we appreciate the efforts by the Technical Committee to minimize the impact of MRBs in our community, we believe that the recommended zoning changes would still pose significant health and safety risks to all of us living in Redmond, especially our young people. In fact, we support a total ban of MRBs in Redmond.

As parents of two young boys, we are truly worried that allowing MRBs in our community would increase the availability and use of marijuana by our young people. Numerous studies have shown that marijuana use by adolescence can cause various developmental and behavioral problems. For example, early initiation of marijuana use, especially among adolescence, has been shown to cause memory loss, trouble with attention and learning abilities, poor academic performance and increased absence from school. Furthermore, marijuana use from an early age can cause behavioral problems such as driving under the influence of marijuana, immature sexual activities, and criminal behaviors.

The zoning changes recommended in the Technical Committee Report to the Planning Commission (hereinafter "Report") would put MRBs dangerously close to our young people. For example, the proposed Sammamish Valley Manufacturing Park covers or is close to several establishment frequented by children or young adults. Among them are Arena Sports (9040 Willows Road NE) and Overlake Christen Church (9900 Willows Road). Similarly, the proposed General Commercial (GC) zone near Redmond Way between SR 520 and East Lake Sammamish Parkway is adjacent to the popular East Lake Sammamish Trail where kids ride their bikes. The GC zone includes Whole Foods, Family Pancake House, and several family-friendly businesses, and is within close proximity to several day care facilities such as Cedar Crest Academy (17720 NE 65th St.) and Hwang's Taekwondo School (18210 Redmond Way).

Allowing MRBs in Redmond also threatens our public safety and security. Marijuana is a prevailing factor in auto crashes or other incidents. In a study reported by the National Highway Traffic Safety Administration, even a moderate dose of marijuana was shown to impair driving performance. Marijuana can also increase other crimes in the area such as theft, robbery, and violence in general. A study by the White House' national drug-control policy showed that marijuana is the drug most often linked to crimes in the United States. In fact, the Report acknowledges, at page 6, that the large amount of cash held by marijuana retail stores make them "attractive targets for thieves."

Placing the marijuana stores in accessible and visible locations alleged alleviates the problem of security according to the Report (see, e.g., page 6, "Workshop attendees commented that security could be enhanced by placing stores in accessible and visible locations"). However, other issues, such as traffic congestion, may arise as a result. As indicated by the Report, "marijuana retail stores are high turnover businesses that can be very busy at peak times, which are early evenings and Friday afternoons." Therefore, placing marijuana stores near major roadways would inevitably worsen the traffic congestion already experienced by many drivers. In particular, the

section of Redmond Way near the proposed GC zone is already highly congested during rush hours (e.g., early evenings) even without any marijuana store nearby. One can only imagine how the traffic would deteriorate with the marijuana stores.

Due to the detrimental effects of MRBs and marijuana use on our community, some of which are discussed above, we strongly oppose allowing the operation of MRBs in Redmond.

Thanks for your consideration.

Truly yours,

/Yin Cheung/

/Liwu Hao/

Yin Cheung and Liwu Hao

  
Redmond, WA 98053

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**From:** Planning Commission  
**Sent:** Thursday, January 21, 2016 9:58 AM  
**To:** Jason Rogers  
**Subject:** FW: strongly oppose to changing zoning code and policy for retail marijuana stores

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**From:** Chao Jia [REDACTED]  
**Sent:** Wednesday, January 20, 2016 8:20 PM  
**To:** Planning Commission  
**Subject:** strongly oppose to changing zoning code and policy for retail marijuana stores

To Whom it May Concern,

My name is Chao Jia, a resident of Redmond for 10 years, home address:  
[REDACTED] Redmond.

I just learned that the Redmond City is planning to change zoning code and policy in favor of retail marijuana stores. I am writing to express my strong opposition against this proposal!

Our family of three has been living in the Redmond area for almost 10 years. My son has been growing up in this neighborhood known for its excellent schools and safe streets. We shop at the Whole Foods Market and our son plays soccer at Arena Sports. I was shocked to learn that zoning code could be changed so that retail marijuana stores can be opened right next door. A marijuana store nearby would severely impact public safety of the area. With many schools nearby, Cedar Crest Academy, the Sammamish Montessori School, Hwang's Tae Kwon Doe, Arena Sports, to name just a few, it would very insensitive to allow a retail marijuana store in the area. I am deeply concerned about the adverse impact a pot store will have in my son and all his fellow students.

