

Jodi L. Daub

From: Allison <tangdisheng@qq.com>
Sent: Thursday, January 28, 2016 11:17 AM
To: Jason Rogers
Subject: no marijuana in Redmond.

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So please listen to the voice of the Redmond people.

Thanks and best regards,

Disheng Tang

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From: yaya guo <yaya.guo@gmail.com>
Sent: Thursday, January 28, 2016 10:00 AM
To: Jason Rogers; commission@redmond.gov
Subject: No Marijuana store in Redmond; objection to rezone proposal

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Hi Redmond Marijuana planning committee,

Thanks for giving us the opportunity to express our concerns on opening Marijuana retail store in Redmond.

First, I want to express my personal option, which represents the will of a large number of Redmond residents. That is: **WE DO NOT WANT TO SEE ANY MARIJUANA STORE IN REDMOND.**

Second, we object to the current and proposed zoning codes because they would put any potential marijuana stores close to places where residents and especially young people congregate, such as the East Lake Sammamish Trail (ELST) behind the **Redmond Way GC zone** and the Sammamish River Trail (SRT) close to the **Sammamish Valley Manufacturing Zone**.

These two trails share the same characteristics as a "public park" under state definition (*WAC 314-55-010*), as **"an area of land for the enjoyment of the public, having facilities for rest and/or recreation..." and therefore should require a buffer similar to the 1000ft buffer for public parks.**

- They attract walkers, runners, bikers, kids, senior citizens who live in nearby assistant living facility (just to name a few) year round.
- The ELST has multiple **restrooms** and **benches** along the trail. It also has at least two covered **picnic areas** with picnic tables and **BBQ pit**.
- ELST is directly connected to **Marymoor Park**, and there are year-round youth soccer league practices, summer movie nights, and circuit shows. This is a popular local park, where you will also find playground, tennis court, and soccer and baseball courts.
- ELST also host several running **races**, such as Lake Sammamish Half Marathon, Big BackYard5K... Local running groups prepare races on these trails.
- Along SRT, there is a kid play area with equipment, and dog park, which can be accessed directly thru connecting trails from Sammamish Valley Manufacture Zone

Treating the ELST and SRT as public parks is also consistent with one of the primary legislative intents of Washington's Uniform Controlled Substances Act (RCW 69.50), which is **"the immediate preservation of the public peace, health, or safety."**

My biggest concern is the potentially negative impact on public peace, health and safety, as well as the potentially huge financial cost to the city to combat such negative impact. These concerns also apply to the trails. With the popularity of the trails, especially among people who are particularly vulnerable (e.g., young people and older folks), we foresee an increase in marijuana related incidents as a result of placing marijuana stores so close to these trails. For example, it wouldn't be a stretch to imagine that some people may decide to consume marijuana near or on the trails. Dealing with such

aftermath (for example, with more police and/or first responders) can be costly to the city in the long run.

As Redmond residents, we take pride in having such easy access to public parks and trails, where we can enjoy a healthy and safe living environment that is unique to Redmond. Putting marijuana stores in the middle of this environment would jeopardize the public enjoyment of this environment, and disrupt, instead of preserving the public peace, health, and safety of Redmond.

It is ironic that almost all the people who supported opening pot stores in Redmond during the city hearing yesterday are pot growers, dispensers, distributors, store owners and pot bag designers who live in other cities. They have the conflict of interests as they have financial benefit associated with the pot business. AND they are not Redmond Residents!

Please consider OUR voices and take the will of Redmond residents: WE DO NOT WANT TO SEE ANY MARIJUANA STORE in REDMOND.

thanks,
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Subject: Planning commission meeting on 2/10

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Hi Jason,

It was a great meeting last night. It's interesting to observe that ONLY marijuana business people (pot store owners and their affiliated business and associations) support to loosen up the rules. Every single Redmond Resident OPPOSE pot shops inside our city.

I have a couple of questions hope you can help with.

1. For the planned meeting on 2/10, is it open to public? can people sign up to speak?
2. Does the city council hold some sort of public meeting where Redmond Residence can express concern and ask questions?

Thank you so much for the help!

Best,
Xin

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From: Claire Fang <claireffang@hotmail.com>
Sent: Thursday, January 28, 2016 1:09 AM
To: Jason Rogers; Planning Commission
Cc: Council
Subject: No marijuana stores near kids in Redmond

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Dear commission members and planner,

Thanks for the opportunity to provide comments at the public hearing tonight. I wanted to send my comments via email to you as some of the research data I cited might be useful for you to read.

We really need to keep marijuana stores far away from kids, not just today, but far into the future.

I've lived in Redmond for 8 years. I've seen massive real estate development in Redmond in the last few years, and many families with kids have moved into the area because of its convenient location and good schools. We are now talking about the need to build more schools in response to the population change. Our land use priority should be homes, schools and kids-and-family-oriented facilities, not pot stores. If we lower the buffer requirement and allow more marijuana stores dispersed in the city, it'll be inevitable that kids need to walk by such stores in the future. According to the grand-father rule, if there is a new facility (such as school or playground) that makes an existing marijuana store non-compliant, the store would be "grandfathered" into its current location. Given there are more families with kids moving into the city, we need to make the zoning regulation future-proof.

As a mom of two young kids, I am really concerned about the adverse effect of marijuana on kids. I'd like to cite a few pieces of research data:

1. According to a [Colorado study](#) in 2013, more children have accidentally ingested marijuana since medical marijuana was legalized in Colorado. Some marijuana packaging is attractive to kids, such as brownies and candies.
2. According to [Dr. Mazor](#) from Seattle Poison Center, the level of THC in marijuana in the US has risen from around 2% to 8% in the last 40 years. She warns that children can have serious reactions to marijuana, including hallucinations, sedation or even coma, and there is no treatment to reverse the toxic effects.
3. According to [Dr. Walker](#) from Seattle Children's Hospital, marijuana is addictive and addiction is more common among teens. 1 in 10 adults will become addicted compared to 4 in 10 teens.

Finally, I just want to say that just because something is legal doesn't make it socially responsible. Just because something is financial beneficial doesn't make it the right thing to do. Please do the right thing for the sake of our kids, and your kids too.

Thanks for listening!

Claire

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From: Liwu and Yan <liwuyan@gmail.com>
Sent: Wednesday, January 27, 2016 11:33 PM
To: Planning Commission; Jason Rogers
Subject: Thanks for listening

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Dear Commission members and Jason,

I'd like to thank you for holding the public hearing on marijuana store zoning tonight. Growing up in a less democratic society, I feel privileged to witness and participate in such a democratic process where people's opinions are heard and respected, regardless of their skin color, religious beliefs or countries of origin. We thank you for facilitating this process.

At tonight's hearing, you heard the voice of the Redmond people loud and clear -- we do not want marijuana in Redmond. I agree with the overwhelming majority of the speakers tonight that having marijuana stores in Redmond will have a significant impact on kids, public safety, traffic, and other aspects that directly affect our Redmond residents. I want to draw your attention to the fact that most of the handful people who supported marijuana stores do not live or work in Redmond. I especially recall a gentleman who lives in Sammamish with a Tacoma marijuana business. To me it is ironic that his family lives in a city that bans marijuana, yet he is trying to put marijuana business in other communities.

I respect their point of views but it's not their kids who will have their brain cells killed and their future destroyed by marijuana. It's not their families that will be shattered by marijuana. It's not their safety that will be jeopardized by marijuana. It's not their properties that will be devaluated. They are business people whose primary driving force is money. They can justify their views however they like, but it does not change the fact that they don't have to deal with, at a personal level, any injuries that marijuana stores will bring to our community. Money is important, but it's not everything.

So please listen to the voice of the Redmond people and make your decisions based on what you believe is the best for the Redmond people.

Lastly, Jason mentioned in the powerpoint presentation that there is a way for the City of Redmond to ban marijuana. Can you please let me how that may be done (e.g., via voting of the city counsel or the residents)?

Thanks and best regards,

Yin Cheung

10113 224th Ave NE
Redmond

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From: Fang Wang <alicejoe@gmail.com>
Sent: Wednesday, January 27, 2016 11:22 PM
To: Jason Rogers
Subject: 1/27/2016 Public Hearing Speech

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Dear Jason,

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Alice

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(National Institute of Drug Abuse), marijuana is addictive! 1 in 10 for adults and 1 in 4 in youth. However, this is not what the popular culture says. And I quote from a popular comment on the internet "The reason kids perceive marijuana as safe is because marijuana IS safe". What kind of confusing message is this? What we teach our children in school and at home is completely the opposite of what they learn outside. We know that the most effective way to teach is by actions rather than words. If so many adults go drooling after marijuana, how do you teach our next generation to stay clean before 21?

To conclude, the impact of the code change and the incoming new stores are not as minimal as some people think. Please do not rush into any new changes. Dear commissioners, please sit back and reflect on your role as the planner of the future of Redmond. You decide the direction of the future of Redmond. Please keep the existing zoning code and enjoy being the number 1 happiest town in the State of Washington!!!

Thank you for hearing me out.

Alice Wang

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From: Yao Pu <puyao@live.com>
Sent: Wednesday, January 27, 2016 9:48 PM
To: Jason Rogers
Subject: Against Pot Stores in Redmond

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Dear Mr. Rogers,

I am strongly against opening new pot stores in redmond.

Having pot stores close by will make it easier for adults to buy and smoke pot. As a result, more marijuana will be consumed by the parents in Redmond, which causes their kids to have increased access to the drug. We don't want to see marijuana in our elementary schools as what happened in Colorado.

(<https://www.washingtonpost.com/news/morning-mix/wp/2014/04/24/colorado-fourth-graders-sell-and-swap-grandparents-pot-at-school/>)

Furthermore, seeing a pot store in the neighborhood makes kids think that it is safe for them. The truth is, marijuana has numerous damaging effects according to webmd (<http://www.webmd.com/news/breaking-news/marijuana-on-main-street/is-marijuana-safe-web>).

Regards,

Yao Pu
2721 174th Ave. NE
Redmond, WA 98052
Sent from my iPad

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From: Zhongyi Gu <zyigu@yahoo.com>
Sent: Wednesday, January 27, 2016 9:00 PM
To: Jason Rogers
Subject: No marijuana in our cummunity.

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We lived in 16590 NE 120th street, Redmond, 98052, and we are strongly against the marijuana factory and store to be in our area in order to keep a safe place for our kids.

Zhongyi Gu

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From: Vijay Sathyaseelan <Vijay.Sathyaseelan@microsoft.com>
Sent: Wednesday, January 27, 2016 7:46 PM
To: Jason Rogers
Subject: No Marijuana stores in Redmond

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Jason,
This is regarding proposal to open Marijuana processing retail store in Redmond. I and my family do not like to see a Marijuana Processing or retail store in Redmond. Let us know what you need from me or my neighborhood.

Thanks,
Vijay

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From: jitwari kulkarni <jitwari@gmail.com>
Sent: Wednesday, January 27, 2016 7:14 PM
To: Planning Commission; Jason Rogers
Subject: Opposed to marijuana store near Woodbridge community, Redmond or any place close to kids

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Dear Redmond city Planning Commission members,

I am a resident of Woodbridge community in Redmond. I strongly oppose to marijuana store/s near our community or anywhere in Redmond.

We chose Redmond as our home because of the safe and family oriented environment it provides.

Opening a marijuana store would attract people who abuse the substance and consequently crimes will increase in nearby area.

We can not have such bad influences near our children.

Please do not permit any marijuana stores to open in our area.

Thank you,
Jitwari

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From: Narayan Thiru <teeyenyen@hotmail.com>
Sent: Wednesday, January 27, 2016 6:24 PM
To: Jason Rogers
Subject: No Marijuana in Redmond

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Dear Jason,

I work in Redmond and have lived in SE Redmond for the past 12 years. I am extremely happy that I found such a nice city to both work and bring up my family with my young children.

However, I learned that the city is considering a change in the zoning to allow Marijuana Processing and Retail. I am extremely shocked.

I am extremely concerned that a large area in SE Redmond (along 188th AVE NE) is proposed for Marijuana Processing, with a Retail near Whole Foods. These places are surrounded by schools, after school activities - Tae Kwon Do, Ballet, etc. shopping and other places where people - particularly kids of all age, frequent.

The intersection of 188th Ave NE and 180th Ave NE/178th Pl. NE has two Indian Temples that are visited by hundreds of worshippers every week. In the same complex, there is a Indian Cultural Center that 100+ kids visit every week to learn arts, dance & music.

