

Rodriguez, Brittany - CM

From: Rogers, Jason - CM
Sent: Monday, April 1, 2024 7:53 AM
To: Rodriguez, Brittany - CM
Cc: Gerber, Jared - CD; Tolbert, Jim - CM; Blakeman, Cathy - CM; Gibson, Dylan - CM
Subject: FW: Cannabis Dispensary

Public Record.

From: Joe Buzzitta <jbuzzitt@gmail.com>
Sent: Monday, April 1, 2024 7:48 AM
To: City Council <CityCouncil@c3gov.com>; Gibson, Dylan - CM <dgibson@c3gov.com>
Subject: Cannabis Dispensary

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I would like to encourage you to vote no on the Cannabis Dispensary that is being proposed on 104 and Tower. We do not need this type of business located in this area. There are enough Cannabis shops around - please vote no on another one in our community!

Joe Buzzitta
720-352-8465

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From: Rogers, Jason - CM
Sent: Monday, April 1, 2024 8:44 AM
To: Rodriguez, Brittany - CM
Cc: Tolbert, Jim - CM; Gerber, Jared - CD; Blakeman, Cathy - CM; Gibson, Dylan - CM
Subject: FW: Dispensary

Public record.

From: Comcast <timgallagher777@comcast.net>
Sent: Monday, April 1, 2024 8:30 AM
To: City Council <CityCouncil@c3gov.com>; rgibson@c3gov.com; Roberts, Jordan - CM <jroberts@c3gov.com>
Subject: Dispensary

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CC Council, I would prefer that we not have a marijuana dispensary in the area of 104th Avenue and Tower Road in what is primarily a residential neighborhood of many young families and schools. Thank you for considering my views.

Tim Gallagher
Commerce City, CO
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Sent: Monday, April 1, 2024 8:44 AM
To: Rodriguez, Brittany - CM
Cc: Gerber, Jared - CD; Tolbert, Jim - CM; Gibson, Dylan - CM; Blakeman, Cathy - CM
Subject: FW: Marijuana Dispensary

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From: Hildegarde DeCrescentis <hildegarded_2000@yahoo.com>
Sent: Monday, April 1, 2024 8:42 AM
To: City Council <CityCouncil@c3gov.com>
Subject: Marijuana Dispensary

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I oppose this dispensary because. we don't. need anymore drugs to encourage our kids to use or try .

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From: Rogers, Jason - CM
Sent: Monday, April 1, 2024 10:21 AM
To: Rodriguez, Brittany - CM
Cc: Blakeman, Cathy - CM; Tolbert, Jim - CM; Gerber, Jared - CD; Gibson, Dylan - CM
Subject: FW: Dispensary 104th & tower

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-----Original Message-----

From: Heather <heatherjoey@comcast.net>
Sent: Monday, April 1, 2024 10:15 AM
To: City Council <CityCouncil@c3gov.com>; Gibson, Dylan - CM <dgibson@c3gov.com>
Subject: Dispensary 104th & tower

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To whom it may concern:

I am writing in regards to the proposed marijuana dispensary at 104th & Tower rd. No one I know wants a dispensary in this neighborhood! They bring in unsavory people and make the neighborhood look bad. We need actual stores and RESTAURANTS around here NOT drug crap. Please do not allow a dispensary to be built around here!

Thank you,

Heather Archuleta
ACTUAL REUNION RESIDENT

Rodriguez, Brittany - CM

From: Rogers, Jason - CM
Sent: Monday, April 1, 2024 9:44 AM
To: Rodriguez, Brittany - CM
Cc: Gerber, Jared - CD; Tolbert, Jim - CM; Gibson, Dylan - CM; Blakeman, Cathy - CM
Subject: FW: Home Owner Against 104th & Tower Dispensary

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From: Christian Ream <ream.christian@gmail.com>
Sent: Monday, April 1, 2024 8:59 AM
To: City Council <CityCouncil@c3gov.com>
Cc: dgaibson@c3gov.com; Roberts, Jordan - CM <jroberts@c3gov.com>
Subject: Home Owner Against 104th & Tower Dispensary

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Hello,

I am a homeowner in the Eastpoint neighborhood. We have been experiencing higher rates of crime recently, and do not need to attract more criminal activity to this area and neighborhood. The residents here are asking for nicer developments (restaurants, a target store, trader joes, etc.), not dispensaries. Dispensaries tend to correlate with increased levels of crime. Additionally, there are already dispensaries nearby at Tower Road and Pena. In an area with so many young families, this is not what we need. Please reconsider your decision.

In addition, I heard that many letters (87+) have been sent, and a letter writing campaign has been implemented in support of this measure. This support appears to be artificial, coming from outside influences that do not reflect what the local residents want in the area. I, along with our neighbors, were given no notice regarding this public hearing and subsequent vote of this measure, including the fact that it is taking place today (April 1st). If we knew about this ahead of time, we would have likely started a petition to collect signatures of those opposed to the measure. I believe that the vast majority of homeowners in the Eastpoint neighborhood (and adjacent developments such as Reunion) would be greatly opposed to this measure for the reasons listed above. Please reconsider this action and decision.