Moreover, the area along Redmond Way has already been known for bad traffic conditions. Accidents due to high traffic volume happen almost on a daily basis. Traffic would sure be worsened if a retail marijuana store is allowed in the area.

I am strongly against the potential zoning code change to allow retail marijuana stores in close vicinity to schools, parks and places families frequent. Redmond is now my home and I'd like to keep it as safe and welcoming as before.

Regards,  
Chao

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**From:** Planning Commission  
**Sent:** Thursday, January 21, 2016 9:58 AM  
**To:** Jason Rogers  
**Subject:** FW: For public hearing 1/27: No Pot store near Marymoore Park

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**From:** Hu Li [REDACTED]  
**Sent:** Wednesday, January 20, 2016 7:53 PM  
**To:** Planning Commission  
**Subject:** For public hearing 1/27: No Pot store near Marymoore Park

Hi,  
Just heard about the public hearing from last week's Redmond reporter. If we set up the pot store in the 520/Redmond way area, the cash transacton/type of people who use it for recreation use bring us the safety concern. That area has a lot of schools, whole foods market and Marymoore park. We want a Redmond to be the way it is now!  
No pot store near the Park!

Hu

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**From:** Planning Commission  
**Sent:** Thursday, January 21, 2016 1:06 PM  
**To:** Jason Rogers  
**Subject:** FW: please DO NOT add marijuana retail stores and DO NOT approve the zoning change!

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**From:** Lj S [REDACTED]  
**Sent:** Thursday, January 21, 2016 11:30 AM  
**To:** Planning Commission; MayorCouncil; Council; Kimberly Allen; David Carson; Angela Birney; Hank Margeson; Hank Myers; Byron Shutz; JOHN STILIN  
**Subject:** please DO NOT add marijuana retail stores and DO NOT approve the zoning change!

To Whom This May Concern,

My name is Lijun Shi. I live in education hill, near Redmond high school. I have two kids. I hear that the Redmond city is planning to add marijuana retail stores and change zoning code. I am shocked about this and strongly against this proposal.

My house is near Redmond high school and Redmond middle school. I know a lot of teenager try marijuana which result in their memory loss, trouble with attention and study ability. Those destroyed their future. Too much exposure to marijuana retail stores will seduce many more teenager to try marijuana.

Marijuana retail business threatens public safety and security. Even a moderate dose of marijuana will affect driving attention and reaction. Marijuana also increase other criminals such as burglary, robbery. The increasing burglary rates of Redmond may related to marijuana.

Please do not provide more convenience to marijuana retail business. I even support ban all the marijuana related business in Redmond. Please do not change any zoning code!

Thanks for your consideration!

Lijun Shi

[REDACTED] Redmond

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**From:** Xin Sun [REDACTED]  
**Sent:** Thursday, January 21, 2016 10:47 PM  
**To:** Jason Rogers  
**Cc:** Planning Commission  
**Subject:** Re: Strongly Against the Zoning Code Change for Retail Marijuana Stores in Redmond!

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Thanks Jason for the prompt response. I totally agree with the Technical Committee's recommendation to keep the 1,000 feet requirement, as well as continue to disallow marijuana retail in mixed zones. I do appreciate the Technical committee's high priority on public safety.

Regarding the GC zone on Redmond Way, besides all the schools and parks I mentioned in the previous email, East Lake Sammamish Trail is within 1000 feet of the proposed location. The trail is listed under Parks and Recreation Section on Redmond.gov, and should be considered a park under the current Redmond Municipal Code (RMC). The trail is frequented by many people, including families with young kids.

In terms of traffic, besides the high traffic volume discussed before, having a marijuana store next to busy road like Redmond Way also imposes great danger to the drivers and pedestrians. People are more likely to drive recklessly under the influence of drug. If they consume marijuana and then get on the road shortly thereafter, it's highly possible that we would have more accidents in the area.

Based on the above reasons, I would propose to disallow marijuana retail stores in the GC zone in Redmond Way.

