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Subject: FW: Things that need to be in cannabis regulations

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To: Mary Salas; Patricia Aguilar; John McCann; Mike Diaz; Steve C. Padilla

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It is good you are waiting to vote on what has been proposed, but there are more inadequacies that are important to those of us who live here. It is disgraceful that the existing document has been written to cater to the industry instead of to protect the residents. Making it more pleasing to the industry is not the correct direction. You need to make it more pleasing to the residents who have to live with the consequences.

Comments from last night on plan and a few more. First off I really don't understand why you are trying to reinvent the wheel when San Diego has regulations that have been working fairly well for several years.

1. The city is in financial difficulty again, and three of you have been in office before when finances were bad. Three of you are responsible for the situation. Every time you voted since our General Plan update to change commercial or industrial zoning to residential you made our financial situation worse. You all know that your salaries are outrageous. We need a charter amendment to change their determination from a portion of a superior court

judge's salary. It is ridiculous and wasteful that the mayor makes more than the mayor of San Diego and part-time council people make \$70,000 per year PLUS PENSION AND BENEFITS. This is the first place that cuts need to be made. You need to stop looking at cannabis as a way to make money for the city. All the money from a tax on sales will need to go toward regulating the industry and treatment programs for addicts and prevention programs for minors and dealing with increase in homelessness and more enforcement for driving under the influence and other crimes. You found out all these problems in city you visited. This money has to go to dealing with the problems.

2. It is unacceptable that MEDICAL MARIJUANA HAS BEEN LEFT OUT OF THIS DISCUSSION. I KNOW PEOPLE WHO RELY UPON THIS FOR PERCEIVED BENEFIT FROM VARIOUS MEDICAL PROBLEMS.

Retired nurses remember when doctors actually prescribed it and had it in their offices. In order to distinguish medical marijuana (which can not be taxed from recreational which should be taxed, you must require the medical to have a lower THC (probably 14 since I am told the plants that were only 4 in the 60's have been bred to be 14 now)). They can manufacture this stuff up to 90% THC, which should be a schedule one drug, and it would be a good idea to prohibit that. This way people who want it for medical reasons and have a card can get what they think they need. All the stores should be required to have some on hand and available for delivery. Other people who want to get high need to buy the other stuff and pay the taxes.

3. Criminal prosecution of the illegal stores must be started ASAP. They will be cheaper and unfair competition. All fines, etc. must go to enforcement.

4. No CUPS for store fronts in industrial zones. This is a good place for them. The weird way of determining distance has to include banning them when they share a property line with residential or are across an alley or street), since this bizarre way of measuring would allow them to be back to back with residential properties along Third and north side of Main, which is totally unacceptable. How would you like lights shining into your bedroom window all hours of the night and your kids not being allowed to play in their backyard because of odor and sight of people smoking or using drugs?

5. Storefronts are logical locations for delivery services. They have to be out of a cannabis related business or they will be out of

people's homes which is very dangerous considering the huge sums of cash involved. Adequate security is critical. Three armed robberies have occurred that I know of at illegal shops near people's homes. There is good reason to keep vendors far away from any and all places where children and residents live or spend time.

6. There needs to be a restriction on the numbers of cultivation, manufacturing and testing sites in each council District so they are not all clustered in one. Voice of San Diego already has CV labelled <https://www.voiceofsandiego.org/topics/government/reluctantly-chula-vista-going-pot/because-of-this> . We don't need that reputation. We are supposed to be a family friendly place.

7. Relying on out of town delivery services is no longer viable if you expect to collect taxes. They need to be from store fronts or manufacturers or distributors licensed in this city not somewhere else.

8. Sites like 3149 Main, which is only one I know of, that are not causing any problems now need to be allowed to become legal.

9. It is crucial that everything sold in this city be tested to be pesticide and any other poison free. Also the THC level needs to be known and lower than 90%.

10. There has to be favoritism to allowing local CV residents to open these businesses. Some of your restrictions should only apply to outsiders.

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I hope the council meeting has been cancelled because serious changes are being made to what was proposed to regulate marijuana businesses.

No one else is doing it but it is really important to regulate THC levels. they always test for that. 90% should be a schedule 1 drug and should not be allowed in our city. the seniors with aches and pains who remember the pot of the 60's should be able to get medical marijuana with low THC. They unfortunately have now have bred the plants to have between 14 and 34% THC. They naturally only had 4% in the 60's and in Mexico, which is why more marijuana is now going from the USA to Mexico than the other way.

There is a huge glut of marijuana in all the states that have legalized it which puts pressure to allow more stores and also to get more people addicted just like the nicotine in cigarettes that the cigarette industry was so successful with. You can't allow unlimited cultivation and manufacturing without encouraging the addiction of kids to expand the market.

Measurement has to be property line to property line if you really want to protect residents and children from harmful effects which include danger from armed robberies

nextdoor. People have the right to enjoy their backyards when their property backs up to commercial businesses.

Number one the city is incapable of regulating and monitoring unlimited marijuana or even 12 stores. We don't have the police or the code enforcement officers to do anything else. One code enforcement officer for the entire west side is a joke. Taking over a year to close an illegal business is ridiculous. We need criminal prosecution.

YOU ALL KNOW THAT BASING YOUR PAY UPON A SUPERIOR COURT JUDGE'S SALARY IS RIDICULOUS AND YOU SHOULD BE ASHAMED TO BE MAKING SO MUCH MORE THAN THE STAFF OF THE CITY THAT ACTUALLY DOES WORK AND PUT IN 40 HOURS OF WORK PER WEEK. THE CHARTER NEEDS TO BE REVISED. YOU ARE WHY WE DONT HAVE THE MONEY TO HIRE SEVERAL MORE POLICE OFFICERS--IT IS GOING INTO YOUR INFLATED SALARIES AND BENEFITS!!!!