Thank you,
Christian Ream

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Sent: Monday, April 1, 2024 9:42 AM
To: Rodriguez, Brittany - CM
Cc: Gerber, Jared - CD; Blakeman, Cathy - CM; Gibson, Dylan - CM; Tolbert, Jim - CM
Subject: FW: Letter of opposition to the Cannabis Dispensary

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From: JR Ridings <jrridings@yahoo.com>
Sent: Monday, April 1, 2024 9:16 AM
To: Roberts, Jordan - CM <jroberts@c3gov.com>; Noble, Susan - CC <snoble@c3gov.com>; Rogers, Jason - CM <jrogers@c3gov.com>
Subject: Letter of opposition to the Cannabis Dispensary

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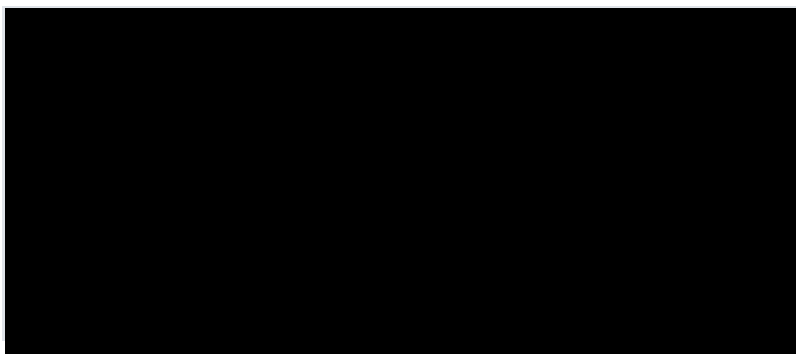
I am a Reunion homeowner and I oppose the rezoning and the building of a dispensary in Reunion.

We moved here from Denver and witnessed the impact first-hand. We used to live in Lowry and we experienced several home invasions and murders near us. Homeless camps would spring up near the dispensaries and crime "clusters" would also be located near them.

I have also had my brother knocked off an overpass by a high driver that was under the influence of marijuana. His heart stopped three times before he stabilized. He suffered a closed head injury resulting in long-term brain damage, crushed pelvis, broken jaw, crushed ribs, organ lacerations and internal bleeding, and spent almost nine months in the hospital-the first three in intensive care. He ultimately survived, but was no longer able to be employed by NASA (he was a computer programmer and a graduate of Rice University and MIT) and now he is pretty close to being a Ward of the State of Texas.

Statewide, you can directly correlate traffic deaths, mental health emergencies, and violent crime directly in relation to legalization:

[The Legalization of Marijuana in Colorado: The Impact: Volume 8, September 2021](#)



Section I: Traffic Fatalities & Impaired Driving

- Since recreational marijuana was legalized, **traffic deaths** when marijuana **increased 138%** while all Colorado traffic deaths **inc**
- Since recreational marijuana was legalized, **traffic deaths** involv for marijuana **more than doubled** from 55 in 2013 to 131 peop
- Since recreational marijuana was legalized, the percentage of all involving drivers who tested positive for marijuana **increased f** 2020.

Section II: Marijuana Use

- Past month **marijuana use** (ages 12 and older) **increased 26%** national average, currently ranked **3rd** in the nation.
- Past month **adult marijuana use** (ages 18 and older) **increased** the national average, currently ranked **3rd** in the nation.
- Past month **college age marijuana use** (ages 18–25) **increased** the national average, currently ranked **3rd** in the nation.
- Past month **youth marijuana use** (ages 12–17) **decreased 22%** national average, currently ranked **7th** in the nation.

Section III: Public Health

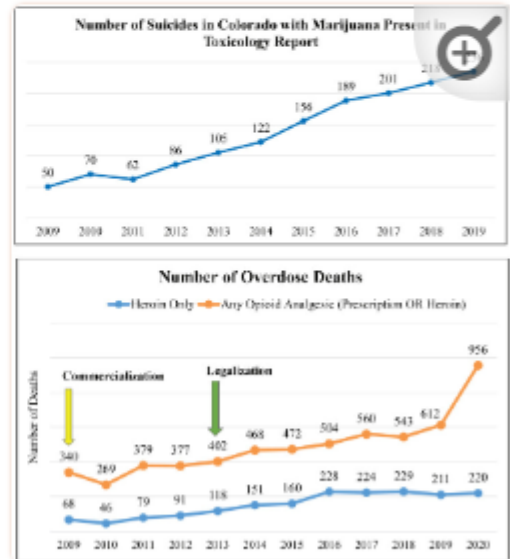
- Marijuana-*only* exposures **increased 185%** from 2013 when recreational marijuana was legalized compared to 2020.
- Treatment for marijuana use for all ages **decreased 34%** from 2013 to 2020.
- The percent of suicide incidents in which toxicology results were **increased** from **14%** in 2013 to **29%** in 2020.