For the Manufacturing Park zone on Willows Road, Arena Sports is in fact nearby, where many kids including my daughter and her friends have soccer class, camps and birthday parties frequently. So I do not feel it's the right place for marijuana retail either.

I understand that marijuana is already legalized in our state, and the city has its responsibility to find suitable place for a store requesting permit. But such permit should not come with the cost of public safety, traffic condition and exposure of under-aged kids.

As a side note, I wonder for the stores selling medical marijuana before it's legalized, how many of them remain open now? They should be included towards the 4 permits that Redmond has. And among the ones that are out of business now or in the near future, where do they locate? A potential solution would be to recycle their places, so that there's no need to open new retail stores in the GC or MP zones mentioned above.

Thanks again for learning to and addressing my concerns.

Regards,  
Xin

On Wed, Jan 20, 2016 at 3:38 PM, Jason Rogers <[jrogers@redmond.gov](mailto:jrogers@redmond.gov)> wrote:

Good afternoon:

Thank you for your thoughts on this issue. Access to and use of drugs, especially for youth, is a serious issue for this community and the greater Seattle area. The Redmond Technical Committee's recommendation would allow retail marijuana stores to locate in a portion of the Manufacturing Park zone near Willows Road, relatively isolated from schools, parks, and daycares, and other areas where youth frequent. As you note, Southeast Redmond has many more daycares and higher traffic volumes which was one factor in the Technical Committee's discussion to not include the Manufacturing Park zone in Southeast Redmond as an area for retail marijuana stores. Overall, the Technical Committee recognizes that there are potential drawbacks for retail marijuana sales and is striving to balance public safety concerns with allowing an activity that is legal under state law.

Under Redmond's current zoning regulations, a retail marijuana store could open along Redmond Way near the SR 520 offramp to Redmond Way, in an area zoned General Commercial. The Technical Committee's recommendation does not include any changes to this. However, the Planning Commission could recommend a change.

I will ensure that your comments are shared with the Planning Commissioners. If you would like to provide verbal comments to the Planning Commission, the Commission is holding a public hearing on Wednesday, January 27 at 7:00pm in the Council Chambers at City Hall, 15670 NE 85<sup>th</sup> Street. You may also send additional written comments to [planningcommission@redmond.gov](mailto:planningcommission@redmond.gov) or directly to me at [jrogers@redmond.gov](mailto:jrogers@redmond.gov). Thank you.

Jason Rogers

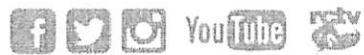


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**From:** Planning Commission

**Sent:** Wednesday, January 20, 2016 2:22 PM

**To:** Jason Rogers

**Subject:** FW: Strongly Against the Zoning Code Change for Retail Marijuana Stores in Redmond!

**From:** Xin Sun [REDACTED]

**Sent:** Wednesday, January 20, 2016 11:42 AM

**To:** Planning Commission

**Subject:** Strongly Against the Zoning Code Change for Retail Marijuana Stores in Redmond!

To Whom This May Concern,

My name is Xin Sun, a resident of southeast Redmond in the [REDACTED] community. I just learned that the Redmond City is planning to change zoning code and policy for retail marijuana stores. I am strongly against this proposal and please DO NOT approve the zoning change!

Our family have been living in southeast Redmond for almost 5 years. We have two children growing up in this neighbourhood known for its good schools and safe streets. We go to Wholefoods Market for grocery shopping every week with our kids. Therefore, I was shocked to learn that retail marijuana stores can potentially be opened next door!

First of all, the area has many schools, daycares nearby. Cedar Crest Academy, the Sammamish Montessori School, Hwang's Tae Kwon Do to just name a few. A marijuana store nearby could severely impact the public safety of the area. I don't know how to explain to my daughter when she sees someone smoking marijuana and gets "high" on her way to school. Even thinking about that scene hurts me as a mother. Besides, we have many parks like Marymoor Park, East Lake Sammamish Trail close by. These are all places that people bring the entire family to, which we definitely want to keep marijuana away from.

