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**To:** [City Clerk](#); [Ann Yang](#); [City Council](#); [Angela Crespi](#); [Suja Lowenthal](#)  
**Subject:** New eComment for City Council Hybrid Meeting (Closed Session - 5:00 PM and Open Session - 6:00 PM)  
**Date:** Tuesday, April 12, 2022 8:54:56 AM

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Tim Bruning submitted a new eComment.

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Item: a. REPORT 22-0212 HERMOSA BEACH CANNABIS ADVISORY GROUP REPORT AND RECOMMENDATIONS (City Manager Suja Lowenthal)

eComment: I strongly oppose cannabis dispensaries in Hermosa Beach. I live directly across the street from one of the sites that was proposed for a dispensary with my wife and 11 year old daughter. The site was described as a commercial zone suitable for a dispensary, but our proximity to the beach results in our residential and commercial zones being so close to one another that they blend together. I previously worked in an area that allowed dispensaries and saw the negative impact one such establishment had on the area around my office. The store had armed security outside the front door at all times because they only accepted cash (I understand the requirement to transact in cash is a result of the Federal Ban on cannabis which makes it difficult for these stores to have traditional banking relationships). I believe allowing these stores in our neighborhood will increase crime and vagrancy in our community as they did in the neighborhood I previously worked. Would you want a dispensary next door to you? Please don't allow cannabis dispensaries in Hermosa Beach.

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**From:** [C.P](#)  
**To:** [City Clerk](#)  
**Subject:** Public comment AGAINST Cannabis Dispensaries locating in Hermosa Beach  
**Date:** Tuesday, April 12, 2022 9:41:32 AM

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Greetings,

As a lifelong Hermosa Beach resident I strongly oppose Cannabis Dispensaries opening in the City of Hermosa Beach.

Opening a dispensary in the city would certainly attract a bad element. Bring in cannabis and you open the door to increased violent crime since these businesses deal with large amounts of cash. They, and their patrons, are frequently targeted by armed criminals. In addition, the pungent odor of pot, which is already common along the Strand, will be pervasive in all parts of the city, regardless of whatever smoking ordinances the city enacts.

Hermosa residents already have pot delivered directly to their homes, so why is a physical location in Hermosa necessary?

The answer is: it is not.

Oppose this.

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Regards,  
Chris Prenter

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Heather S submitted a new eComment.

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Item: a. REPORT 22-0212 HERMOSA BEACH CANNABIS ADVISORY GROUP REPORT AND RECOMMENDATIONS (City Manager Suja Lowenthal)

eComment: I do not support ANY initiative that legalizes cannabis dispensaries in Hermosa Beach.

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J David submitted a new eComment.

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Item: a. REPORT 22-0212 HERMOSA BEACH CANNABIS ADVISORY GROUP REPORT AND RECOMMENDATIONS (City Manager Suja Lowenthal)

eComment: An dispensary initiative is going on Novembers ballot. This is a certainty. Because there was, to my knowledge, no scientific polling of Hb voters on this issue, we have to assume that 70% of the voters are going to support an initiative that allows a dispensary. Without data that conflicts with this assumption, the City NEEDS to put on an initiative on the ballot so this dispensary can be regulated. Any choice otherwise is irresponsible.

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Peter S submitted a new eComment.

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Item: a. REPORT 22-0212 HERMOSA BEACH CANNABIS ADVISORY GROUP REPORT AND RECOMMENDATIONS (City Manager Suja Lowenthal)

eComment: I strongly oppose any regulation that would allow marijuana sales or delivery in Hermosa Beach. The data in other cities that have embraced marijuana sales shows that there is no effective mechanism to keep the drug out of the hands of teenagers. It is supposed to be illegal for anyone under 21 to possess or consume marijuana, yet, marijuana use has exploded amongst teenagers. Any regulation that would make it easier to purchase marijuana in our town would only contribute to this problem. Bringing marijuana stores/delivery to our small town would be a mistake.

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Laura Pena submitted a new eComment.

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Item: a. REPORT 22-0212 HERMOSA BEACH CANNABIS ADVISORY GROUP REPORT AND RECOMMENDATIONS (City Manager Suja Lowenthal)

eComment: After attending all of our City's Cannabis Committee meetings one thing is certain, we have very different view points on whether we should have a dispensary in Hermosa. There is data on both sides of this argument. For those who think it is legal to deliver cannabis in our city...it is not. We do not collect taxes and law enforcement cannot seem stop this type of access. So, if you have cannabis delivered to you in our city...it is done, illegally. Unfortunately, it is not up to one person, this committee, or even council whether a cannabis shop will open. It will be up to the majority of the voters in Hermosa. Currently, the "Chacker Cannabis" initiative, which will allow dispensaries in our city gathered enough signatures to be on the November ballot. Now, 71% of Hermosa voters supported Prop 64 (Adult Use of Marijuana to Legalize Cannabis in California). So, I ask those who wish to continue the ban, if that is the will of the people they will vote against it and any measure created by council. If we want to stand a chance against the "Chacker Cannabis" initiative, we need to present a united front. I support our council drafting its own initiative. One that has enough regulations and guidelines that will give our community and law enforcement a chance to address our concerns. If council doesn't draft its own initiative, our community will be left to deal with the demands and requirements of this one-sided "Chacker" measure, if it passes. Now, if we want to maintain control, our council needs to put up a good fight. At minimum, a tax measure should be drafted to collect funds. We need to come together as a community and present a united front against this "Chacker" measure. In the end, the voters will decide.

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