Allowing Marijuana in the midst of all these is not the right thing to do for the future of our city and our children.

Thanks,
Narayan Thiru
19148 NE 66th Way,
Redmond, WA 98052

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- We have many families with a lot of young children in our residential zone e.g. Woodbridge, Evans Creek, Vesta apartments, etc.
- There are multiple schools and daycares also in our area e.g. Cedar Crest Academy, Sammamish Montessori, Kinder Care, etc.
- Also I think such stores could attract crime. Given marijuana is cash-only business, it could potential become the target for robbery. - Having marijuana stores could greatly impact the traffic, especially during evening peak hours.

Considering all of above, I feel that you should not give permission for any marijuana stores to open in our area.

Thank you,
Sumeet

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From: Sameer Garde <sameerg@outlook.com>
Sent: Wednesday, January 27, 2016 5:14 PM
To: Jason Rogers; Planning Commission
Subject: No to marijuana store near our neighborhood or any place close to kids

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Redmond City planners,

I'm grateful that the City of Redmond is investing so much money to create a family friendly city. I'm against having any marijuana stores close to residential zones, schools, libraries, grocery stores, parks or any place near kids. We have to protect also the real state value and those stores close by will decrease the property market value.

At Woodbridge, we were promised that we will get new houses build next to us and we got a FedEx and now a Costco. We invest in this neighborhood and in Redmond because we believe it is a great city that we want to grow. Please be careful of your decisions because it can damage the city reputation and state value and that will hurt both us and the city.

I know the lobbying for marijuana has a lot of money that supports it, but what is the future that you want for the city? For your tax payer? We love Redmond and we don't want to be pushed out of our city for marijuana stores that serve so little of our city population and attract crime at our doors.

Please consider and rethink the decision.

Thank you
Sameer

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Cc: Council
Subject: No marijuana stores near kids in Redmond

Dear commission members and planner,

Thanks for the opportunity to provide comments at the public hearing tonight. I wanted to send my comments via email to you as some of the research data I cited might be useful for you to read.

We really need to keep marijuana stores far away from kids, not just today, but far into the future.

I've lived in Redmond for 8 years. I've seen massive real estate development in Redmond in the last few years, and many families with kids have moved into the area because of its convenient location and good schools. We are now talking about the need to build more schools in response to the population change. Our land use priority should be homes, schools and kids-and-family-oriented facilities, not pot stores. If we lower the buffer requirement and allow more marijuana stores dispersed in the city, it'll be inevitable that kids need to walk by such stores in the future. According to the grand-father rule, if there is a new facility (such as school or playground) that makes an existing marijuana store non-compliant, the store would be "grandfathered" into its current location. Given there are more families with kids moving into the city, we need to make the zoning regulation future-proof.

As a mom of two young kids, I am really concerned about the adverse effect of marijuana on kids. I'd like to cite a few pieces of research data:

1. According to a [Colorado study](#) in 2013, more children have accidentally ingested marijuana since medical marijuana was legalized in Colorado. Some marijuana packaging is attractive to kids, such as brownies and candies.
2. According to [Dr. Mazor](#) from Seattle Poison Center, the level of THC in marijuana in the US has risen from around 2% to 8% in the last 40 years. She warns that children can have serious reactions to marijuana, including hallucinations, sedation or even coma, and there is no treatment to reverse the toxic effects.
3. According to [Dr. Walker](#) from Seattle Children's Hospital, marijuana is addictive and addiction is more common among teens. 1 in 10 adults will become addicted compared to 4 in 10 teens.

Finally, I just want to say that just because something is legal doesn't make it socially responsible. Just because something is financial beneficial doesn't make it the right thing to do. Please do the right thing for the sake of our kids, and your kids too.

Thanks for listening!

Jodi L. Daub

From: Planning Commission
Sent: Thursday, January 28, 2016 2:49 PM
To: Jason Rogers
Subject: FW: Resident Request to Strongly Advise Against Re-Zoning Redmond

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From: Tana G [<mailto:tlgoar@gmail.com>]
Sent: Wednesday, January 27, 2016 10:50 PM
To: Planning Commission
Subject: Resident Request to Strongly Advise Against Re-Zoning Redmond

Dear Planning Commission,

My name is Tana Goar and I reside at 15983 NE 84th Way Redmond, WA 98052. I am writing to the commission to strongly voice my desire to not see Redmond re-zoned for the sole purpose of allowing marijuana dispensaries in the downtown corridor.

I have lived in this location in Redmond for 2 1/2 years. Both my partner and myself reside and work in Redmond. Both my partner and I are 25, and although my demographic is typically perceived as being in support of marijuana dispensaries, Redmond's lack of such shops is part of what makes Redmond attractive to live in. I appreciate Redmond's walkability, public lands, access to public transit, the closeness of the library, and varied healthy small businesses. Living in the heart of downtown, I am also very aware of our community of at-risk temporarily unhoused individuals and unattended children after school hours who are able to make use of Redmond's many public services. The installation of a 1,000-foot buffer zone is perfectly reasonable to protect high-risk populations from encountering what may possibly be an addiction trigger or a tantalizing rebellion while using public services. The current 1,000 foot buffer zone also has the benefit of keeping marijuana dispensaries from being walkable from any of our local taverns, which would not be the case if the buffer is reduced to 100 feet. I am particularly concerned about the closeness of the river trail to one of the zones that would be eligible under the 100-foot rule. The river trail is used by athletes, work commuters, dog-walkers, families, and daycares/preschools, and having a marijuana dispensary a single city block from a popular trailhead onto the river trail is unacceptable. The existence of a local pot shop will not stop independent, illegal sellers from operating. It will only increase the perceived acceptability of public pot smoking in our downtown.

I would like to echo the sentiments of one of the speakers at the forum tonight. What is the rush? Redmond has the opportunity to support many small businesses in Redmond that do not distribute addictive drugs that are widely perceived as non-addictive. Public knowledge about the harmful affects of marijuana is not at the requisite level to allow Redmond to, in good conscience, re-zone this city so that patients who require marijuana medically can have four competing businesses to choose from in our downtown. Patients who require marijuana medically have other locations in Bellevue and Kirkland to access their medical care. Users who access marijuana for recreational purposes should not be encouraged to seek Redmond for such purposes. It's already unpleasant enough when I walk past a bleary-eyed individual surrounded by a musk of skunk on Redmond's sidewalks; I do not want to encounter this unpleasantness any more often than I currently do, and I certainly do not want to see such sights increase near parks, daycares, and the library.

I urge that the current zoning buffer serves the community of Redmond; if we have so many parks, access to public transport, libraries, recreation centers, and childcare centers that all of Redmond except for one small area on the other side of the freeway is zoned by the 1,000-foot rule to not be an appropriate city to host marijuana dispensaries, then our community has been built in such a way that this is not the appropriate city for marijuana establishments.

Thank you for your time and attention,
Tana Goar
425-802-8742
15983 NE 84th Way
Redmond, WA 98052

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Jodi L. Daub

From: Planning Commission
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To: Jason Rogers
Subject: FW: Marijuana zoning feedback

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From: sudhakar krish [<mailto:sudhakar.ck@hotmail.com>]
Sent: Wednesday, January 27, 2016 2:50 PM
To: Planning Commission
Subject: Marijuana zoning feedback

Hi Redmond Planning Commission Members,

I am a long time joyful resident of Redmond because its very friendly and safe place for all (specially kids). This city brings nature close to us by creating excellent outdoor activity options with the number of well maintained parks and trail systems. I want to personally thank you for the time, effort and thought you have put in making this city a wonderful place for residents and business alike. I am confident that the commission has put a lot of efforts in marijuana zoning exercise to keep Redmond and its citizen (specially the young citizen) safe and healthy.

I would like to provide my feedback about the processing and retail zoning in NorthEast Redmond (near 188th Ave NE and NE Union Hill Road, NE 65th Street and 185th Ave NE, on Redmond Way next to SR520) .

- 1) The residential area next to this zoning namely Woodbridge, Evan Creek and Vesta has a large population of young kids. I am basing this on this number of kids that I see in school bus stops and the number of school buses that service these area.
- 2) There is a pre-school west of this zone in the intersection of NE 76th Street and 178th PL NE and on the east is Evans Creek trail and Perrigo park.
- 3) The retail zoning on Redmond way next to SR520 is adjacent to Whole Foods market and other family friendly shops that is a great place for families and kids to shop and enjoy some food any time of the day.

I am sure you most have put a lot of time in researching this area before putting the proposal. I am requesting you to review the zoning proposal in NorthEast Redmond in the interest of the young citizens that dwell in the neighborhood and the city. I understand that there is lots of money backing this effort but I am confident that the city will do the right thing for its fellow residents.

Regards,
Sudhakar

Jodi L. Daub

From: Planning Commission
Sent: Thursday, January 28, 2016 2:47 PM
To: Jason Rogers
Subject: FW: Comments: Zoning Code for Retail Marijuana

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From: Peter Carter [<mailto:petercarter62@me.com>]
Sent: Wednesday, January 27, 2016 2:21 PM
To: Planning Commission
Subject: Comments: Zoning Code for Retail Marijuana

To:

Redmond Planning Commission.

Subject:

Amendment to Comprehensive Plan and Zoning Code for Retail Marijuana

Comments:

I am an Eastside resident of 51 years. I grew up in the local schools, colleges and have been a local business owner for over 15 years. I voted in favor of recreational marijuana initiative in response to the proliferation of freely available, black market marijuana being trafficked for decades in our local schools, colleges, neighborhoods and social gatherings. It has been ubiquitously grown, sold and consumed by adults and minors alike for generations. I am motivated to put black market dealers out of business and support a safer legal regulated markets.

I support recent changes in state law allowing Redmond the opportunity 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. Distances between retail marijuana stores and schools and playgrounds must remain 1,000 feet.

I do not support local zoning restrictions for legal retail marijuana stores and relegating them to industrial districts, as it serves no effective purpose. We cannot hide marijuana or other legal substances like alcohol or cigarettes. They exist, we know. We need to instead learn the lessons of alcohol prohibition and other regulated markets and use our resources to draft public policy towards education and public safety. We should embrace the retail stores as a legal alternative to black markets and get marijuana out of the back street cartels of our community.

Washington State i502 marijuana system is highly regulated and has adopted strict guidelines to protect citizens. Let's direct energies towards local education, public safety and not ineffective barriers to legal businesses. Adult residents need safe access to legal businesses for clearly labeled products and education to consume responsibly. Let's work with the system and not create a patch work of ineffective zoning restrictions.

Thank you,

From:

Peter Carter

Issaquah, WA

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Jodi L. Daub

From: Planning Commission
Sent: Thursday, January 28, 2016 2:46 PM
To: Jason Rogers
Subject: FW: Public Comment: Retail Marijuana Zoning

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From: Peter Carter [<mailto:petercarter62@me.com>]
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Subject: Public Comment: Retail Marijuana Zoning

To:

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From: Planning Commission
Sent: Thursday, January 28, 2016 2:46 PM
To: Jason Rogers
Subject: FW: Comments on marijuana

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From: 王悦 [mailto:hellenyue002@gmail.com]
Sent: Wednesday, January 27, 2016 1:34 PM
To: Planning Commission
Subject: Comments on marijuana

To whom this may concern,

My name is Yue Wang. I have just learned that a marijuana dispensary has applied for permit in the Redmond. We are strongly against this proposal and please do NOT approve the application for the permit!

Our family has been living in the Redmond Whole Foods neighborhood for over 2 years. We have a children who are growing up in this neighborhood known for its good schools and safe streets. I was shocked to learn that drugs are trying to get into our neighborhood and literally next door! We should protect our clean street and should not put our children at risks. If not, crimes and broken families would follow!

Our house is located at 188th PL NE. If you need to get in touch with me, please feel free to email back or call me at 2065578355.

If you need to hear more shocked voices, I can make sure that ALL parents, staff and teachers from this area hear the proposal and respond with objections!

A really concern resident and parent of 2,

Yue

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Jodi L. Daub

From: Planning Commission
Sent: Thursday, January 28, 2016 2:44 PM
To: Jason Rogers
Subject: FW: potential zoning code and policy changes for retail marijuana stores

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From: Antony Zhong [mailto:antony_zhong@msn.com]
Sent: Wednesday, January 27, 2016 10:29 AM
To: Planning Commission
Subject: potential zoning code and policy changes for retail marijuana stores

Hi Dear Planning Commission,

I support maintaining 1000 feet distance, from existing concerned areas, AND, including bus stops.

