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From: Gail Davis
Sent: Friday, October 7, 2022 1:47 PM
To: Brian Popovich
Subject: FW: No on Cannabis Lounges
Attachments: City of Ojai Notice Cannabis Lounges.pdf

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From: Dieter Wolf <[REDACTED]>
Sent: Friday, October 7, 2022 1:37 PM
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Subject: No on Cannabis Lounges

October 5, 2022

Dear City Council Members,

As a concerned property owner in Ojai, I am against the proposal of indoor cannabis consumption lounges. There is enormous liability to the city of Ojai because of the unknown factor of how long it takes an edible to affect the user. If a user consumes an edible and does not feel its effect and drives off it can create unsafe situations, including fatal traffic accidents, which will cost the city and county in legal defense fees. Is anyone getting hurt in a car accident worth the privilege to getting high in an industrial park? Our business center also includes the tennis academy where children attend and having people under the influence is not prudent. Who will regulate and/or monitor these consumption lounges and decide who is too intoxicated or what level of intoxication is acceptable? Because of these reasons I hope that the Ojai City Council will reject the proposal of indoor cannabis consumption lounges.

Thank you,

Dieter Wolf
[REDACTED]



**PUBLIC HEARING NOTICE
OJAI CITY COUNCIL**

NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN that the City of Ojai City Council will hold a public hearing on the following item at its Regular Meeting to be held on Tuesday, October 11, 2022 at 6:00 p.m. in-person in the Council Chambers of Ojai City Hall, 401 S. Ventura Street, Ojai, California. Any interested party may appear before said Council and present their views.

**CONSIDERATION OF AN AMENDMENT TO TITLE 4, CHAPTER 26
(CANNABIS USE AND CULTIVATION) OF THE OJAI MUNICIPAL
CODE THAT WOULD AUTHORIZE EXISTING LICENSED CANNABIS
BUSINESSES OPERATING IN THE CITY OF OJAI TO ADD CANNABIS
CONSUMPTION LOUNGES IN M-1/MPD ZONES**

The City Council will consider authorizing existing licensed cannabis businesses operating in the City of Ojai to add indoor cannabis consumption lounges, for the purpose of allowing customers to smoke, vaporize or ingest cannabis or cannabis products on premises. The proposed lounges would be limited to sites within existing M-1/MPD zones, and would be required to operate in compliance with City and State laws governing such facilities.

NOTICE IS FURTHER GIVEN that the proposed ordinance is categorically exempt from California Environmental Quality Act (CEQA) review under California Code of Regulations, Title 14, § 15061(b)(3) and § 15060(c)(2), 15060(c)(3) and 15378(b)(4).

IMPORTANT NOTE REGARDING PUBLIC HEALTH PRECAUTIONS:

The City encourages public participation. Per Gov. Gavin Newsom's Executive Order No. N-63-20 issued on May 7, 2020, all aspects of the above public hearing, including exhibits, will be available for live electronic and in-person observation during the hearing. Instructions for viewing the hearing online or on Spectrum Channel 10 will be posted on the agenda, which will be available electronically on the City's website.

Members of the public may participate either in person in the Council chambers, or remotely via live telewebinar (Zoom) software.

Members of the Ojai City Council will participate in this meeting in person in the Council chambers, unless otherwise stated in the Council agenda.

Members of the public who wish to make public comment for this hearing are encouraged to do by email, in person, or may sign up to speak via live telewebinar (Zoom) software to present their views to said Council.

Emailed comments will be accepted up until 5:00 p.m. on the day of the meeting. At that time, all

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emails received will be compiled and provided to the City Council. Public comment emails for this hearing should be sent to: cityclerk@ojai.ca.gov. Instructions for signing up to speak via live telewebinar will be posted on the agenda at least 72 hours in advance of the meeting.

This meeting will be available for viewing on the City's website at ojaicity.org/granicus/; YouTube at youtube.com/user/ojaicity/live, and on Spectrum Channel 10.

If a member of the public challenges any of the foregoing actions in court, that person may be limited to raising only those issues they or someone else raised at the public hearing or in written correspondence delivered to the hearing body at or prior to the public hearing.

The hearing may be continued, adjourned, or cancelled and rescheduled to a stated time and place without further notice of a public hearing.

Members of the public who require a language interpreter, must request these services no later than 72 hours in advance of the public hearing. Send requests to the City Clerk's office at cityclerk@ojai.ca.gov or (805) 646-5581 x120.

Para Espanol por favor llame al 805-646-5581 ext. 301 o por correo electronico a luis.gomez@ojai.ca.gov.

Signed,

Gail Davis

Deputy City Clerk

Brian Popovich

From: Gail Davis
Sent: Saturday, October 8, 2022 2:29 PM
To: Brian Popovich
Subject: FW: Against cannabis lounges on Bryant Circle

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From: Tom Krause <[REDACTED]>
Sent: Saturday, October 8, 2022 12:45 PM
To: Gail Davis <gail.davis@ojai.ca.gov>
Subject: Against cannabis lounges on Bryant Circle

Dear City Council Members,

In 1995 we built and presently own a multi-use building at [REDACTED] [REDACTED]. We have employed local residents since then. Our businesses have provided and continue to provide good jobs for Ojai residents. We would like to continue to do this and are willing to continue to invest in Ojai.