Furthermore, this area next to Redmond Way has already been known for bad traffic conditions, especially during morning and afternoon rush hours. It may take two or even three red lights to pass through the intersection. Accidents due to high traffic volume can be seen almost on a daily basis. I cannot image how worse the traffic could further be if a marijuana retail store was opened in this area. Therefore I ask the city to take thorough consideration and detailed planning about the traffic impact and mitigation plan, and hold discussions with the public before taking any action to change the zoning code.

To summarize, I am strongly against the potential zoning change in Redmond area. Many of my neighbours share the same feeling. We love Redmond as our home, and want to keep it as welcoming and safe as before. Please consider our objection seriously and cancel the proposed zoning code change.

Should you need more information, please contact me at [REDACTED].

Regards,

Xin Sun

[REDACTED] Redmond, WA 98052

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**From:** Wenzhao Tan [REDACTED]  
**Sent:** Friday, January 22, 2016 12:24 AM  
**To:** Jason Rogers; Planning Commission  
**Cc:** MayorCouncil; Council; Kimberly Allen; David Carson; Angela Birney; Hank Margeson; Hank Myers; Byron Shutz; JOHN STILIN  
**Subject:** No pot stores in Redmond!

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To Whom it May Concern,

I have been living in Redmond for about 10 years and own a house in Redmond. As a parent and long time resident of Redmond, I'm strongly against the proposal to open marijuana stores in Redmond, especially the proposal to open one around pancake house/wholefoods area, and the processing area at 185th AVE NE & NE 76th st. For our children's sake, please keep Redmond free of pot stores.

First, schools and kids. The area around pancake house/wholefoods area (east of 520), there are many schools/daycare facilities, lots of kids are around in that area, we also bring our kid to shopping, it's totally unacceptable to open a marijuana store so close to schools and people's daily living area. Kids will see it and will ask about it. According to a King 5 news, Doctors say more kids using drugs since marijuana legalized. We cannot allow such a pot store in our neighborhood area where kids frequently visit.

Second, traffic, we all know the traffic is really bad around wholefood/pancake house/520 ramp/Redmond Way, especially early evening when people leaving work. Opening a pot store will bring more traffic. Early evening is a peak time for pot store, it could bring severely negative impact on traffic.

Third, security reasons, pot stores will attract many people buying marijuana and smoke them closeby/drive around. Pot store has lots of cash and will attract possible robbery. It is definitely a security risk for all people visiting that area. We bring our kid to there frequently. I'm really concerned.

Fourth, I believe the Eastlake Sammamish Trail should be regarded as park, since it's part of the park system. And many kids/elderly people will walk on the trail, opening a pot store so close to the trail is unacceptable and it's against the law.

Redmond is a great and peaceful place to live. We all enjoy such a great neighborhood and community. For our children's sake, please keep pot stores and drug processing facilities out of Redmond. Let's keep our Redmond as a great and drug free place.

Best Regards,

Wenzhao  
[REDACTED] Redmond WA

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**From:** wangChun [REDACTED]  
**Sent:** Friday, January 22, 2016 11:43 AM  
**To:** Jason Rogers; planningcommissio@redmond.gov  
**Cc:** MayorCouncil; Council; Kimberly Allen; David Carson; Angela Birney; Hank Margeson; Byron Shutz; JOHN STILIN  
**Subject:** Marijuana free community

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To Whom This May Concern,

My name is Chun, a resident of Redmond. I just learned that the Redmond City is planning to change zoning code and policy for retail marijuana stores. **I'm strongly against this proposal and please do not approve the zoning change! First, I think both of us want live at safety community. Second, keep marijuana away from kids, to protect them is parents' top priority. Third, please consider the safety drive and traffic issue, and so on.**

Thanks for your consideration!

Sincerely yours,

Chun

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**From:** [REDACTED] on behalf of Xia Wu [REDACTED]  
**Sent:** Friday, January 22, 2016 2:29 PM  
**To:** Jason Rogers; Planning Commission  
**Cc:** MayorCouncil; Kimberly Allen; David Carson; Angela Birney; Hank Margeson; Hank Myers; Byron Shutz; JOHN STILIN  
**Subject:** opposition to the proposal of changing zoning code for retail marijuana stores  
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To whom it may concern,

I'm Xia, a mom of two school age kids. I'm emailing you to express my strong opposition to the proposal of changing zoning code and the related policies for retail marijuana stores.