Thanks,

Antony Zhong
Resident of Redmond

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From: Jeff Henshaw <jeff@henshaw.org>
Sent: Thursday, January 28, 2016 3:42 PM
To: Planning Commission; Jason Rogers
Subject: Retail marijuana in Redmond

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Dear Redmond Planning Commission,

For seventeen years, I have been a resident of Redmond, most recently at 4136 244th Avenue NE. I am raising my family here, including two daughters - sixteen and twelve years old. My girls attend Lake Washington schools in Redmond, and participate on competitive dance teams that study and train in Redmond. I host an annual charity event in Redmond (<http://www.TulipRide.org>) which local Redmond businesses sponsor to benefit our community. For nearly 25 years, I have worked in Redmond at Microsoft. As much as any resident, ***I have a vested interest in ensuring that Redmond maintain the high quality of living that we all enjoy.***

Having researched the topic and case studies of retail marijuana sales in general, as well as having researched the specifics of The Grass Is Always Greener and its owners, I am thoroughly convinced that ***approving the proposed updates to zoning and enabling the establishment of marijuana retailers in Redmond is the safest, best path to a bright future for our community.***

A parent's worst nightmare is the idea of their children having access to illegal drugs, and escalating up a chain of harder and more dangerous substances. Today in Redmond, that is happening. It's happening at the hands of illegal dealers, whose ill intent is a jeopardy to our community. By enabling lawful marijuana sales in Redmond, we will take control of marijuana sales, and keep Redmond safe from the crime and associated danger of illegal dealers.

Ms. Rickman and Ms. Mindt are precisely the type of people that a city should be welcoming as retail owners. They care about this community as much as any of us. They take the responsibility of operating a marijuana retail store incredibly seriously, and they care personally about ensuring that Redmond remain the sort of safe, warm community in which we want our families to live.

Hundreds of concerned parents assembled at City Hall last night to share their fears. As a fellow parent, I understand those fears and appreciate the genuine, though misdirected, passion. ***A retail marijuana store will not introduce pot to our community (it's here already); it will remove illegal sales and the crime that comes with it in favor of safe, regulated sales to adults.***

I urge you to consider the actual state of marijuana in our schools, parks, and workplaces today -- and to allow regulated retail sales to commence in our city. The sooner that happens, the sooner Redmond will become the safer, progressive city that I know it to be.

Thank you,
Jeff Henshaw
4136 244th Avenue NE

Redmond, WA 98053

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Jodi L. Daub

From: zhi zheng <zenatz@gmail.com>
Sent: Thursday, January 28, 2016 3:49 PM
To: Jason Rogers; Council; Planning Commission
Subject: Please Stop Marijuana Invasion

Dear Redmond Governors,

My name is Zhi. I've been living in Redmond for 10 years. Redmond is the place where I started my career; it's the place where my two children were born; it's the place I call it home.

One of my five-year-old's favorite stories is The Lorax by Dr. Suess. Recently I couldn't help but thinking our Redmond is just like the beautiful Truffula tree forest, where technologies are thriving, talents are flourishing and residents are happier and healthier than most other cities. But once the marijuana selling Once-lers come in, things will change.

Once-ler said, " There's no cause for alarm. I chopped just one tree. I am doing no harm." Yes, it seems to be just one or maybe four marijuana stores for now, but what will be the next? Does Redmond want to attract drug abusers, burglars and other criminals to the city instead of smart, healthy, honest and caring people? Marijuana sellers are just like Once-ler, driven only by money and greediness. They don't think about the harms they do on other people and other families, and they certainly won't take responsibility on the downfall of a city.

I understand that opening marijuana stores will generate short-term revenue for the city, but at what cost in the long run? So dear respected governors, please make the right choice. Be the Lorax of City of Redmond and protect the city from the invasion of marijuana!

A mother who loves children and Redmond,
Zhi Zheng

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Jodi L. Daub

From: Jingdong Yu <jingdong.yu@gmail.com>
Sent: Thursday, January 28, 2016 4:44 PM
To: Planning Commission; Jason Rogers
Subject: Serious marijuana related public safety concerns

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Dear Redmond Planning Commissioners,

My name is JD Yu, and I spoke last night during marijuana public hearing session. And I would like to share the information with you in writing.

In the technical report section B Factors Considered, Question#8 Do Retail marijuana store affect nearby businesses?

The answer is yes, and I want to share with you a story to enhance this point. Last week I went to a barbershop at Factoria to have my haircut. The barbershop owner was cutting my hair, and I asked her, "have you heard a marijuana store might be opened next block?"

To my surprise, she almost jumped up, and her scissors almost scratched me!!

"Marijuana store, No!"

"Why not?" I asked her.

She was running a restaurant in Seattle, and a marijuana store was opened next door. Due to security reason, the store only allowed a couple of people enter the store at the same time, the rest will have to wait outside, the same during the day and night. Since then, a lot of troubles started, the windows were often found cracked, her and her mom's cars were broken into, and some people often smoked marijuana at the parking lot, "very stinky!" that's her words. She also personally saw some guy robbed a lady's hand bag. She called 911 many times, and police showed up and really couldn't help much but giving some warning since that's legal, or the people already left before police showed up. The businesses around that area were hit pretty bad because less and less clients went there to avoid any potential troubles. Finally she sold her restaurant and opened a barbershop at factoria.

I can tell she's really scared by my question!!

I have studied three recent official reports.

1) "Assessment of Impacts to Cities of Recreational Marijuana Legalization"

by The Association of Washington Cities (AWC)

2) "Driver Toxicology Testing and the Involvement of Marijuana in Fatal Crashes, 2010-2014"

published October 2015 by Washington Traffic Safety Commission

3) "A year in, taxes on legal weed yet to yield big windfall for state"

by Seattle Times staff reporter

I will share with you 3 points that I learned from these reports that have impact on public safety.

1). Impact on driving.

Suspected Driver Comparison Groups test results between 2010 and 2014



Alcohol Only decreased -23.9%

THC Only increased 122.2% THC (Tetrahydrocannabinals)

THC + Alcohol increased 43.8%

THC + Drugs increased 183.3%

THC + Drugs + Alcohol increased 200.0%

2) Impact on law enforcement

The marijuana-related driving incident can take up to 125% more staff time (approximately 2.5 hours more) by law enforcement than an alcohol-related Driving under Influence stop. If there are a significant number of marijuana-related driving incidents, cities may need to adjust staffing to ensure adequate patrol coverage. Additionally, they could result in additional criminal justice costs at all levels of government.

3) Criminal activities

It is difficult for marijuana businesses to open bank accounts due to federal banking laws, so all the transactions have to be completed with cash, which creates the potential for crime, specifically burglaries, targeting their businesses. Two cities being interviewed described an increase in marijuana-related crimes over the past several years, including robberies, violent crime, minor possession.

In summary, Driving under Influence and other marijuana-related criminal activities pose a significant public safety risk to the public. Please put public safety on the top priority when considering the marijuana regulation change.

Sincerely yours

JD Yu

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Jodi L. Daub

From: Yu Guo <guoyu_kathy@hotmail.com>
Sent: Thursday, January 28, 2016 4:33 PM
To: Jason Rogers
Cc: Planning Commission
Subject: RE: concern about recent marijuana trend

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Thanks Jason for your feedback. We really appreciate your response. Although we could not make it for yesterday's hearing. While we heard lots of people joined the meeting and raised their voice. We feel so proud to be part of this big family to share the love for our community. I believe every one expect Redmond to be a better and best place to live in. Hope the committees could understand our concerns and make the wise choose.

My friend who join the meeting told me that those marijuana stores owner were actually not lived in Redmond. This is so ironic that why they don't open the store in their community. Because they cannot, doesn't mean they can pollute other community. The marijuana support also challenge others were not educated. This is so ironic that as far as I know most of my friends and neighbors they got master or phd degree. And you could see from the data below that Redmond has a much higher education level than other area. I believe this is why we strongly against marijuana to get into Redmond. The more knowledge we learn, the more concern and worry we have. My dad has a friend whose kid was very smart at young age. Everyone believe he will have a brilliant future. Unfortunate he got in touch with drug and ruined his life. He got divorced, lost his job, lost custody of his kids. He lost the future. He is just a very general example that how dangerous drug could be. Marijuana will lead the way to drug in such an easy way that we have to be alert. No such tragedy happens to our kids.

<http://www.areavibes.com/redmond-wa/education/>

Education Level Achieved In Redmond

Index	Redmond	Washington	National
Completed 8th grade	94.7%	87.1%	83.4%
Completed high school	94.0%	86.1%	81.8%
Completed some college	84.4%	66.4%	57.5%
Completed associate degree	67.2%	41.0%	36.2%
Completed bachelors	60.1%	31.6%	28.5%
Completed masters	25.6%	11.4%	10.6%
Completed professional degree	4.9%	3.4%	3.2%
Completed doctorate	3.1%	1.4%	1.2%

Thanks again
Yu Guo, Qingtao Geng, Junia Geng, Sean Geng
1/28/2016

From: Jason Rogers [mailto:jrogers@redmond.gov]
Sent: Tuesday, January 26, 2016 12:17 AM
To: Yu Guo <guoyu_kathy@hotmail.com>
Subject: RE: concern about recent marijuana trend

Good evening:

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, and in a very small portion of the General Commercial zone on Redmond Way at the SR 520 offramp (it would not be allowed at the Whole Foods property). The Technical Committee recommendation does not include any change to existing buffers, which would remain 1,000 feet. 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.

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 85th Street. However I understand if you cannot make it; I have a young daughter myself so I know how challenging it can be to attend evening events. You may also send additional written comments to planningcommission@redmond.gov or directly to me at jrogers@redmond.gov. Thank you.

Jason Rogers



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From: Yu Guo [mailto:guoyu_kathy@hotmail.com]
Sent: Monday, January 25, 2016 12:10 PM
To: Jason Rogers
Subject: concern about recent marijuana trend

Hi

My friends told me that recently there are many changes for marijuana happening in Redmond, such as open stores near school area, increase the minimum distance to benefit more marijuana store. These have made us very nervous and would like to raise our concerns. When we bought our house on 2012 in Education hill, Redmond. We spent a lot of time investigate and compare with other areas. We finally decide to choose Redmond because we feel this area is better for our children's and things prove it is. While with all these changes, it has made this area not a good place for kids and risk our daily life. My daughter right now attends CCA which is near the proposed new marijuana store. We don't smoke and we have consistently avoid her into any smoking area. We cannot image when a marijuana store open in these area. It is not only bad for physical health, but also worse for mental health. It endangers the area, and increase the already heavily blocked traffic. We know the financial benefit may looks promising with these stores, but please do think about

our kids which are the future. We know there are a hearing tomorrow. We really want to join, while with 2 small kids. We cannot make it. We hope our voices could be heard at least.

Here is our home address
10811 177th CT NE
Redmond, WA, 98052

Thanks again for taking these into consideration.
Yu Guo, Qingtao Geng, Junia Geng, Sean Geng
1/25/2016

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From: Li Liu <lilium.liu@gmail.com>
Sent: Thursday, January 28, 2016 6:08 PM
To: Jason Rogers; Planning Commission
Cc: MayorCouncil; Council; Kimberly Allen; David Carson; Angela Birney; Hank Margeson; Hank Myers; Byron Shutz; JOHN STILIN
Subject: I DON'T WANT ANY MARIJUANA RETAIL STORE IN OUR BEAUTIFUL REDMOND CITY!

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Dear Redmond Governors,

My name is Li Liu and I am a resident in Redmond.

I'd like to thank you for hosting the public hearing on marijuana store zoning last night. It was very informative and helpful.

During the 3-hour public hearing, so many people who are against marijuana stores spoke their mind. They did tons of research and have very sound evidence regarding the public safety issues, bad impacts on kids, property value decrease etc that the marijuana stores may bring. And I have to say I totally agree with them.

And have you noticed that the only ones who support the marijuana retail stores are just the retailers themselves and they are from out of town? They do not live in Redmond and they certainly will not be concerned about the troubles that will be caused to this beautiful city by marijuana stores. All they are thinking is MONEY.

