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Mel Guerry submitted a new eComment.

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Item: b. REPORT 21-0781 CONSIDERATION OF THE CITY'S OPTIONS IN LIGHT OF THE CANNABIS INITIATIVE FILED BY COLTON CHACKER WITH THE HERMOSA BEACH CITY CLERK ON NOVEMBER 17, 2021 (City Attorney Michael Jenkins and Deputy City Manager Angela Crespi)

eComment: As a parent of two teenagers, I enthusiastically urge Hermosa Beach to allow all commercial cannabis activities and cultivation. With so many cannabis users in Hermosa Beach, allowing cannabis retail locations will make life easier for all these residents. In addition, these shops will bring more visitors to the city, thus increasing traffic at all businesses throughout the city. Increased crime is often cited as an issue, but studies show new cannabis dispensaries do not increase crime in wealthy neighborhoods, like Hermosa Beach. Much of the opposition to this comes from outdated mendacities originating from the destructive, discriminatory, and ineffective, "War on Drugs." Supporting cannabis retail locations and cultivation will vastly improve how enjoyable it is to live in Hermosa Beach.

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