Our family has been living at Redmond for six years and we love this city because it is clean, it has great schools, it has a high efficient city government and serving team, people are nice and etc. All these elements make this city a safe community where we are happy to raise our children.

However, the potential zoning changes to allow more retail marijuana stores coming out really cause our concern.

First, just talk about common sense. I know there are people claiming that recreational marijuana use is even less harmful than smoking, but wait a minute, what are they comparing marijuana to here? It's cigarette which is already bad enough and hard enough to fight with. That is why we have laws and regulations on the age to purchase cigarette and the location of the retail marijuana stores. Why don't we make a fuss on chocolate and ice cream stores? Even for the chocolate and ice cream, parents will tell their children to have it after dinner, not before dinner, because parents care about their kids' health and growing!

When I saw the proposed zoning overlay from the map, I recalled a girl scout cookie booth sale two years ago. The parents from my daughter's girl scout troop took their girls to sell girl scout cookies at Whole Food area as it is usually a booth site every year. Some customers to Whole Food came up to the girls and literally got upset with the cookie selling. They criticized us parents to expose kids to the high-sugar product which was, according to them, really bad for kids. "Have you ever really cared about what role model you adults are?" that was what we were questioned. Based on this experience, I felt ironic to think about a retail marijuana store opening around that area.

In the proposed area, we have a good density of educational facilities, recreation center, trails and parks where you can see kids of all age all the time. Parents take their kids to the food court or the restaurants after various activities or classes. We have to consider what the different messages we are delivering to our children when there is and there isn't a retail marijuana store.

Other than common sense, we have tons of statistic studies on marijuana use and the negative impact on teenagers. Yes we can say officially or technically the marijuana stores are for adults not for kids. However, according to National Institute of Health (NIH), there are 36% high school students admit the marijuana use in the past year, 12% high school students started marijuana use when 13 or 14 years old, and 6.5% use marijuana everyday! Also according to NIH, the percentage of American teens that think marijuana use is dangerous drop to 40% in 2014 from 55% in 2003.

If we read more research, it won't be hard to find the studies on the relationship between the drug use and adolescent delinquency. Some people call marijuana the "gate-way drug"—it is still drug, right! It won't be hard to find either how criminals related to youth grow with the easier access to the drug.

For those teenagers, they may look as fully-grown as adults, however, their brains are still developing, not yet to an adult level. Why don't we just be a little more patient with those kids and provide them a healthier living environment with more positive impact to help them grow more inner strength as we definitely are able to.

The third potential problem that we shouldn't neglect with more possible retail marijuana stores at proposed zone is the traffic and parking. The current traffic and parking is already a headache as it is so obvious to see. Please don't add any burden to the situation that is already frustrated to the residents nearby.

Redmond is listed as the top 1 among the happiest towns and cities in Washington State according to the news I read from our government website. The remarkable description of it is "a relatively safe neighborhood". I really hope you evaluate thoroughly the pros and cons of the change of the zoning code. Thank you for your listening!

Yours sincerely,

Xia Wu

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**From:** Planning Commission  
**Sent:** Friday, January 22, 2016 2:45 PM  
**To:** Jason Rogers  
**Subject:** FW: Against opening Marijuana business in Redmond

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**From:** Jun™ L. [REDACTED]  
**Sent:** Friday, January 22, 2016 12:19 PM  
**To:** Planning Commission  
**Subject:** Against opening Marijuana business in Redmond

Hello there,

I'm writing this email to voice our opinion that I'm strongly against opening Marijuana business in Redmond.

Redmond is a well known "high-tech" city, where most people are highly educated, who also recognize the problem of using Marijuana. The Marijuana business won't have enough consumers in this area to keep their business running for very long. It's a waste of money and effort.

Well, I believe you have already received enough emails from other people for other obvious reasons, so I will keep this email short. I hope the City will figure out a right business in this area to solve the budget problem.

Best regards

Jun

On behalf of many people in our neighborhood.