One of the pro-marijuana guys even insulted everyone by calling people in the room uneducated. Did he know that most of the people in the room have master's/phd degree in engineering/computer science and they work at Facebook, Microsoft, Google and other top tech companies in the world? As residents in Redmond, they are well-behaved taxpayers and never insult people! And do you want to live in a community that are full of smart and polite people or a bunch of rude drug users whose concerns and worries are simply replaced by : "when can I get high?"

As a senior financial analyst, I also read 2014 financial report of Seattle which reflects 6 months of marijuana sales and learned that its excise tax revenue increased \$3.8 million, 6.2 percent more than previous year. However, the public safety expenses increased \$53.7 million, 10.4 percent more than previous year. Although it is not stated in the report whether the increase in public safety expenses is directly related to marijuana, I have to think they are more or less related.

You may find the financial report here:

<http://www.seattle.gov/Documents/Departments/FAS/FinancialServices/2014CAFRcomplete.pdf>

In my opinion, the city may have prettier tax revenue numbers after the marijuana store is open. But please also take into consideration that the increased public safety expenses may even exceed the tax revenue from marijuana sales. THE CITY WOULD EVENTUALLY LOSE MONEY!

Thanks,
Li

Jodi L. Daub

From: Mark Bell <mwbell@outlook.com>
Sent: Thursday, January 28, 2016 8:18 PM
To: Jason Rogers; planningcommision@redmond.gov; Council
Subject: Retail Marijuana

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Having reviewed the zoning maps, the 1,000 foot buffer currently in effect should not be amended. I am writing this after discussing the reduced buffer proposals with a neighbor who was in attendance of your 1/27 forum. I do not have children, however after living in other parts of the country, I am very aware of what a fantastic city this is to raise children. There are children's athletic, religious, academic, and many other resources throughout the city beyond the simple categories used in the zoning maps, it would be nearly impossible not to expose children to retail outlets if the 1,000 foot buffer is amended.

I frequently pass the intersection of Willows & 124th where the sandwich board waver is always there directing people to the nearby retail outlet, until this evening when a concerned mother in tears knocked on my door, I could have cared less about the nearby retail location. Now, I hope I live in city that represents the concerned family, not the interests that threaten the safety of these families children.

Thank you for considering my thoughts.

Mark Bell
16568 NE 119th Way
Redmond

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Jodi L. Daub

From: Pang, Bin <binpang0612@gmail.com>
Sent: Thursday, January 28, 2016 8:53 PM
To: Jason Rogers
Subject: No Marijuana stores in Redmond

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Dear Rogers,

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Please, no Marijuana store in Redmond!

Regards,

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- Bin

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Jodi L. Daub

From: sowmya dayanand <sowmyad@gmail.com>
Sent: Thursday, January 28, 2016 9:02 PM
To: Jason Rogers; Planning Commission
Subject: Marijuana processing unit near Woodbridge in Redmond

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Hi,

I am very concerned about the proposal to have a marijuana processing plant near my community. There are existing challenges with the industry trucks and asphalt plant near the community that we deal with on an ongoing basis. And I am concerned that this would be an additional challenge for our community to face in the coming future. I am specifically concerned about

- the "crowd and type of people" the processing unit will attract
- the environmental impact
- the exposure to these facilities on my kids as we take these roads daily
- public safety

Both the processing unit and proposed retail store near whole food is very close to residential communities and we feel strongly against it.

We specifically picked Redmond and Woodbridge given the stellar schools and access to employment. Providing our kids a safe and healthy place to grow and become good citizens is our number one priority. Please help us in achieving this.

Thanks,
Sowmya

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Jodi L. Daub

From: Flora Mao <floramao1983@gmail.com>
Sent: Thursday, January 28, 2016 11:29 PM
To: Jason Rogers; Planning Commission
Cc: MayorCouncil; Council; Kimberly Allen; David Carson; Angela Birney; Hank Margeson; Hank Myers; Byron Shutz; JOHN STILIN
Subject: Please do not open a Pot store in City of Redmond Residential Area

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Dear Redmond Governors,

My name is Flora Mao. I've been living in Redmond for 4 years. Redmond is the place where I started my career; it's the place where my two children were born; it's the place where I call HOME.

I understand that there has been recently a scientific study that hit the headline as demonstrating that smoking a cannabis joint was at least twice as harmful to lung function as smoking a cigarette. So does that mean that we can ignore the fact that in most places and circumstances, the possession of cannabis is a criminal offence with potentially serious legal consequences? As a mom of two kids, I certainly do not want my family to live in a city which will potentially attract drug abusers, burglars and other criminals. As a home of the world's best known software company, Redmond is always proud of having the world's smartest engineerings, and their healthy, happy and caring families.

Healthy-wisely, heavy, long term exposure to marijuana may have biologically-based physical, mental, behavioral and social health consequences. According to the United States Department of Health and Human Services, there were 455,000 emergency room visits associated with cannabis use in 2011.

More importantly, for those kids and teens whose moral values are not strong enough to define the right and the wrong, the easy access and over-exposure to Cannabis retail is a path to a deeper, darker world, where the relaxation and the "high" feeling is so vital that they could do everything to pay for.

For our home's safety, for our family's health, and for our kids' tomorrow, please do not allow Pot Retail Store to open in the residential area of Redmond. Dear respected governors, please make the right decision! I, and thousands of honest tax payers in Redmond would really appreciate your support.

Sincerely,
Flora Mao

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Jodi L. Daub

From: Hui-Ling Liao <lalasis2003@yahoo.com>
Sent: Thursday, January 28, 2016 11:38 PM
To: Jason Rogers
Subject: No pot store in Redmond

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Dear Mr. Rogers,

As a long-time Redmond resident, I would like my city to be as it is now - a safe, healthy environment. To have a pot store in Redmond and near kids' playing area, it just poses safety issue and health concern to the citizens in this area. Woodinville and Sammamish made the wise decision to ban the pot store and I hope our city can do so.

Thank you.
Hui

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Jodi L. Daub

From: Mitzi Vaughn <mitzivaughn@yahoo.com>
Sent: Friday, January 29, 2016 9:09 AM
To: Planning Commission; Jason Rogers
Subject: Marijuana Buffers

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To whom it may concern:

I am writing to express my complete support for the reduction of buffer zones for Redmond marijuana businesses. These businesses are run by responsible members of our community and are entitled to be normalized as part of our town. Liquor stores pose a far greater risk to our community in terms of both safety and the actual physical effects of alcohol. Yet they are not regulated as carefully as marijuana businesses. It is time to show our neighbors that a marijuana business is not a scary sleazy thing, does not attract crime, and can instead add value.

Please feel free to call or email with any questions you may have.

Sincerely,
Mitzi (Margaret) Vaughn
24540 NE 11th Street
Redmond, WA 98074
425-894-6997

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Jodi L. Daub

From: Morgan Mjba <morgan@mjba.net>
Sent: Friday, January 29, 2016 9:17 AM
To: Jason Rogers; Planning Commission
Subject: The Grass is Always Greener

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Dear City of Redmond -

I grew up in Bellevue and have visited all over the world. And when Washington State legalized marijuana, I realized we (Washingtonians) are the most progressive people in the entire world - from civil rights, increased minimum wage and innovative technology. We are evolving.

I was at the meeting Wednesday night and was overwhelmed with the amount of misinformation spewed by these well-intended parents. Please review these comments from that evening from your cannabis business community:

Including:

Actually that stat about under-age treatment is roughly true and has been for years because they're being sentenced to treatment through the criminal justice system as an alternative to the juvie system (even many of the self-referrals are on the advice of an attorney in order to get on the good side of the court), not because any of those kids are necessarily in need of treatment. **They're in need of avoiding a criminal record.**

Because treatment slots are finite, in a sense we're crowding out people who might be in real need by shoving these primarily middle class white kids (whose parents can afford a good lawyer) -- into the system. Data and links here: <http://www.drugwarfacts.org/cms/> Start with the Treatment section, also check Adolescents and Marijuana.

You would be doing more harm than good, continuing to allow the Black Market of cannabis sales to continue. **I am** the normal consumer -- hard working, mother, taxpayer. I need safe access to cannabis, provided by well-vetted business people whose cannabis has been tested safe for consumption.

Please reduce the buffer and allow this hard working cannabis community to do business. I graduated Sammamish High School - President of Future Business Leaders of America. Cannabis is the *Future*, and last time I checked, this is *America*.

Please don't hesitate to contact me should you have any questions desire more information.

Morgan
425.444.4071
President, MJBA
Founder, MJBA Women's Alliance
Listen to my interview on Ganjapreneur



The Marijuana Business Association
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Jodi L. Daub

From: Jing Ding <jing.jd@gmail.com>
Sent: Friday, January 29, 2016 11:12 AM
To: Jason Rogers
Cc: ZZ
Subject: Concerns about retail marijuana store in Redmond

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Hi Jason,

I went to the public hearing on 1/27 evening. Thanks for the opportunity to express our concerns and feelings. As I mentioned at the hearing, Redmond has always been such a nice, friendly town. I would hate to see that change. Many of our fellow immigrants have grown to see Redmond as a second home. We are so happy to settle in a place where we felt the same values were shared.

I strongly object to modifying the zoning codes so the marijuana stores can be easily accessible for the general audience. The current zoning codes should stay the same. Actually it would be ideal if we could totally ban retail marijuana stores in Redmond.

There is a lot of money in the business but we have to think things through. It could cause harms in the long term. As an Asian parent, I know we would avoid such a presence as possible as we could. There is a large presence of Asian population in Redmond. And it keeps growing. Should the trend averted, it may cause damage to the housing market in Redmond. Property value could decrease and in turn there is less property tax revenue. I speak from firsthand experience since I have been working as a realtor since 2012.

We love Redmond and would like to stay here for a long time. It is hard to find a place where you feel belonged, where you can identify with. I always feel so grateful.

Please make the best decision for Redmond, for the residents and for the future.

Looking forward to any update on this issue.

Sincerely yours,
Jing

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The Force Realty
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Jodi L. Daub

From: Planning Commission
Sent: Friday, January 29, 2016 12:26 PM
To: Jason Rogers
Subject: FW: No to Marijuana in redmond

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From: Kaihua Xu [<mailto:kaihuaxu@microsoft.com>]
Sent: Thursday, January 28, 2016 6:18 PM
To: rogers@redmond.gov; Planning Commission; Council
Subject: No to Marijuana in redmond

Dear Redmond council and planning commission.

As resident of Redmond, I strong against opening marijuana store in city of Redmond.

Thanks
Kai

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Jodi L. Daub

From: Planning Commission
Sent: Friday, January 29, 2016 12:27 PM
To: Jason Rogers
Subject: FW: No Marijuana stores in Redmond

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From: Pang, Bin [mailto:binpang0612@gmail.com]
Sent: Thursday, January 28, 2016 8:54 PM
To: Planning Commission
Subject: No Marijuana stores in Redmond

Dear Planning Commission,

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Jodi L. Daub

From: Planning Commission
Sent: Friday, January 29, 2016 12:28 PM
To: Jason Rogers
Subject: FW: Concerns about Marijuana store zoning code

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From: HuangTina [<mailto:branchxi@hotmail.com>]
Sent: Thursday, January 28, 2016 11:26 PM
To: Planning Commission
Subject: Concerns about Marijuana store zoning code

Dear committee members,

I am writing to share some concerns of the marijuana retail store .

First , I would like to talk about the new recommendations of marijuana store zoning regulations. Here is my point:

1. The Overlake Chuch Preschool is just at the north of the planning zone overlay. But I didn't see it in the buffer. The address of the preschool is 9900 Willows Rd, Redmond, WA 98052. Please check it and add it into the buffer.

2. Due to the upper preschool I am strongly against to create the zone overlay in the MP zone.

3. I strongly support this recommendation:

The required minimum distance between retail marijuana stores and schools, playgrounds, daycares, transit centers, parks, recreation centers, and arcades would not change and would remain at 1,000 feet.

4. Due to the upper recommendation, I think the most area of GC zone is not qualified for the retail marijuana store. So I am strongly against the following recommendation:

Retail marijuana stores would also be allowed in the General Commercial (GC) zone, which is along Redmond Way between SR 520 and East Lake Sammamish Parkway.

4. I strongly support the following recommendation:

Retail marijuana stores would not be allowed in mixed use zones, including Downtown and Overlake.

