

POST MEETING MATERIAL
4/08/20 PC Meeting
Item 3 RTC 20-353

From: Elizabeth Elliott
Sent: Wednesday, April 8, 2020 9:43 AM
To: robjerdonek@gmail.com
Subject: RE: Public Comment for Planning Commission Meeting, April 8, 2020.

Mr. Jerdonek,

Thank you for your comments, they will be forwarded to the Planning Commission for their information.

Regards,

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From: Planning <Planning@santaclaraca.gov>
Sent: Tuesday, April 7, 2020 5:34 PM
To: Gloria Sciara
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Subject: FW: Public Comment for Planning Commission Meeting, April 8, 2020.

FYI – Public Comment for PC 4/8 meeting.

From: Rob Jerdonek <robjerdonek@gmail.com>
Sent: Tuesday, April 7, 2020 5:10 PM
To: Planning <Planning@santaclaraca.gov>
Subject: Public Comment for Planning Commission Meeting, April 8, 2020.

Planning Commission Meeting, April 8, 2020.
Public Comment on Agenda Item 20-353 : Regulation of Marijuana (Cannabis)
By: Rob Jerdonek

I have been a resident of Santa Clara for 15 years. I fully support the proposed ordinance to permanently ban commercial cannabis in the City of Santa Clara.

At the February 11 council meeting, reports were presented from both the City Manager and Police Department. Our police department report looked at other communities where commercial cannabis was allowed in California and Colorado. They found:

1. Increased local usage among youth, ages 12-17.
2. Increases in marijuana possession and marijuana related incidents at high schools and middle schools.
3. Increased service calls to law enforcement related to cannabis usage.

In addition, our city has a very strong DARE program. The CEO of DARE is opposed to marijuana storefronts due to the impact on our youth. In 2019, I provided a letter from the CEO of DARE to our city council.

We need this ordinance to protect our youth and avoid the increases in marijuana usage seen in other communities.

The current COVID-19 pandemic also reminds of the serious health risks of this drug. The National Institute on Drug Abuse (NIDA) has stated that the coronavirus is a serious threat to those who smoke marijuana.

The Planning Commission should follow the recommendation of our City Manager and support the permanent ban of this industry in our city.

Thank you.