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**From:** Planning Commission  
**Sent:** Friday, January 22, 2016 2:49 PM  
**To:** Jason Rogers  
**Subject:** FW: Marijuana Stores - Zoning Regulations - feedback from residents

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**From:** Endre Amiras [REDACTED]  
**Sent:** Friday, January 22, 2016 2:46 PM  
**To:** Planning Commission  
**Subject:** Marijuana Stores - Zoning Regulations - feedback from residents

We learned that recent changes in state law allow cities to reduce the required minimum distance between retail marijuana stores and daycares, recreation centers, libraries, parks, transit centers, and game arcades down to a minimum of 100 feet. It is said that the 1,000-foot buffers around schools, parks, daycares, and transit centers effectively prohibit retail marijuana stores in Redmond.

I am writing to express my concern over the proposed reduction in buffer zone. Yes, I-502 legalized **the possession** of up to one ounce of marijuana by adults over 21 years of age and provided for a legal recreational marijuana market including producers (growers), processors, and retailers. But that does not mean that we have to accept marijuana retail stores right next to shopping or recreation areas where children are present. Children are an easy target and cannot make informed decisions for themselves, so we as parents and our elected officials **have the responsibility to protect them** for undue exposure to such products. While not ideal, the 1000 ft buffers have worked so far.

Our city officials have to think in terms of common sense, while providing safe conditions for raising our families.

With that in mind, I would ask the commission the following questions:

Would you like to send your children to a school, playground, park, or transit center situated 100 ft from marijuana retail stores? Would you like to have your children tempted by half-sober users that will happily share a smoke with them? Or would you rather like your children to be accidentally injured as innocent by-standers when incidents occur around these retail shops (such as robberies, impaired driving, etc.). What is the real justification for reducing the buffers from 1000 ft to 100 ft? To better serve the customer base? That can be achieved by designating specific areas that meet the 1000 ft buffers, possibly outside the city boundaries. Or maybe the concern is some customers cannot safely drive home after enjoying their purchase? Does anyone really think that marijuana stores should be considered as simply another store?? Why are other important services and facilities that would serve the population not considered instead (such as new schools, a theatre, a covered swimming pool or an indoor water park, an indoor recreation centre, a museum, etc.) ?

My request to the commission is to first take a hard look at the proposal, keeping everyone's interest at hart, then decide to keep the 1000 ft buffer in place. This would be leadership. The opposite sounds too much like bending over to financial pressures...

Endre Amiras

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**From:** Chenqian Jiang [REDACTED]  
**Sent:** Thursday, January 21, 2016 10:23 PM  
**To:** Jason Rogers; Planning Commission  
**Cc:** Council  
**Subject:** Feedback for Marijuana zoning regulations.

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Hi,

We read through the recommendation from Redmond Technical Committee regarding Marijuana zoning stores zoning regulations, first we appreciate the efforts to keep the minimum distance between retail marijuana stores and schools, playgrounds, daycares, transit centers, parks to be 1000 feet and not allowed marijuana stores in mixed use zones. However, I strongly against the proposal to allow marijuana store in Manufacturing park zone and general commercial zone.

We have been living in Redmond for almost four years with a 2-years-old daughter, we love the community. We believe that the recommended zoning changes will bring significant risks to the safety and health of our community.

First, having the marijuana stores in the two proposed areas will increase the exposure and availability of marijuana to our youth. The MP zone is close to Arena sports, the GC zone is close to the East Side Sammamish trail, where families go for jogging, bicycling or walking dogs, it is also close to whole foods marketplace where we often go to shopping.

With exposure and availability to marijuana, the number of young people that use marijuana product will increase either due to curiosity or peer pressure, using marijuana is harmful to young people. Lots of research have concluded that using marijuana will affects brain development including reducing thinking, memory and learning functions, it also has mental affects including temporary hallucinations, paranoia, depression etc. Also marijuana could be addicted to, Research suggests that about 1 in 11 users becomes addicted to marijuana (Anthony, 1994; Lopez-Quintero 2011). This number increases among those who start as teens (to about 17 percent, or 1 in 6) (Anthony, 2006). There is no medication for it!

Also, the marijuana stores will pose threatens to our safety and

security. Study shows that marijuana is the top drug link to criminal.

Considering the above factors, we are against to have Marijuana stores in our neighborhood. Thanks for your consideration.

Cheers,

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