My husband has a long history of smoking. My family have struggled many years for getting rid of the cigarette. We spend so much efforts , money and energy on the target. It is so hard to do that. So We could deeply understand what will happen when the marijuana store open in Redmond. Once it open in Redmond, the education for our kids will be easily ruined in maybe just minutes only because the marijuana store is

there. All the efforts we made to build a better family life , a better community, a better Redmond will be much more easily ruined too. Ruin is always much more easier than rebuild. The marijuana store will bring lots of bad impacts. We all the Redmond residents will pay for that. The local people won't be benefit from the marijuana store. Redmond city won't be benefit from the store too.

So please don't give them a chance to be here. We hope there are none of the marijuana store in Redmond. That is the finally goal of us all.

I ♥ ☐ Redmond.

Thanks

Xuyan Huang

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Jodi L. Daub

From: Planning Commission
Sent: Friday, January 29, 2016 12:30 PM
To: Jason Rogers
Subject: FW: Impact Would be brought to Redmond by Marijuana

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From: All ForFamily [mailto:allforfamily08@gmail.com]
Sent: Friday, January 29, 2016 9:34 AM
To: Planning Commission
Subject: Impact Would be brought to Redmond by Marijuana

Redmond City Planning Commission,

I went to the marijuana retailing public hearing 2 days ago, and as a long time resident who loves our community, I believe I have the responsibility to speak out what are good and what are bad.

First of all, I am not fan of Marijuana. Even the state selected to legalize it, but it doesn't mean we need bring the drug store(s) in our community. Colorado legalized pot in 2012, but majority of cities still ban it. Our neighbor city Woodinville bans it too. As a decent family-friendly beautiful city, Redmond doesn't have to start the retail store(s) just because pot dealers want to earn money from Redmond. It will be hard to get them out if the negative impact and side effects become issues here. The dealers get the profit while tax-payers of our community pay for the price.

Somebody would argue the tax money from the pot industry, but it will be meaningless comparing to the loss coming along with it, the increasing of criminal rate, the increasing of emergency room visiting, the worsen traffic, the drug sale to the teen, DUI related to Marijuana...

The following are some links to reports/news of the negative impact and side effects of marijuana, and everybody can find even more on line when you bing or google 'Marijuana':

<http://www.rmhidta.org/html/August%202014%20Legalization%20of%20MJ%20in%20Colorado%20the%20Impact.pdf>

<http://www.cnsnews.com/commentary/cully-stimson/7-harmful-side-effects-pot-legalization-has-caused-Colorado>

BTW, one drug dealer blamed the Redmond residents who are against the retailing store in our community as un-educated, unwilling to get new thing, and here are what I am thinking:

1. the majority of Redmond residents are well-educated on marijuana, not brain-washed
2. 'New' doesn't mean 'Good'. BTW, marijuana has been there for thousands of years, definitely not 'new', not 'good' either.

Please think over carefully when you make decision on behave of the residents of Redmond on this issue, and think more about benefit of Redmond residents instead of the pot dealers'.

Thanks,

Steve

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Jodi L. Daub

From: Tony Monsaas <tonymonsaas@hotmail.com>
Sent: Friday, January 29, 2016 1:13 PM
To: Jason Rogers
Subject: Marijuana stores

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Hi Jason,
My name is Tony Monsaas and I live at 18109 NE 108th ct Redmond.
I am opposed to any marijuana stores in Redmond.
Please let me know when the next meeting on this is.

Thank you,
Tony Monsaas

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Jodi L. Daub

From: crystalb@honu-inc.com
Sent: Friday, January 29, 2016 1:24 PM
To: Jason Rogers
Subject: The grass is always greener

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Dear Jason Rogers,

I am a co-owner of a cannabis farm located in Longview WA. My family and I got into the legal cannabis business because it was difficult for my father-in-law and my brother-in-law to find something to assist with the side effects from the life saving cancer medication they both were taking. Both my family members are currently cancer free, but continue to consume cannabis because of the minimal long term effects the next day compared to having some wine or a couple beers at night.

As a law abiding citizen of this state that is proud of the business my self and my family are building, I ask you to research, ask questions and consider the fact that many people in the Redmond area could benefit from legal, safe cannabis.

Thank you.

Crystal Bohannon
Honu Enterprises
360-232-8474
crystalb@honu-inc.com

Jodi L. Daub

From: Brian First <bfirst@microsoft.com>
Sent: Friday, January 29, 2016 1:38 PM
To: Jason Rogers
Subject: Vote against Comprehensive Plan and Zoning Code Amendments: Retail Marijuana

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Hello Jason,

I missed the public hearing but wanted to voice my strong objection to the proposed amendment allowing marijuana stores outlined in the Comprehensive Plan and Zoning Code amendments relating to the Grass is Always Greener, LLC proposal.

As a Muslim, consuming or promoting items that intoxicate is forbidden. From a civic standpoint and as a father and a longtime resident of Redmond, the same basic thinking should apply: that marijuana stores should not be allowed in any area near schools, retail areas, mosques, churches, synagogues, parks, or locations where families might be.

I also don't want sign twirlers standing on the edge of our intersections promoting drug use, causing curiosity in my young children or my neighbor's children. Sign twirlers are an eyesore on their own, and I notice that when marijuana stores open they seem to employ them around the area to promote their business.

There are a lot of undesirable activities that follow the use and sale of marijuana, and despite marijuana recently being made legal, those activities still follow its appearance. To allow this type of business into our neighborhoods will diminish the beauty and safety of Redmond and make it less desirable to live in this community.

Thank you for considering my position and for counting my voice **against** this proposal.

Brian First

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Jodi L. Daub

From: Sophie K. <paprika04@gmail.com>
Sent: Friday, January 29, 2016 1:38 PM
To: Jason Rogers
Cc: Planning Commission; Council
Subject: NO marijuana stores in Redmond, please!

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To whom it may concern,

I am a Redmond resident, who attended last Wednesday's public hearing on potential zoning changes for retail marijuana stores. While I heard many Redmond residents advocated for no zoning changes citing various different reasons, such as public safety issues, traffic concerns, and etc., I can't help noticing that the few attendees who were in favor of zoning changes are there for one big reason: \$\$\$\$. These are wholesalers, processors and potential retail owners, whose financial interests are on the line and who are there to make money. In sharp contrast, like many local residents, I am there because I want to keep Redmond a safe and healthy place to live for my family and the future generations. We don't extract any financial interest to be there and to contribute to the conversation. We are there because we care.

As a business professor, I can say I fully recognize the notion of 'profit' and understand where the potential retail owners come from. Profit used to be the single bottom line for American businesses. Fortunately, it is no longer the only bottom line. Corporate Social Responsibility (CSR) has entered the mainstream, both in practice and in academics. Our consumers and investors are yearning for modern businesses with double bottom lines. In a highly educated city like Redmond, we should support new businesses that could make our city a better place. Opening retail marijuana stores in our city does the opposite and I deeply feel for the concerns voiced by our residents.

Please, maintain the 1000 feet buffer from all public areas (not just schools and playgrounds). I could not imagine what our life would be if we could only feel comfortable taking our kids to schools and playgrounds, but are not able to enjoy our public parks, recreation centers, libraries and many other facilities, which the city has to offer.

Thank you for taking the time to host a public hearing and to receive public feedback on this important matter.

Sophie Kong

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Jodi L. Daub

From: da lin <bicaqiu@gmail.com>
Sent: Friday, January 29, 2016 2:00 PM
To: Jason Rogers
Subject: potential zoning code and policy changes for retail marijuana stores.

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Hi Jason,

I hope you can give this a serious thought and say no to this. It is pathetic if the city has to rely on the tax income from the pot stores. And to change Redmond from a bike city to a pot city might not sound good on the news either. I can't think of any valid reasons to support this change. The only supporters are the pot store owners and the reasons they gave sounded so weak. If anybody want to buy weed legally, they can get it in Bellevue within 15 minutes. We don't want it anywhere near Redmond.

Thanks,
Daniel Scott

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Jodi L. Daub

From: Hui Wang <huiwangwen@gmail.com>
Sent: Friday, January 29, 2016 3:56 PM
To: Jason Rogers; Planning Commission; Council
Subject: Marijuana retail store

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Hi Redmond governor,

I have live in Redmond almost 20 years, I love this city. I have a son and daughter aged 17 and 10. I don't want any Marijuana store in Redmond. Our American Dream has no "Marijuana".

Marijuana will increase car accident , increase crime, damage next generation's life, affect City' image. People will think about move out, and new immigrants will don't like to move in. City's economic will be affected.

Please do the right decision for the city and people who live in here.

Thank you!

Annie Wang

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Jodi L. Daub

From: Arsenault, Edward (GE Aviation, US) <edward.arsenault@ge.com>
Sent: Friday, January 29, 2016 4:07 PM
To: Jason Rogers
Subject: I do not want Pot in Redmond

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Jodi L. Daub

From: Tina monsaas <tinamonsaas@msn.com>
Sent: Friday, January 29, 2016 10:08 PM
To: Jason Rogers
Subject: I'm opposed to pot stores in Redmond

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Dear Mr. Rogers,

I have lived in Redmond for about 25 years. I'm emailing to voice my disapproval of allowing pot stores in our city. Legalization has led people to believe pot is harmless, but it can be very dangerous for the brains and mental health of those under the age of 25. (read "Weed the People" by local Seattle author Bruce Barcott - especially the chapter on Schizophrenia). When kids see stores they will think of pot as just like any other safe retail food or beverage. They won't see the harm in trying it. There is no good solution to how to safely supply pot to adults who want it and keep it away from kids at the same time. Let's err on the side of kids' safety. Keep the stores out of Redmond!

Sincerely,
Christina Monsaas

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Jodi L. Daub

From: Corey Burgess <coreyiburgess@gmail.com>
Sent: Friday, January 29, 2016 11:21 PM
To: Jason Rogers
Subject: Re The Grass Is Always Greener

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To whom it may concern

I just became away of the efforts of Jenny Rickman and The Grass Is Always Greener for an opening of a cannabis store here in Redmond. I am emailing to show my support of this local business owner and for our community! My family is directly affected by the positive effects of medical marijuana, and I would love to see our community benefit from that!!

Sincerely,

Corey Burgess

Jodi L. Daub

From: don.frazier@yahoo.com
Sent: Saturday, January 30, 2016 9:08 AM
To: Jason Rogers; Council; Planning Commission
Subject: No to POT in Redmond

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It might have received a majority statewide but I am still opposed to retail marijuana. No to Pot stores in redmond city limits. Personally I will not patronize any location that shares retail space with one. Sometimes the people want something that is not good for them.

Please do not approve licenses of any kind for the pot industry in Redmond WA.

I am a 9 year resident at 16571 NE 120th Way, Redmond.

don frazier
<mailto:don.frazier@yahoo.com>

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Jodi L. Daub

From: Matthew Riley <mdriley@gmail.com>
Sent: Saturday, January 30, 2016 1:36 PM
To: Jason Rogers; Planning Commission; Council
Subject: I'm pretty okay with pot stores.

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Hi there,

I live at 15628 NE 91st Way, 98052. I've been in Redmond for going on eight years now.

I don't think pot stores pose a meaningful threat to children or our neighborhoods.

That's less an opinion than an **absence** of an opinion, so I wouldn't usually reach out. However, a leaflet showed up at my door today telling me and others to say "No!" and I wanted to take a moment and make sure the "Meh" argument got some representation too.

Please continue to do what you think is best, on the whole, for the city's residential and commercial interests.

Thanks for your time,
Matt

Disclosure: I'm friends with folks who work at pot shops. They didn't ask me to write this mail. In fact, one of them would probably prefer I *didn't* because he'd like to avoid competition in Redmond.

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Jodi L. Daub

From: Lanqing Brownell <lanqingd@hotmail.com>
Sent: Saturday, January 30, 2016 4:02 PM
To: Jason Rogers; Planning Commission
Cc: MayorCouncil; Council; Kimberly Allen; David Carson; Angela Birney; Hank Margeson; Hank Myers; Byron Shutz
Subject: Regarding marijuana stores in Redmond

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Dear planning committee members,
I am writing this letter regarding the recent discussions about the zone planning for opening new marijuana retail stores in Redmond.

I understand that the city of Redmond complies with the state law in regard with recreational marijuana stores. Recent changes on the state law has made it possible for the new marijuana stores to be open in Redmond. However, I would suggest we do not give marijuana store owners license in Redmond to open new stores in Redmond.

This is based on the following logic of mine:

1) Social impact is negative.