Section IV: Black Market

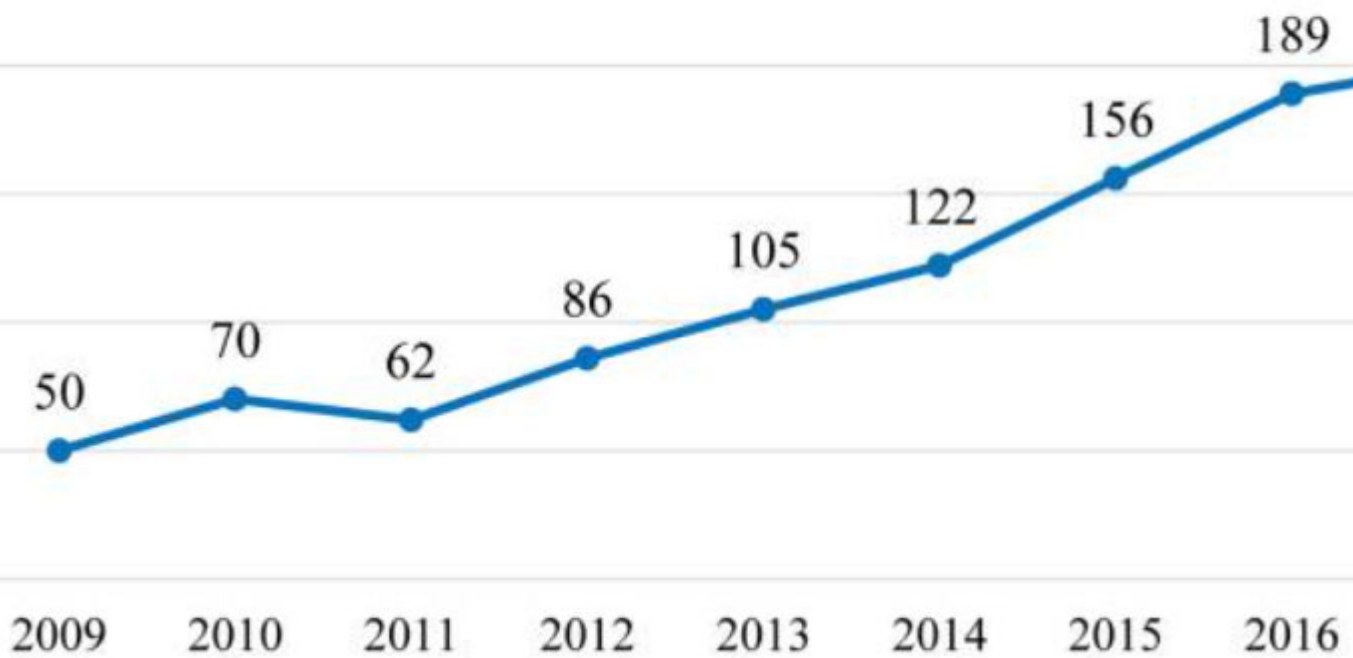
- RMHIDTA Colorado Drug Task Forces (10) conducted **294 investigations** of **marijuana** in Colorado resulting in:
 - **168** felony arrests
 - **5.54** tons of marijuana seized
 - **86,502** marijuana plants seized
 - **21** different states the marijuana was destined
- Seizures of marijuana reported to the El Paso Intelligence Center from an average of 174 parcels (2009–2012) when marijuana was seized from an average of 257 parcels (2013–2020) during the time recreational marijuana was legal.

Section V: Societal Impact

- **Marijuana tax revenue represent approximately 0.98% of C**
- **66% of local jurisdictions in Colorado have banned medical businesses.**