Ojai citizens often ask how the community will find ways to employ people so they can afford to live here. One answer is to have policies that are consistent with the goal of providing jobs.

An example of inconsistency is the proposed cannabis use lounge on Bryant Circle. This proposal is in direct conflict with several

goals for the community: good paying jobs, safety, and community life that is desirable across various groups and values.

1. Bryant Circle facilities provide places for small businesses and jobs, many of them growing businesses with good jobs that pay well. Ojai needs these jobs. Ojai policy should be to provide an atmosphere that is attractive to organizations that provide jobs.
2. Our companies BST and now Krause Bell Group provide safety consulting to organizations around the world. One of our research findings is that decisions that have impact on safety are often made without recognition of the creation of hazards. That is what is happening now in Ojai. A decision to allow new use of lounges for marijuana consumption, without knowing how it will affect driving safety, is irresponsible. It creates liability for the city. If a fatal or serious car accident occurred on our streets, and the driver had been in a city sanctioned marijuana use lounge, we could rightly be asked if we knew what quantity and type of marijuana, over what time period, impaired driving to an unsafe extent. Our answer would be “no”, we didn’t know. Then why did we permit a lounge that we knew would produce intoxicated drivers, unaware of how much of the drug was safe to ingest in what form and over what time period, before driving? Many people are not aware of how much of the drug, in what form and over what time period will cause them to be unsafe drivers.
3. The desirability of the area is decreased by having people who are intoxicated coming and going. It will make it more

difficult for businesses that can provide jobs to Ojai residents to do so. And it will create an atmosphere that some find offensive.

Ojai should not compromise its broad community objectives, and create liability for itself, by approving marijuana use lounges in an area intended to support businesses that provide jobs.

Tom and Cathryn Krause

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Brian Popovich

From: Gail Davis
Sent: Monday, October 10, 2022 2:19 PM
To: Brian Popovich
Subject: FW: Against Cannabis lounges in Ojai

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From: Joy Wenzlaff <[REDACTED]>
Sent: Monday, October 10, 2022 1:52 PM
To: Gail Davis <gail.davis@ojai.ca.gov>
Subject: Against Cannabis lounges in Ojai

I am opposed to allowing cannabis lounges
to operate in the city.

As the property manager of [REDACTED] I am concerned about the amendment under consideration.

Our two story office building is
across the street from the three cannabis sales stores now operating in the city.
The activity of people wandering on our property, homeless individuals camping close by, trash around the
building and cars in our private parking lot has increased measurably since the opening of these stores. All are a
challenge to manage to ensure the safety of our tenants.

If these lounges are allowed I feel that these issues will increase and it will be our responsibility to deal with
them.

The safety of our tenants is a priority.

Please don't allow cannabis lounges in the city.

Joy Wenzlaff
Property Manager
[REDACTED]

Brian Popovich

From: Gail Davis
Sent: Tuesday, October 11, 2022 4:02 PM
To: Brian Popovich
Subject: FW: Council meeting 10/11/22 item 2

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From: Bill <[REDACTED]>
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Subject: Council meeting 10/11/22 item 2

10/11/22
To: Ojai City Council
Cc: city manager, planning director, others
From: Bill Miley
Subject: Council meeting 10/11/22. Public Hearing. Item 2 Support for allowing Cannabis Lounges

Hello: In the past i have publicly supported city permitting our 3 current Cannabis Dispensaries to add Cannabis Lounges to their services. I again support this proposal.

I have several points to make.

1. Having this limited to age 21 and over like beverage alcohol consumption continues **to set foundational rules for responsible use.**
2. Starting with M1 zoning location seems reasonable and being accepted by our three dispensaries **shows flexibility.**
3. Allowing food infused with cannabis is important for what **is called “dosing” management.** Not too much and not too little, but working to get the right “dose” for you. The dispensaries role in helping with this is very important.

4. Hours of operation...**I have a question about that.** Folks who work during the day getting off about 5 pm may have difficulty using the lounges. Especially if working outside the Ojai Valley. **My strong suggestion is that the operating time be extended to at least 9 pm. It would be the choice of each dispensary when to close.**

5. **I suggest regular restaurant food also be allowed (non-infused).** This serves the purpose of helping regulate the “dosing management” in consuming cannabis products. Similar to restaurants serving beer, wine and hard drinks along with their food menus. I have spoken to Chelsea Sutula about this and believe she supports it.

In conclusion, i don't believe our Police Department has had any unusual problems with our dispensaries. I respect the cannabis ownership/managers will carefully provide guidance to their lounge customers on consumption. I surely support our city permitting these proposed lounges.

Bill Miley, MPH, Ojai since 1968. 

Sent from my iPad