I understand Marijuana has medical values. At the same time for anyone who doesn't need it for medical purpose, it has more negative impact such as mood changes, more risk of mental health, impairment of working memory, than positive ones. Being easily addictive, the impact could be life long. For the ones who need its medical values, they could get it from hospital.

I have a few friends who have first hand experience dealing with marijuana. One of them has a son that is addictive to it. He told her that the only thing that could make him happy is marijuana. He becomes a totally different person when he uses it. He lost his job and lives off social welfare and his mom. I have another friend whose sister has recently decided to move to a different state for an affair leaving two young confused and angry children behind. Her journey started with the usage of marijuana. These are common people fighting everyday battles of their lives. Marijuana does not help them. It brought them down. Statistic data is not capable to describe the huge negative impact of marijuana on these people. Marijuana makes people lazy. It takes away people's incentive to be active and makes them less productive.

2) Economy impact is not positive either.

Some people argue that having marijuana stores in Redmond will bring in more revenues. My question to them is this -- as the tax income from marijuana stores increase, how about tax income from other businesses? Money in people's pocket has to be spend somewhere. If they don't spend on marijuana, they will be spent somewhere else. The marijuana store owners are from out of town. Money in the pocket of the people in Redmond will be given to them first and then a small percentage comes back in the form of tax. How does it help our economy?

That being said, one could still argue that some people in Redmond will need to spend money on marijuana. Let them spend their money here in Redmond instead of in other cities. I have no counter argument against that. I only have one question -- is it true that when more people use marijuana then the economy will become better? There is no data showing this because it is very difficult to isolate other factors. My theory is

that since it makes people lazy, it will not be helpful for people to work more or work smarter or be more productive. Another word, using marijuana does not help to do additions into the economy. On the other hand, heavy usage of marijuana will make people less capable of working and more likely to live off social welfare. More usage of marijuana will impact negatively in the long run for the local economy. But isn't more usage of marijuana the desires of these store owners?

3) Do we have a strong demand in Redmond for marijuana?

Currently, the stores in other cities are not busy. It does not show there are strong demands more than supply. And I am glad it is not. However if the store owners would like to push more stores and more exposures of marijuana, there will be more people using it. That is what they want as business owners. But this is not what we'd like to see as the people and the government.

4) Comparison to alcohol does not justify that we need privately owned marijuana stores in Redmond.

I know many people compare marijuana with alcohol. State has very few liquor stores available to adults. It is under the state control. Then why do we allow private business owners to operate this business? The comparison lost its consistency right here.

5) Last, but not least, what is the intention of the business owners who would like to open stores in Redmond?

To make more money here, which is understandable and legitimate. However, it happens to be this is not something we could call a "healthy" business. To make more money, they have to create more demands, meaning more addiction or more non-addictive usages which could potential become addictive. Should our government help them or help the already poor to get out of addiction?

In a summary, if our government cares local economy, it should realize that these stores do not bring more positive revenue in the long run and it does not bring more jobs in the long run. It is possible to increase our social welfare spending in the long run. If our government cares about our people's well being, it should also realize that it does not help to build a healthy energetic society. I do not see any long term profit by allowing these stores to be open in Redmond at all.

If we do a public poll on this issue, you could see that the majority does not want marijuana. As the government that governs, we are called to put the first priority of the people's well being. Please do not give in to the pressure from these store owners from out of the town. If someone who would like to use marijuana, they have plenty of choices from other cities who do not see clearly its impact and have opened the doors to them. Let our city to be the wise one and say no to recreational marijuana before it is too late. This is not a healthy entertainment.

Best regards,

--Lanqing Brownell

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From: Robert DeWeese <deweese3@gmail.com>
Sent: Saturday, January 30, 2016 6:13 PM
To: Jason Rogers
Subject: support pot in redmond

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Jason,

I am concerned about these door to door people in Redmond asking people to ban pot. I for one am a supporter of recreational usage. If these people do not want pot, they don't have to smoke it. Why should I be forced to spend my money outside of Redmond when its perfectly legal? I voted for it, I want it. I want Redmond to get my tax dollars for it. Tell these people if they don't want it around to not use it themselves.

Regards,

Rob DeWeese
16715 ne 107th st
Redmond, Wa 98052

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Jodi L. Daub

From: sridhar@komandur.com on behalf of Sridhar Komandur <komandur@komandur.com>
Sent: Saturday, January 30, 2016 6:28 PM
To: Jason Rogers; Planning Commission
Subject: Marijuana stores in Redmond ...

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Hi,

We've lived in Redmond for more than 12 years and are raising two responsible future citizens.

I'm very concerned about the consideration of marijuana stores in Redmond. While it may be legal, I don't want kids in our school (for that matter even adults!) to think it is socially responsible. There are many ways to experience deep mental relaxation without chemically altering our brains (for example, meditation).

The dangers posed on our roads and to our kids emotional well-being is too great to allow marijuana stores anywhere in Redmond.

Thanks,
Regards,
- Sridhar Komandur, PhD

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Jodi L. Daub

From: Mindy Lin <mindymlin@hotmail.com>
Sent: Saturday, January 30, 2016 9:43 PM
To: Jason Rogers; Planning Commission; Council
Subject: NO MARIJUANA STORES IN REDMOND!!!!!!!!!!!!!!!!!!!!

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I wish to make it clear, as a resident of Redmond, I do not want marijuana stores here, or anywhere in the state, or the country for that matter. Please don't let short-sighted greed and ignorance dictate what happens to our city. There is plenty of research available that clearly shows how damaging this substance is and we really don't need more people walking around with fewer brain cells than what they currently have. Don't we have enough problems already without inviting this in? I see absolutely no benefit to our city by having such stores...maybe a few people will profit heavily at the great expense of public health, and safety. In the long term this hurts everyone. I take pride in the fact that our city is family oriented, clean, safe, beautiful, and often makes the lists of best places to live. Let's think long and hard about how and why we get on those lists...it sure wasn't due to access to drugs!!!! Let's keep the drugs and druggies out please and thank you.

Mindy Lin
Education Hill resident

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From: Keith Boyce <keithboyce@comcast.net>
Sent: Saturday, January 30, 2016 12:00 PM
To: Planning Commission
Cc: Jason Rogers
Subject: Marijuana buffer zones
Attachments: WMA Redmond Planning Commision.pdf; ATT00001.txt

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Thank you for allowing me to testify at your hearing last week.

The Washington Marijuana Association is in favor of easing the buffer zones to help local businesses get established. Please see the attached for more detail.

Jodi L. Daub

From: Planning Commission
Sent: Monday, February 01, 2016 1:04 PM
To: Jason Rogers
Subject: FW: I-502

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From: Joshua Shade [mailto:thekusherycathcart@mail.com]
Sent: Monday, February 01, 2016 11:51 AM
To: Planning Commission
Subject: I-502

Hello,
I have a few questions regarding the current ban on I502 recreational retail marijuana stores. Does Redmond have zoning put in place for retail marijuana? If not, are there any plans to lift that ban and make a zoning map? Also, is there anybody new on the city council this year?
Thank you for your time,
Katie

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From: Planning Commission
Sent: Monday, February 01, 2016 9:47 AM
To: Jason Rogers
Subject: FW: No to Marijuana in our neighborhood

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From: Barbara Deming [<mailto:demingbarbara@gmail.com>]
Sent: Saturday, January 30, 2016 1:51 PM
To: Planning Commission; Council
Subject: No to Marijuana in our neighborhood

Please represent the voices of Redmond and do not allow Marijuana Retail stores in our community. I have seen the negative impact it has on childrens lives and do not think this is a healthy choice for our community.
Barbara Deming
177th Ave. NE
Redmond

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Jodi L. Daub

From: Planning Commission
Sent: Monday, February 01, 2016 9:46 AM
To: Jason Rogers
Subject: FW: Marijuana retail in Redmond

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From: Gerri Tyler [<mailto:grrt Tyler@gmail.com>]
Sent: Friday, January 29, 2016 5:46 PM
To: Planning Commission
Subject: Marijuana retail in Redmond

I was unable to attend the hearing on Wednesday, but I wanted you to know that as a citizen of Redmond for almost 30 years, I support a responsible approach to allowing marijuana sales in our city. I believe the planning and zoning restrictions are adequate. I have purchased at stores in the state and have found them to be responsible and knowledgeable. Please allow these business owners to work in our town, rather than have to search elsewhere. Our state has legalized it and has adequate measures in place. Let's stop the black market on this issue, a much bigger threat to our children.

Thank you.
Gerri Tyler
15634 NE 95th Way

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From: Planning Commission
Sent: Monday, February 01, 2016 9:45 AM
To: Jason Rogers
Subject: FW: Marijuana, my \$0.02

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From: Peter Fahringer [mailto:peter.fahringer@gmail.com]
Sent: Friday, January 29, 2016 4:54 PM
To: Planning Commission
Subject: Marijuana, my \$0.02

I've not tried it in 15 years, work in Redmond, live 500 feet outside the city in Sammamish and have two impressive kids; 5 and 8 years old. I fully support retail Marijuana stores in Redmond with the less restrictive zoning proposed.

Peter Fahringer

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From: Planning Commission
Sent: Monday, February 01, 2016 9:45 AM
To: Jason Rogers
Subject: FW: Retail Store

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From: jdam31@comcast.net [mailto:jdam31@comcast.net]
Sent: Friday, January 29, 2016 4:45 PM
To: Planning Commission
Subject: Retail Store

Hello,

I was interesting in possibly opening a retail marijuana store in Redmond and wanted to know what the decision was from the January 27th meeting discussing changing the zoning. I know currently there is virtually no where to go, but wanted ti know if there were going to be any changes that would create more viable locations?

Thank you,

Jared

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From: Planning Commission
Sent: Monday, February 01, 2016 9:44 AM
To: Jason Rogers
Subject: FW: I do not want Pot in Redmond

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From: Arsenault, Edward (GE Aviation, US) [<mailto:edward.arsenault@ge.com>]
Sent: Friday, January 29, 2016 4:07 PM
To: Planning Commission
Subject: I do not want Pot in Redmond

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Jodi L. Daub

From: Planning Commission
Sent: Monday, February 01, 2016 9:31 AM
To: Jason Rogers
Subject: FW: No Marijuana stores in Redmond Please!

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

From: Hilary Prentice [mailto:hilary@sammamishmontessori.com]
Sent: Friday, January 29, 2016 2:21 PM
To: Planning Commission
Subject: No Marijuana stores in Redmond Please!

Dear City of Redmond Planning Commission,

We were just notified that the City of Redmond is considering zoning changes allowing Marijuana stores in certain areas of Redmond. Please vote NO on this measure. We do not need pot stores anywhere near children.

On a similar note, we are unsure why we received no notification regarding the eCig and Vape store and a Liquor store that was put in right across from our school less than 1000 feet from our facility. And there is actually another business right next door to the eCig and Vape store catering to children. Why is there no restriction on those being located near schools and daycares? We have seen an increase in loitering and littering around our area relating to this, which makes the idea of a pot store anywhere near this area very concerning.

The area under consideration is very close by Marymoor park and the walking trail that is frequented by families routinely. That trail should be considered a park in terms of zoning.

I was surprised to find that the survey questions do not allow respondents to give their answers clearly (<https://redmondcommunications.typeform.com/tobd7sgD>). The first option says how far should a pot store be from a library or daycare and only allows answers with defined distances. It should also include a "nowhere near" option. It is unclear who authored this survey so it may not have been generated by the City.

Please help us keep Redmond free of Marijuana stores and the problems they bring. Thank you for your assistance keeping Redmond safer.

Hilary Prentice
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From: jsparks425@comcast.net
Sent: Sunday, January 31, 2016 3:16 PM
To: Jason Rogers
Subject: re: Redmond Survey

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I am a senior who benefits from Medical marijuana and want to comment of allowing Marijuana Retail stores in Redmond.

Several years ago, I would have thought it was a bad idea to allow the retail stores in Redmond, but finding the advantages of marijuana for adults for pain anxiety or stress instead of prescription drugs. I strongly believe it is safer without side effects for adults than alcohol or medication. Times are changing and we must be tolerant of how people cope in life, particularly if they do it in the privacy of their homes. These area's suggested are not near a school, park, or shopping area but in commercial areas.

Times are changing and we must be tolerant of how other people cope with tough issues.
Please respect my privacy by not sharing my personal information...