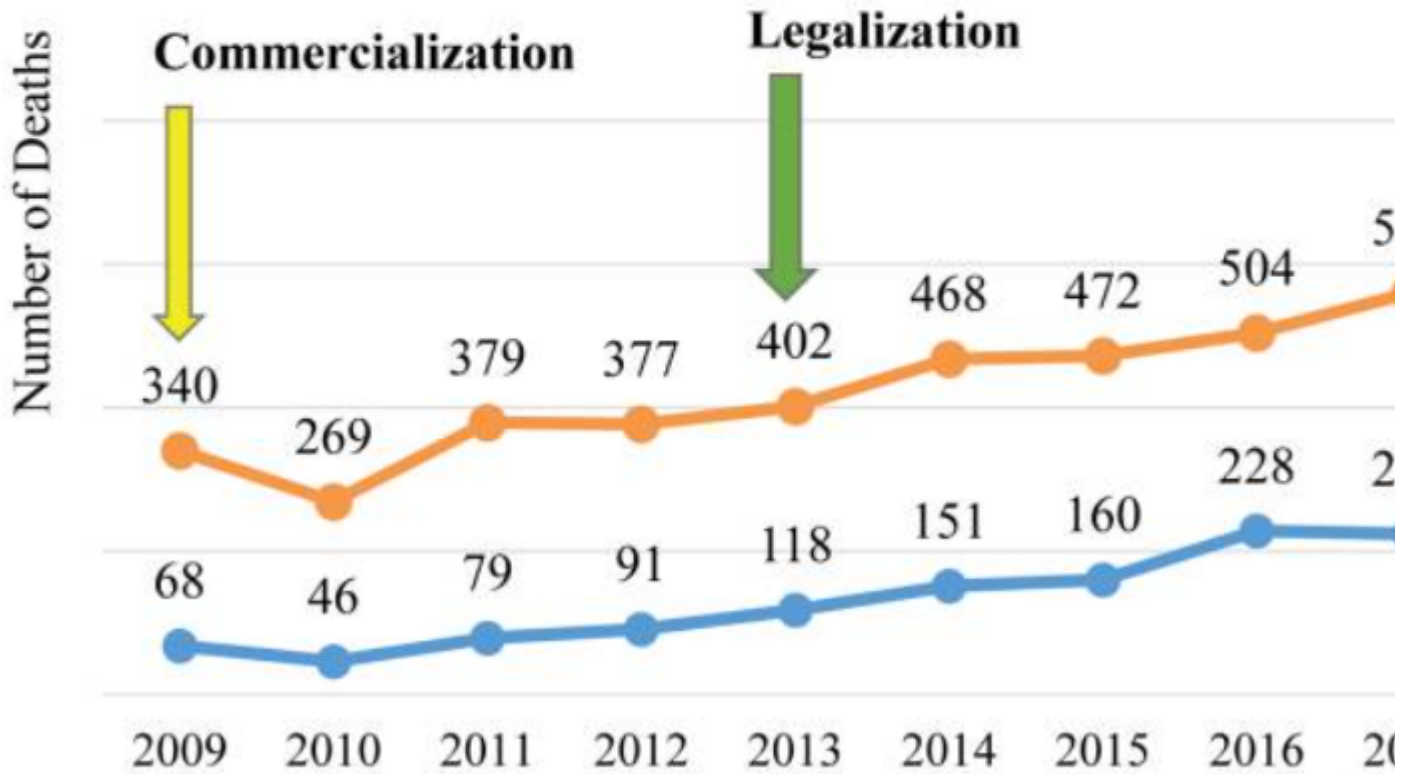


Number of Suicides in Colorado with Marijuana Toxicology Report



Number of Overdose Deaths

● Heroin Only ● Any Opioid Analgesic (Pres



Footnotes

Medical and recreational marijuana legalization is destroying the health and soc overdoses, ER visits, hospitalizations, and domestic and street violence due to c revenues are an anemic 0.98% of the 2021 state budget. Tax revenues are dwa law enforcement, automobile and industrial accidents, and increased school crim marijuana from being legalized in 2022.

On a professional level, I also work for a very large organization that deals with location selectors and large retail chains, fast food, hospitality, and grocery chains. Commerce City already has had a nightmare scenario of luring new businesses to Commerce City, let alone the northeast area of the city. Adding a dispensary will destroy any chance of development of those types of businesses nearby. Most locations selectors are given DIRECT INSTRUCTIONS not to open near liquor stores, pawn shops, or dispensaries. I have personally confirmed this with multiple potential customers.

Allowing this dispensary to go through, especially across the street from a middle school, will permanently blight that intersection and will create long-term negative impact to our community.

One additional point: my girlfriends brother died in his sleep after smoking MJ from a Colorado dispensary. Let that sink in.... state regulated dispensary and he died suddenly-and it was before Covid-19.

JR Ridings
jridings@yahoo.com

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From: Rogers, Jason - CM
Sent: Monday, April 1, 2024 7:07 AM
To: Rodriguez, Brittany - CM
Cc: Tolbert, Jim - CM; Gerber, Jared - CD; Blakeman, Cathy - CM; Gibson, Dylan - CM
Subject: Fwd:

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Regards.

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From: Christopher Castellaw <christopher.castellaw@gmail.com>
Sent: Sunday, March 31, 2024 11:52:30 PM
To: City Council <CityCouncil@c3gov.com>
Cc: Gibson, Dylan - CM <dgibson@c3gov.com>; Roberts, Jordan - CM <jroberts@c3gov.com>
Subject:

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Dear City Council,

I'm writing to express my support for the proposal to re-zone the retail plot 104th and Tower to accommodate the establishment of a cannabis dispensary. Having lived in our neighborhood for close to two decades, I've seen the community grow and change in numerous ways, and I believe this initiative is a positive step forward that provides economic growth and offers safer alternatives to alcohol to our neighbors.

In my conversations with representatives from Social Cannabis, particularly the local mother who is part of their team, I've been encouraged by their commitment to being responsible members of our community. Their efforts to prevent underage marijuana purchases and their willingness to engage with local authorities demonstrate their dedication to operating in a safe and respectful manner. Their idea of holding regular "good neighbor" meetings further demonstrates their openness to addressing any concerns or feedback from residents and shows their dedication to being a part of the community rather than just another storefront.

