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Subject: New eComment for City Council Meeting
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New eComment for City Council Meeting

Barbara Gordon submitted a new eComment.

Meeting: City Council Meeting

Item: 4. 20-0363 RESOLUTION OF THE CITY COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF CHULA VISTA AMENDING CHAPTER 4 (GENERAL BUSINESS FEES) OF THE CITY'S MASTER FEE SCHEDULE TO ADD CANNABIS-RELATED FEE

eComment: Dear Mayor and City Council Members, The City Council from the beginning said they wanted to get the best of the best when it came to permitting marijuana businesses. The Council asked for a thorough vetting process to ensure that Chula Vista gets the best operators. It's™s important for the city not omit the costs of a thorough employee background review for each marijuana business. Having an accurate cost to permit a marijuana business will have to the city is vital. There are direct and in-direct costs, such as administrative and enforcement costs for regulating these high-risk businesses. These are the realities a city needs to consider before allowing these businesses to operate in the community. Thank you, Barbara Gordon

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Subject: FW: #4 20-0363 Resolution Amending Ch. 4

From: Peggy Walker [REDACTED]
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TO: Mayor Mary Salas and City Council Members John McCann, Stephen Padilla, Mike Diaz and Jull Galvez

RE: Consent Calendar Item 4 (20-03630 CC Agenda 8/25/2020)

I wholly support this resolution in the interest of public welfare.

Background review of employees who will be working with and selling addictive products, restricted to an adult-only customer base but enticing to youth, should be a city priority.

As a public health educator, I have followed the marijuana business licensing and permitting processes in cities throughout the county and state. I have found that cities **all over** are reassessing licensing and regulatory structures to achieve full and equitable cost recovery. The City of Vista, for example, is one of them.

Many cities, unfortunately, are finding that Industry-initiated measures with built-in licensing fees **often establish inadequate fees because they did not conduct fee studies in advance** and/or **fail** to address unanticipated staff and regulatory costs for additional issues.

When fee structures do not meet staff costs it places a financial burden on cities. Please approve the resolution.

Regards,
Peggy Walker

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Subject: FW: Support for item #4 tonight

From: Terri-Ann Skelly [REDACTED]
Sent: Tuesday, August 25, 2020 11:43 AM
To: Mary Salas <MSalas@chulavistaca.gov>
Subject: Support for item #4 tonight

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Good morning Mayor,

I want to say Thank you to Staff for your hard work in protecting Chula Vista citizens during the COVID pandemic.

I am raising three young adult sons whom I am encouraging to get a good education and jobs, and stay healthy - which has become increasingly challenging now.

With that in mind I support the Staff proposal to add the fee of \$320, Item 4. For Employee background Review.

I work with young people and I've learned firsthand the damaging role marijuana can play in a family, so every precaution the City can put into place in warranted by this fee.

I know just from personal conversations with parents, they do not want marijuana businesses in Chula Vista, so your obligation to protect families is great..

I beseech the City Council to do more to educate youth and families during these difficult and stressful times, regarding the damaging effects to the youth brains from marijuana use.

Thanks,
Terri Ann Skelly
Mother of three young adult sons