Suzanne Parks
jsparks425@comcast.net

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Jodi L. Daub

From: David Carson
Sent: Tuesday, February 02, 2016 10:36 AM
To: Planning Commission
Cc: Jason Rogers; Council
Subject: FW: No Marijuana stores in Redmond

For the record in this matter.

From: Yamparunner [<mailto:susanlangsley@gmail.com>]
Sent: Monday, February 1, 2016 17:16
To: Council <Council@redmond.gov>
Subject: No Marijuana stores in Redmond

No pot stores here in Redmond.

Thanks!!!

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Jodi L. Daub

From: Bob Morse <rw Morse@comcast.net>
Sent: Wednesday, February 03, 2016 11:36 AM
To: Planning Commission
Cc: Jason Rogers
Subject: I-502 Marijuana Vote, City of Redmond, 11.6.12

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Chairman O'Hara,

After the recent Public Hearing on Zoning for Recreational Marijuana Stores, I mentioned that I would provide you data on the election results for the November 6, 2012 election for the City of Redmond on Initiative 502. I went to the King County web site and found the election results by precinct for Redmond. The total percentage voting Yes for this initiative was 63%. There was no precinct in the City of Redmond where the voters voted No for Initiative 502.

I also mentioned that our company would contact all the yellow areas on the map that would be zoned for recreational stores. So, we are half way through the calls and so far we have not found a single landlord who has been willing to lease their space to a recreational cannabis store.

Bob Morse
Owner
Lucid Cannabis Company
Olympia

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Jodi L. Daub

From: Richard Geasey <richgeasey@gmail.com>
Sent: Friday, February 05, 2016 9:50 AM
To: Jason Rogers; Council; planningcommision@redmond.gov
Subject: Marijuana Retail Stores in Redmond

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To Whom It Concerns,

I am a resident of Redmond living in the Rivertrail community, just north of City Hall.

A week ago a fellow resident asked me to sign a petition to say No to allowing marijuana retail operations in the city of Redmond. I said I was in favor of the stores.

I am 60 years old so no stranger to marijuana. Personally, I think alcohol and its easy availability nearly everywhere is a far greater problem and issue than marijuana.

Any fool can see the tide is turning, in five years this battle will be over in most states (and possibly at the federal level). These stores are innocuous and in fact will financially aid our community. Additionally, surrounding communities are allowing stores right on our borders.

I say please approve this. There are no "issues" here in regards to kids, in fact if that were the case then we should focus on reducing other exposure to drugs and alcohol (and prescription medications).

Stop wasting our cities resources on non-problems please!

Don't give in to the ignorance!

--

Richard Geasey

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Jodi L. Daub

From: Barbara Cahoon <barb.cahoon@gmail.com>
Sent: Wednesday, February 03, 2016 12:55 PM
To: Jason Rogers
Subject: Marijuana Stores in Redmond

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Hi Jason ~

Thank you so much for your representations of the people through your service in public office. Your concerns for the community of Redmond and all of us who live here are so very appreciated.

I write concerning the possibility of establishing marijuana stores in Redmond. As a member of the community since 1993, I strongly oppose such a use of our public property. Redmond is a city known for, and continually proposing, active and healthy lifestyles. Use of marijuana as a recently legalized recreational drug, opposes these efforts. Having marijuana dispensaries in the city of Redmond also brings the possibility of greater crime, driving under it's influence, and higher level of usage among citizens, particularly younger citizens where it becomes more highly accessible and it's presence a curiosity.

With land parameters changing on where these sites can consider locating, I am concerned that marijuana sales' presence will be far too easily obtained, without considering that Redmond is still known as a bedroom community, with a family-friendly profile. Please keep marijuana sales out of Redmond. We don't wish to knowingly invite the challenges that share it's use to our community.

Sincerely,
Barb Cahoon
Redmond

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Jodi L. Daub

From: kevin.mashek@dynamicharvest.net
Sent: Tuesday, February 02, 2016 11:23 AM
To: Jason Rogers; Commission@redmond.gov
Subject: Marijuana Zoning

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I am writing to you to urge you to give the same consideration to marijuana retail stores that you would give any other retail business. There are so many misunderstandings in this business that people do not understand. It does not create crime it helps eliminate it because it pushes the black market off the streets. Just like you would not buy liquor from a bootlegger on a corner when it's legal in stores the same holds true for marijuana. Why buy from a black market dealer when it's legal in the stores and you know what's in it because the products are tested. So the only place a child under 21 would be able to obtain it is with a illegal dealer. Who is not around any longer because their customer base has been eliminated in the 21+ crowd. So it is actually safer when you control it as opposed to making it difficult to obtain. I urge you to please zone these businesses fairly.

--

Kevin Mashek
Dynamic Harvest
CEO/Owner
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kevin.mashek@dynamicharvest.net

Jodi L. Daub

From: jennifer aries <j.aries@icloud.com>
Sent: Tuesday, February 02, 2016 11:06 AM
To: Jason Rogers
Subject: Support of the proposed zoning change

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I would like to offer my support of the proposed zoning changes regarding the i502 Recreational Marijuana retail stores. I feel that by offering adults a safe and professional environment to legally purchase cannabis is a huge win for our communities. The regulations surrounding the legal recreational market are not only designed to keep away the black market sales, but ensures that the products are grown with only natural ingredients, and are much safer than even the medical marijuana dispensaries offers. Everything about the i502 program is created with the public safety in mind. I am a 57 year old woman who is carded EVERY TIME I visit a store, I am also sure that everything in there is compliant with the Washington State Liquor & Cannabis Control Board, which is very restrictive.

Not only do I see this as a win for the City of Redmond financially, but also for the residents of Redmond who can legally purchase cannabis products without worrying about what chemicals or unsafe products have been used to grow their cannabis.

I urge you to make this legal program accessible to adults in our community.

Jennifer Aries

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From: Planning Commission
Sent: Tuesday, February 02, 2016 8:43 AM
To: Jason Rogers
Subject: FW: No Marijuana stores

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From: Yamparunner [<mailto:susanlangsley@gmail.com>]
Sent: Monday, February 01, 2016 5:56 PM
To: Planning Commission
Subject: No Marijuana stores

No pot stores here in Redmond,

Thanks!

Susan Langsley, RN, BSN

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From: Planning Commission
Sent: Tuesday, February 02, 2016 8:41 AM
To: Jason Rogers
Subject: FW: Marijuana zoning concerns

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

From: Amber Ludwick [<mailto:amberludwick@gmail.com>]
Sent: Monday, February 01, 2016 9:19 PM
To: Planning Commission
Subject: Marijuana zoning concerns

Dear Planning Commission,

I attended the public hearing last Wednesday but did not speak due to the large number of people present, but I wanted to send a few comments.

I am against creating special conditions in the zoning code for Marijuana stores in locations where it would otherwise not be allowed.

- Every single person that spoke on behalf of opening a marijuana retail store was there because they stand to make money from it. The grower that's looking for more retail outlets, the bag maker, the marijuana tester, and of course the individual trying to open a store are all there because they want to make money, not because they are interested in what's best for the community. In fact the vast majority of pro-marijuana speakers weren't even Redmond residents.

- On the public survey, the question about location is an open ended questions "Where in Redmond should a marijuana store be located?" Which is clearly a leading question that starts with a premise that marijuana stores must be in Redmond. This makes it even more remarkable that the nearly 70% of the people answered "nowhere."

- The willows manufacturing zone is two miles from two recreational marijuana stores in Kirkland. If this proposal is about bringing more money into Redmond, then certainly it may do that, but if it's about increasing access to eliminate the black market, this doesn't really increase access by adding more stores so close to two already established stores.

- Many at the public hearing framed the question about whether marijuana should be legal, but that's not the question. Marijuana is legal in Redmond and this is not a proposal on that. This is a land use proposal. The question should be "Is having a marijuana store so important to Redmond that we should create a special zoning regulations that allow marijuana in a location that isn't appropriate for retail?" Both in writing and in person, businesses in that manufacturing park expressed concerns about the traffic and parking problems that would occur with a marijuana store. There is a reason why zoning codes exist and why retail is not permitted in that zone. A marijuana store is actually more likely to exacerbate the problems of retail in a non-retail zone. If all 4 stores open and have average sales for a state store, the areas will see between 1,000-2,000 visitors a day. The infrastructure simply isn't there to support that kind of volume, which is why the zoning regulations exist in the first place. I for one think zoning regulations have a purpose and I don't

think marijuana retail is so important that we should completely ignore the useful and important role that zoning regulations play in ensuring that certain businesses don't have a crushing negative impact on their neighbors.

Thank you so much for your time,
Amber Ludwick

Jodi L. Daub

From: Guanghui Li <guanghuister@gmail.com>
Sent: Monday, February 01, 2016 9:55 PM
To: Jason Rogers; Planning Commission
Subject: marijuana stores in Redmond

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Dear Redmond Planning Commissioners,

I was one of the supporters to legalize marijuana in the Washington state. However, I am strongly against opening marijuana stores in Redmond.

I voted for the legalization of marijuana because I agreed with the arguments for the measure in the Voter's Guide¹. I wanted our law enforcement resources to focus on violent crime; I wanted profits taken away from organized crimes; and I wanted tax on the legal marijuana industry to be a source of new funding for health care, research and drug prevention, especially for youth. I never supported the use of marijuana. I simply believed we needed a new approach to deal with marijuana use.

I trusted that the state would put in enough safe guards to ensure that marijuana sales would be controlled in a safe manner. After all, as recent as several years ago, Washington State still controlled liquor sales. In addition, at this very moment, marijuana is still not legalized under the federal laws.

However, recent developments made me question that trust. First, instead of keeping the buffer zone of 1,000 feet for recreation and childcare centers, public parks or transit centers, libraries and arcades, as approved by the voters, cities are allowed to reduce it to 100 feet³. Second, there are talks about eliminating daycare centers and parks from protection altogether⁴.

In fact, I became positively alarmed when I watched the meeting video of Redmond Planning Commission dated January 20th, 2016. One of the commissioners seemed to believe that the passing of I-502 means that the "will of the people" is to open as many pot shops as possible and wherever possible. When other commissioners did not agree with him in putting pot shops in downtown Redmond to contribute to his vision of "a vibrant downtown", he called it hypocrisy.

Please let me clarify. **Voting "Yes" on I-502 is not the same as supporting the use of marijuana. Voting "Yes" on I-502 is not the same as wanting to see marijuana stores opening everywhere. Stores opened without safe guards in place do not represent "will of the people". If I knew then that all those safe guards would be disregarded, I would not have voted "Yes" on I-502.**

We are on uncharted ground here because legalization of marijuana is so new. Do we know the long term impact of a retail marijuana store on traffic jam, traffic fatalities, nearby businesses, property values, and last but not the least, on drug use and addiction by both youth and adults? No, we do not. When in the dark, it pays to go slow. To rush in, as if there are only benefits and

minimal costs, is not wise government. There are already pot shops in both Bellevue and Kirkland. Why don't we wait 5 years and observe closely what happens to them before we decide?

Even though we cannot know the long term impact now, the short term experience from Colorado provides us with alarming statistics based on a comprehensive 183-page report in 2015 (5-page executive summary included) and a 13-page update in 2016. In 2014, when retail marijuana businesses began operating, there was a 32 percent increase in marijuana-related traffic deaths in just one year from 2013⁴. In the two-year average (2013/2014) since Colorado legalized recreational marijuana (2013), youth (12 to 17 years old) past month use increased 20 percent compare to the two-year average prior (2011/2012)⁵. Based on those statistics and much more from the report, I am strongly against having retail marijuana in Redmond.

We cannot decide what happens in other states and other cities, but we can make decision for our own city. By not having pot shops, our residents still enjoy all the benefits of I-502—no criminalization and access to marijuana, but free of the many associated downsides of having them in the city. By not having pot shops, we provide a safe harbor for parents who are worried about young minds having too much exposure to marijuana. Imagine what that could do to our property values. By not having pot shops, we distinguish Redmond from being just one of the many and signal to the world that Redmond does more to care for the welfare of her residents.

I envision Redmond to be an oasis, where our green city is defined by its beautiful evergreen landscape instead of "The Grass is Always Greener". I sincerely hope you agree with me.