On a personal note, my own struggles with alcohol addiction for nearly two decades, have made me acutely aware of the need for safer recreational alternatives. Marijuana has played a significant role in my recovery, offering me a way to relax and unwind with friends and family without the harmful effects of alcohol and helping me stay alcohol-free for going on 5 years. Having heard similar stories from countless others who had overcome addiction during my recovery journey, I believe that providing access to safer alternatives like marijuana can benefit many others in our community who may be facing similar challenges.

This was made especially clear to me throughout my studies as I completed a Bachelor of Arts in Human Services with a Substance Abuse Counseling concentration, where numerous discussions I had with professors and recovery professionals alike affirmed the importance of allowing access to safer alternatives like marijuana. This is especially true at a time when, as recently reported by the Denver Post^[1], Colorado has some of the lowest alcohol taxes in the United States and one of the highest levels of alcohol-related deaths nationwide^[2].

Moreover, the economic benefits of allowing the dispensary to open in our neighborhood cannot be overstated. At a time when our community is clearly in need of additional revenue sources as our neighbors in Brighton and Green Valley Ranch enjoy an economic boom, the potential tax revenue generated by the cannabis dispensary could provide a much-needed boost. Additionally, it would introduce diversity to our local business landscape, offering residents more choices and contributing to the overall vibrancy of our neighborhood.

After years of having little more than nail salons and dentist offices opening in the area, Social Cannabis' operations would provide some long-overdue diversity. While I understand that there may be concerns from some members of the community, I believe it's important to consider the potential benefits of this proposal. I also worry that allowing a vocal minority of neighbors who are opposed to the dispensary to effectively scare off the business will make our community unappealing to other potential commercial operations, further limiting the number and types of businesses that open in Reunion.

In conclusion, I urge you to consider the positive impact that the re-zoning proposal for the cannabis dispensary at 104th and Tower could have on our neighborhood. Thank you for your attention to this matter, and I hope for your support in moving this proposal forward.

Sincerely,

Christopher Castellaw

^[1] <https://www.msn.com/en-us/money/markets/colorado-has-some-of-the-lowest-alcohol-taxes-and-highest-drinking-deaths-that-s-no-coincidence-experts-say/ar-AA1mstcl>

^[2] <https://www.msn.com/en-us/health/other/colorado-alcohol-deaths-surged-60-in-4-years-but-there-s-been-no-public-outcry-or-push-to-save-lives/ar-AA1msxFw>

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From: Rogers, Jason - CM
Sent: Monday, April 1, 2024 7:08 AM
To: Rodriguez, Brittany - CM
Cc: Gerber, Jared - CD; Blakeman, Cathy - CM; Gibson, Dylan - CM; Tolbert, Jim - CM
Subject: Fwd: Cannabis Dispensary

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From: rene piii <reneplll@hotmail.com>
Sent: Monday, April 1, 2024 3:44:02 AM
To: City Council <CityCouncil@c3gov.com>
Subject: Cannabis Dispensary

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To whomever it may concern,
I have been a resident of the Reunion development since 2005. I am absolutely OPPOSED to the proposal of a cannabis dispensary in this area. Why is a cannabis dispensary even proposed? It's not the type of development we need to help our neighborhood thrive. Surrounding areas such as Brighton and Green Valley Ranch are getting all the truly needed commercial development, while the only business Reunion gets is a cannabis dispensary? Reunion is failing to keep up with other areas, contributing to its decline as a desired residential destination. A dispensary here is certainly going to contribute to this decline in my opinion.

I am against this proposal. Thank you for your time.

René Ponville III
DOJ (R)

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From: Rogers, Jason - CM
Sent: Sunday, March 31, 2024 3:51 PM
To: Rodriguez, Brittany - CM
Subject: Fwd: Cannabis Store

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Regards.

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From: Xuan Dang <xuandang84@icloud.com>
Sent: Sunday, March 31, 2024 3:21:10 PM
To: City Council <CityCouncil@c3gov.com>
Subject: Cannabis Store

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I'll keep it short and simple. I am FOR the Cannabis store.
Sent from my iPhone

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From: Rogers, Jason - CM
Sent: Monday, April 1, 2024 10:33 AM
To: Rodriguez, Brittany - CM
Cc: Gibson, Dylan - CM; Gerber, Jared - CD; Blakeman, Cathy - CM; Tolbert, Jim - CM
Subject: FW: NO to Dispensary

Public record.

From: Elisa Pineda <pineda.elisa1@gmail.com>
Sent: Monday, April 1, 2024 10:29 AM
To: City Council <CityCouncil@c3gov.com>
Subject: NO to Dispensary

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To whom it may concern:

I am a very concerned parent and neighbor that just caught wind that a Marijuana Dispensary is being considered and planned for the Tower and 104th Corner. This is absurd and essentially negligence considering the current drug problem our kids and generation is facing and that this dispensary would be only a few feet from the new STEAD High School. Even though marijuana and vaping is legal, it is well-documented that these are gateway drugs to a much more profound and rampant drug problem. Putting a dispensary within walking distance of a great, middle-class neighborhood and a newly built high school would be a disservice to the children and also to the hard-working neighbors living near that. These dispensaries often attract " bad crowds" and ill-intentioned individuals which may bring much more crime and problems to the neighborhood in general. They attract individuals who often disregard their surroundings and bring down a neighborhood. I have lived in this area for 3 years now and would hate to have to move because of such an asinine business moving into my neighborhood. It may be legal, but that does not make it morally correct. Any and all dispensaries around our beautiful State currently have disgusting neighborhoods surrounding them. Those neighborhoods quickly go downhill once the dispensaries are added. There are also 2 dispensaries within a couple miles of that corner on Tower Road already so adding more would not benefit anyone.

Please, please do not allow this to happen to our neighborhood. We all benefit from a clean place to live, including the value of all of our homes and the taxes we pay for your salaries.

If you would like to discuss this further, please feel free to reach out but I will be watching and waiting to see if this goes through to consider moving my permanent home to another location if needed. I will not be within a few feet of a drug dispensary, legal or not, I have a moral obligation to my own children to remove them from that type of nonsense and potential violence.

Thank you.

Elisa Pineda
pineda.elisa1@gmail.com
Concerned Commerce City Citizen and Reunion Neighbor

Rodriguez, Brittany - CM

From: Rogers, Jason - CM
Sent: Monday, April 1, 2024 10:09 AM
To: Rodriguez, Brittany - CM
Cc: Gerber, Jared - CD; Tolbert, Jim - CM; Gibson, Dylan - CM; Blakeman, Cathy - CM
Subject: FW: Opposing Proposed Cannabis Dispensary

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From: Shari Graham <grahshari13@gmail.com>
Sent: Monday, April 1, 2024 10:04 AM
To: City Council <CityCouncil@c3gov.com>
Cc: Gibson, Dylan - CM <dgibson@c3gov.com>
Subject: Opposing Proposed Cannabis Dispensary

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Please find this email is being sent to the Commerce City city council in relation to the council's public hearing today, April 1, 2024 at 6:00 pm regarding the proposed cannabis dispensary at Tower Rd and 104th Avenue. My husband and I, along with our families, who reside in Buckley Ranch East and Reunion neighborhoods, are **TOTALLY OPPOSED** to allowing ANY cannabis dispensaries to come into this area. Please keep Commerce City residents who have chosen to live (and lived here for many years!) in this area where there are no dispensaries in mind when making the decision on this contentious proposal. This would not be a positive addition to our community. Thank you.

Curt & Shari Graham
10241 Olathe Street
Commerce City, CO 80022
Email: grahshari13@gmail.com

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Sent: Monday, April 1, 2024 9:42 AM
To: Rodriguez, Brittany - CM
Cc: Gerber, Jared - CD; Tolbert, Jim - CM; Blakeman, Cathy - CM; Gibson, Dylan - CM
Subject: FW: Please vote no to reunion rezoning for weed shop

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-----Original Message-----

From: Matt Langley <mlangley5@gmail.com>
Sent: Monday, April 1, 2024 9:17 AM
To: City Council <CityCouncil@c3gov.com>
Cc: Gibson, Dylan - CM <dgibson@c3gov.com>
Subject: Please vote no to reunion rezoning for weed shop

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To whom it may concern:

Please vote NO to rezoning reunion to allow weed shops.

I have yet to see a good reason to have one here in reunion. Any tax or revenue would marginal at best. All I see are negatives.

Do you really want the first thing that people see when they come into reunion is a weed shop? Does city council really want to be Denver that bad?

I rather see time and effort be spent on holding developers accountable for the amenities that were promised at the corner of 104th and tower.

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From: Rogers, Jason - CM
Sent: Sunday, March 31, 2024 7:07 AM
To: Rodriguez, Brittany - CM
Cc: Blakeman, Cathy - CM; Tolbert, Jim - CM; Gerber, Jared - CD; Gibson, Dylan - CM
Subject: Fwd: Commerce City/Reunion retail development

Happy Easter Brittany,

This was received by City Council for the PUDA item tomorrow night.

Regards.

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From: Larissa Pearson <larissap112@gmail.com>
Sent: Sunday, March 31, 2024 1:10:24 AM
To: City Council <CityCouncil@c3gov.com>
Cc: Gibson, Dylan - CM <dgibson@c3gov.com>
Subject: Commerce City/Reunion retail development

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Let it be known as a resident at 10179 Worchester St, Commerce City, CO 80022 that myself and my husband are in favor of allowing a marijuana dispensary in our town.