Sincerely,

Guanghai Li

4315 170th CT NE,

Redmond, WA 98052

Resources:

1. Arguments for Initiative 502 from official Voter's Guide
<https://weiapplets.sos.wa.gov/MyVote/OnlineVotersGuide/Measures?countyCode=xx&electionId=46#ososTop>
2. <http://housedemocrats.wa.gov/tag/i-502/feed/> (January 26, 2015)
3. Kirkland's first marijuana retail store to open this month on Willows Road NE
<http://www.redmond-reporter.com/news/290840861.html> (February 4, 2015)
4. The legalization of Marijuana in Colorado: The Impact, Volume 3, Sept. 2015
<http://www.rmhidta.org/html/2015%20FINAL%20LEGALIZATION%20OF%20MARIJUANA%20IN%20COLORADO%20THE%20IMPACT.pdf>

5. The legalization of Marijuana in Colorado: The Impact, Latest Results for Colorado, Youth and Adult Marijuana Use, January 2016
<http://www.rmhidta.org/html/FINAL%20NSDUH%20Results-%20Jan%202016%20Release.pdf>

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Jodi L. Daub

From: Yamparunner <susanlangsley@gmail.com>
Sent: Monday, February 01, 2016 5:10 PM
To: Jason Rogers
Subject: Not thrilled about Pot for sale

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Hi,

I would NOT like to have pot for sale in Redmond at all. Especially not near any schools or youth sports areas, or near Target, Whole foods, East Lake Sammamish Trail, or Cedar Crest Academy-anyplace youth "hang out".

Cities have the right to pass laws limiting availability of alcohol-why not pot, too?

Let's just skip having pot stores here in Redmond.

Sincerely,

Susan Langsley, RN, BSN
Redmond, WA
PTSA member

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Jodi L. Daub

From: Planning Commission
Sent: Monday, February 01, 2016 9:50 AM
To: Jason Rogers
Subject: FW: Marijuana Store Issues

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

From: Jim & Elaine Burdon [<mailto:ejburdon@gmail.com>]
Sent: Sunday, January 31, 2016 8:26 AM
To: Planning Commission
Subject: Marijuana Store Issues

I was reading in the Redmond Reporter about the meeting concerning retail marijuana stores. I'm not getting into the is it right or not, or if it will corrupt the children. What I will say is that I work by Totem Lake where there are several of the stores. My concern is that on some days the stench is overpowering and spreads quite a distance. It's not like a neighbor's BBQ smell drifts over to the next yard - this is quite pervasive.

Please keep this in mind when you locate these stores.
Thank you

Elaine Burdon

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Jodi L. Daub

From: Planning Commission
Sent: Monday, February 01, 2016 9:49 AM
To: Jason Rogers
Subject: FW: Retail Marijuana

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From: Sue Stewart [<mailto:stewars51@gmail.com>]
Sent: Saturday, January 30, 2016 5:01 PM
To: Planning Commission
Subject: Retail Marijuana

I prefer what the Licensee's want:

ADD **Retail Marijuana** to the MP Zones (of which the TC has offered only one overlay) in addition to the Commercial Zones

Put an initial restriction of 2 stores before allowing 2 more stores --- a proposed delay of 2 years seems reasonable to me

Buffer the distance BETWEEN retail marijuana stores to 1000 feet to avoid, as was pointed out, a "GREEN ZONE".

I am neutral on the buffer between stores and those facilities that the State initially restricted to 1000 feet but now are allowing local jurisdictions to reduce as low as 100 feet. The State LIQUOR & CANNISBIS BOARD (SL&CB) have allowed for this given that children in these other settings are highly supervised and managed by adult guardians, be they parents or the child's guardians such as Day Care personnel.

The Technical Committee is offering only one MP Zone overlay ----- the business park opposite the BLACK RAVEN BREWERY - for Retail Marijuana so the conditions of parking and business hours is definitely an issue that will require clarification just as the parking/traffic has been problematic for Black Raven.

In talking with the two Licensee's at the Workshop they have met with resistance not just with the ambiguity of the Redmond regulations but with the Landlords within the Commercial Zone ----They (Commercial Landlords) have NOT been willing to rent/lease to these commercial enterprises. This is why they are seeking an opportunity for the regulation to permit them in the Manufacturing Zone, using the example of the Breweries for the retailing portion of their enterprise.

King County and Redmond both passed I-502 in the majority - personally I don't agree with the NIMBY responses at the Planning Commission. The debate about the safety and ethics of marijuana was decided in 2012 followed with the Administrative Rules established both by the Legislature and the SL&CB. I believe at the end of the day, jurisdictions like FIFE, (and if happens here in Redmond) will be overturned by the COURTS as restricting Commercial Enterprise.

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From: ph c [mailto:leelapod@gmail.com]
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To: Planning Commission
Subject: Missed the marijuana hearing- 21 year old female perspective former medical marijuana patient now sober and against weed

Hi,
I was across the country and disappointed about not being at the hearing about marijuana.

I do not agree in any way with having retail marijuana stores in Redmond. Seattle is close enough if people any age people want to buy marijuana from a recreational store there are ones as close as 15 minutes drive. I also want to comment on some things I read in an article about the marijuana hearing. I myself had smoked marijuana heavily for 6 years 3 of which of which were in Washington and for all three of which I had medical marijuana. I did and do not agree in any way with having retail marijuana stores in Redmond. Seattle is close enough if people, any age people, want to buy marijuana from a recreational store there are ones as close as 15 minutes drive. I also want to comment on some things I read in an article about the marijuana hearing.

It is extremely Common for even a dispensary (although I have not been to a retail marijuana store) for a medical marijuana store to be extremely extremely extremely lax about regulations and even identification. I have gone to a dispensary before note I no longer smoke for the past year or more but when I did go I had renewed my card for marijuana and I had not even given my ID but since the guy recognized me at the Issaquah medical marijuana store he let me in any way and I reminded him hey my thing expired that you have on file quite a few weeks ago.

Some things I'd like to note about the notes I read about on the city website about the hearing is the thing about the toy advertising. Yes it is definitely true that it is up to parents to help kids with drug use making smart decisions, but if there is a pot shop up to 4 as the city allows in this small Redmond Town it will be even more of a pressure and more of an idea than seeing a toy on television but they don't sell it in a store nearby and also the parents says no. I don't want to equate these two things but that's kind of like saying why not have a heroin shop down the road because it's completely up to the parent to keep them off heroin. Furthermore I literally do not understand these comments whatsoever about it's good that there will be a retail store since their regulations are much harsher and stricter. They really aren't, furthermore just because there's a pot shop with regulations doesn't mean that your neighbor or your friend or your friends older brother will stop selling marijuana. It will just be even more present. You can have the choice of going to the pot shop or going to your neighbor or going to Seattle or anything or Woodinville or Issaquah.

With the legalization people can grow plants now particularly the medical legalization allows I think at least 12 plants or 24 ounces. To get some perspective 1 ounce is 26 grams or maybe it's 28th I can't remember but it is at least 26. a pot smoker, a daily pot smoker heavy smoking and high tolerance will go through about 1 - 2 grams per day this means that people with medical marijuana which is extremely easy to obtain (I have had many many many friends and peers you either get a sketchy online DR to obtain them a medical marijuana certificate and the dispensaries don't care at all they just want to sell their products or you go to a doctor and pretend you have back pain. So many people I know just BS their way into a prescription for medical marijuana.) People already have fake IDs for alcohol and now they can have fake IDs the same ones they already have the alcohol for marijuana. I wanted to write the city anyway I have been thinking about a letter to the editor to Redmond reporter but I have just not written it yet because it was a very unpopular opinion.

I think my gripe with marijuana is irresponsible use. Constantly there are usually guys definitely usually guys at the skatepark skating and well it sounds like a cliché they sit there and smoke pot and the pot smoke wafts over to the Transit Center bays. Maybe I would not be so sensitive if I had quit smoking because it became a problem for me which is something by the way I anticipate happening within the next 20 years a wave of people my age which is about 21 years old quitting smoking pot because I realized that it was detrimental to my health in the way that many many many many people regardless of age use it as a coping mechanism. Not a coping mechanism for a medical condition but it is more common than not to hear someone say oh yeah I don't use it irresponsibly but let me smoke pot because I'm stressed out or I need to smoke pot because I have a long drive ahead of me or I need to smoke because I'm upset or I need to smoke to go to this party or need to smoke at this party or I need to smoke with my boyfriend etc. I strongly and firmly believe there will be a huge huge wave of people my age, who are majority supporters of marijuana legalization, that will quit smoking because they realize that its a problem.

Just because nobody's ever died from it doesn't mean it can be a huge psychological addiction or a coping mechanism problem.

To get back to what I was mentioning above there's extreme belligerence with the legalization particularly with people driving you would be actually shocked to find out how many people smoke out of a weed pipe or weed bong or do a dab which is a concentrated oil of THC while driving.

WHILE DRIVING

Not just driving high but smoking while driving it's like a cool thing trust me I grew up going to Redmond High School and I grew up in the midst of having a medical marijuana prescription. Not only high schoolers but young people in general smoke weed on the side of the road on the sidewalk and I definitely notice it at Transit Center a huge cloud of smoke or a pungent smell and I look over and there's somebody smoking a joint. You can't even smoke cigarettes at the Transit Center but people do it anyway and the number one response to any opposition to smoking in blatant public is that it's legal(which by the way is a misdemeanor in the medical program who seems to be the most relaxed about penalty) the biggest opposition is it legal it's healthier than alcohol. just because it kills fewer people than alcohol does not mean you can smoke pot and the Transit Center.

it is really upsetting and I hate that smell and I wear a scarf on the bus now to hide my nose.

Probably the most upsetting thing is the driving thing.

It's really not even just the group of people I would hang out with or have hung out with is everyone I've ever known who has smoked pot it all thinks is 100% acceptable and actually better to smoke pot while driving they think that makes them a better driver. I 100% recommend not putting any recreational stores in Redmond let alone Seattle because they're already tons and tons of stores and even on weed farmers market and even dab bars as close as Seattle which is about a 20 or 15 minute drive and a 45 minute bus ride. demand is not that

high compared to how much is available to buy from a dealer and plus once it became illegal eyes more and more and more people began selling it black market anyway. I went to college in Bellingham and my next door neighbor sold pounds per day.

The arguments about weed stores will be better cuz they are better regulated may be true but that fully assumes there are no dealers. With pot being legalized for about 3 years now and medical marijuana being illegal since the nineties there are so many weed dealers. seriously can't we just settle for legalization from 2012 do we really have to have pot shops in small Redmond? I would actually recommend maybe at Teen Center or any type of other shop where people could hang out but preferably it would be my ideal vision in my life goal to create a place where young people feel safe saying their true feelings about pot because I know for a fact that weed can be extremely dependent and a miserable hell just because it does not have physical withdrawal symptoms does not mean it is a horrible coping mechanism addiction. I actually first realize that it was an OK thing to realize that pot is not for everyone for every day or at all when Macklemore was in a magazine article saying pot is addictive and he was addicted to pot and Macklemore grew up in Capitol Hill. I urge you to not allow medical marijuana stores to open. because as the discussion was about reducing buffering zone that will make it even worse because so far the Redmond Transit Center is peppered with people smoking pot either from the skateboard park or just from people smoking a joint standing in the bus line and that already has 0 pot shops and supposed to be a thousand feet buffer. I fully support no pot shops and fully volunteer all of my time 2 anything related to advocating against. It's such an unpopular view that i am always meet with hostility. as well as there are already retail shops and Redmond this do not even comply with OSHA standards or labor laws so how can we expect that a drug business, because last time I checked marijuana and still is controlled substance, can comply with OSHA standards labor laws and community social standards because not even the really strict really nice really fancy well-funded Medical Marijuana shops don't NOT allow you in if you have money they let you buy it and that's more strict than retail!!

Claire Parsons

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To: Planning Commission
Cc: Simon Y. Zhang; Christine Chen
Subject: Marijuana Stores - Zoning Regulations

Dear Redmond City Planning Commission;

We'd like to express our concern and oppose to allow the Marijuana Store in Redmond.
We also oppose to reduce the buffer zones.

Our main concern is children's and youth's safety and well being. We are very concerned that with a pot store around town, kids and youth with premature/limited judgment may think it is some thing normal, became interested in marijuana, and try it.

This can slide into them get and get addicted to marijuana, damage to their health and the possibility of them moving on to harder and more harmful drugs later.

It is bad influence to kids and youth. It is not socially responsible to reduce the buffer zones and to allow the Marijuana store in our city.

Please let us know what we can do. Thank you.

Christine and Simon

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