Thank you,
Larissa & Preston Pearson

Rodriguez, Brittany - CM

From: Rogers, Jason - CM
Sent: Sunday, March 31, 2024 9:27 PM
To: Rodriguez, Brittany - CM
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Subject: Fwd: Dispensary

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From: dottien128@gmail.com <dottien128@gmail.com>
Sent: Sunday, March 31, 2024 7:02:35 PM
To: City Council <CityCouncil@c3gov.com>
Cc: Gibson, Dylan - CM <dgibson@c3gov.com>
Subject: Dispensary

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To whom it may concern,
My husband and I have lived here for 16+ years. We are definitely against the dispensary at Tower Road and 104th. I have read that is not zoned to have a dispensary at that location.
Therefore, it is of our opinion, that when Reunion was set up, they did not have a dispensary in mind, or they would not have zoned it the way it is.
I also believe that when they called it hometown reunion, they did not have a dispensary in mind when they named it hometown. It is our opinion that we do not need a dispensary at that location.
Let's keep Reunion a family community.
Richard Najera and Dottie Najera
Sent from my

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Subject: Fwd:

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Sent: Sunday, March 31, 2024 11:52:30 PM
To: City Council <CityCouncil@c3gov.com>
Cc: Gibson, Dylan - CM <dgibson@c3gov.com>; Roberts, Jordan - CM <jroberts@c3gov.com>
Subject:

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Dear City Council,

I'm writing to express my support for the proposal to re-zone the retail plot 104th and Tower to accommodate the establishment of a cannabis dispensary. Having lived in our neighborhood for close to two decades, I've seen the community grow and change in numerous ways, and I believe this initiative is a positive step forward that provides economic growth and offers safer alternatives to alcohol to our neighbors.

In my conversations with representatives from Social Cannabis, particularly the local mother who is part of their team, I've been encouraged by their commitment to being responsible members of our community. Their efforts to prevent underage marijuana purchases and their willingness to engage with local authorities demonstrate their dedication to operating in a safe and respectful manner. Their idea of holding regular "good neighbor" meetings further demonstrates their openness to addressing any concerns or feedback from residents and shows their dedication to being a part of the community rather than just another storefront.

On a personal note, my own struggles with alcohol addiction for nearly two decades, have made me acutely aware of the need for safer recreational alternatives. Marijuana has played a significant role in my recovery, offering me a way to relax and unwind with friends and family without the harmful effects of alcohol and helping me stay alcohol-free for going on 5 years. Having heard similar stories from countless others who had overcome addiction during my recovery journey, I believe that providing access to safer alternatives like marijuana can benefit many others in our community who may be facing similar challenges.

This was made especially clear to me throughout my studies as I completed a Bachelor of Arts in Human Services with a Substance Abuse Counseling concentration, where numerous discussions I had with professors and recovery professionals alike affirmed the importance of allowing access to safer alternatives like marijuana. This is especially true at a time when, as recently reported by the Denver Post^[1], Colorado has some of the lowest alcohol taxes in the United States and one of the highest levels of alcohol-related deaths nationwide^[2].

Moreover, the economic benefits of allowing the dispensary to open in our neighborhood cannot be overstated. At a time when our community is clearly in need of additional revenue sources as our neighbors in Brighton and Green Valley Ranch enjoy an economic boom, the potential tax revenue generated by the cannabis dispensary could provide a much-needed boost. Additionally, it would introduce diversity to our local business landscape, offering residents more choices and contributing to the overall vibrancy of our neighborhood.

After years of having little more than nail salons and dentist offices opening in the area, Social Cannabis' operations would provide some long-overdue diversity. While I understand that there may be concerns from some members of the community, I believe it's important to consider the potential benefits of this proposal. I also worry that allowing a vocal minority of neighbors who are opposed to the dispensary to effectively scare off the business will make our community unappealing to other potential commercial operations, further limiting the number and types of businesses that open in Reunion.

In conclusion, I urge you to consider the positive impact that the re-zoning proposal for the cannabis dispensary at 104th and Tower could have on our neighborhood. Thank you for your attention to this matter, and I hope for your support in moving this proposal forward.

Sincerely,

Christopher Castellaw

^[1] <https://www.msn.com/en-us/money/markets/colorado-has-some-of-the-lowest-alcohol-taxes-and-highest-drinking-deaths-that-s-no-coincidence-experts-say/ar-AA1mstcl>

^[2] <https://www.msn.com/en-us/health/other/colorado-alcohol-deaths-surged-60-in-4-years-but-there-s-been-no-public-outcry-or-push-to-save-lives/ar-AA1msxFw>

Rodriguez, Brittany - CM

From: Rogers, Jason - CM
Sent: Monday, April 1, 2024 7:08 AM
To: Rodriguez, Brittany - CM
Cc: Gerber, Jared - CD; Blakeman, Cathy - CM; Gibson, Dylan - CM; Tolbert, Jim - CM
Subject: Fwd: Cannabis Dispensary

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To whomever it may concern,
I have been a resident of the Reunion development since 2005. I am absolutely OPPOSED to the proposal of a cannabis dispensary in this area. Why is a cannabis dispensary even proposed? It's not the type of development we need to help our neighborhood thrive. Surrounding areas such as Brighton and Green Valley Ranch are getting all the truly needed commercial development, while the only business Reunion gets is a cannabis dispensary? Reunion is failing to keep up with other areas, contributing to its decline as a desired residential destination. A dispensary here is certainly going to contribute to this decline in my opinion.

I am against this proposal. Thank you for your time.

René Ponville III
DOJ (R)

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Rodriguez, Brittany - CM

From: Rogers, Jason - CM
Sent: Sunday, March 31, 2024 3:51 PM
To: Rodriguez, Brittany - CM
Subject: Fwd: Cannabis Store

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From: Xuan Dang <xuantdang84@icloud.com>
Sent: Sunday, March 31, 2024 3:21:10 PM
To: City Council <CityCouncil@c3gov.com>
Subject: Cannabis Store

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I'll keep it short and simple. I am FOR the Cannabis store.
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Rodriguez, Brittany - CM

From: Roberts, Jordan - CM
Sent: Monday, April 1, 2024 8:26 AM
To: Rodriguez, Brittany - CM
Subject: Fwd: Comments for City Council

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From: Sierra Kimbro <anndel177@gmail.com>
Sent: Sunday, March 31, 2024 9:39:02 PM
To: Roberts, Jordan - CM <jroberts@c3gov.com>
Subject: Fwd: Comments for City Council

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Date: Sun, Mar 31, 2024 at 9:35 PM
Subject: Comments for City Council
To: <citycouncil@c3gov.com>, <dgibson@c3gov.com>

Hello City Council,

My name is Sierra and I live in Turnberry neighborhood. I wanted to let you know about my feelings for the proposed Cannabis Dispensary at Tower and 104th. I think it's a good thing to bring into the area. It offers new diversity to the area. It also would bring new commerce to our city. Rather than going out of town, (like we do) we can support a local dispensary and support our city. I ask you consider passing the changes necessary to allow this business to come to Commerce City Reunion area.

Thank you for your time,
Sierra Kimbro

Rodriguez, Brittany - CM

From: Roberts, Jordan - CM
Sent: Monday, April 1, 2024 8:25 AM
To: Rodriguez, Brittany - CM
Subject: Fwd: Opposed to proposed Cannabis dispensary at 104th and Tower.

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From: Michael Henton <michael.henton@gmail.com>
Sent: Sunday, March 31, 2024 9:40:17 PM
To: City Council <CityCouncil@c3gov.com>
Cc: Gibson, Dylan - CM <dgibson@c3gov.com>; Roberts, Jordan - CM <jroberts@c3gov.com>
Subject: Opposed to proposed Cannabis dispensary at 104th and Tower.

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To whomever it may concern,

I have been a resident of the Reunion development since 2005 and have experienced all of the good and bad this area has been through over the years.

I'd like to say I am definitely OPPOSED to the proposal of cannabis dispensary in this area at all.

A cannabis dispensary is not a suitable alternative to the type of commercial development truly needed to help our neighborhood thrive.

Although it's not Commerce City, far superior commercial investment seems to have taken place in surrounding areas such as Brighton and Green Valley Ranch such that the area around Reunion has failed to keep pace and therefore has already declined as a desired residential destination. A dispensary here is certainly going to contribute to this decline in my opinion.

I am against this proposal. Thank you for your time.

Michael Henton
USN(R)

Sent from my iPhone

Rodriguez, Brittany - CM

From: Roberts, Jordan - CM
Sent: Monday, April 1, 2024 10:02 AM
To: Rodriguez, Brittany - CM
Subject: Fwd: Opposition to Cannabis Dispensary Establishment in Reunion Commerce City

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From: Meladie Lowe <mclopton88@yahoo.com>
Sent: Monday, April 1, 2024 9:55:19 AM
To: Roberts, Jordan - CM <jroberts@c3gov.com>
Subject: Fw: Opposition to Cannabis Dispensary Establishment in Reunion Commerce City

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Respectfully,

Meladie Lowe, MSW
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Sent: Sunday, March 31, 2024 at 11:26:46 PM MDT
Subject: Opposition to Cannabis Dispensary Establishment in Reunion Commerce City

Dear Members of the City Council,

I am writing to express my strong objection to the proposed establishment of a cannabis dispensary in Reunion Commerce City. While I understand the potential economic benefits associated with such businesses, I believe allowing a dispensary in our community could have adverse effects on the well-being and safety of our residents, particularly our youth.

Research has shown that the presence of cannabis dispensaries can lead to increased access and use among adolescents, which can have detrimental effects on their cognitive development and academic performance. Additionally, there are concerns regarding the potential for increased crime and loitering in the vicinity of dispensaries, which could compromise the safety and security of our neighborhood.

I urge the City Council to reconsider the decision to allow a cannabis dispensary in Reunion Commerce City and prioritize the health and safety of our community members. Thank you for considering my concerns.

Respectfully,

Meladie Lowe, MSW

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Rodriguez, Brittany - CM

From: Roberts, Jordan - CM
Sent: Monday, April 1, 2024 8:25 AM
To: Rodriguez, Brittany - CM
Subject: Fwd: Please, no dope shop in Reunion!

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From: Ronald Harms <ronald.harms54@gmail.com>
Sent: Sunday, March 31, 2024 10:37:28 PM
To: Roberts, Jordan - CM <jroberts@c3gov.com>
Subject: Fwd: Please, no dope shop in Reunion!

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From: Ronald Harms <ronald.harms54@gmail.com>
Sent: Sunday, March 31, 2024 9:56 PM
To: citycouncil@c3gov.com <citycouncil@c3gov.com>
Cc: dgibson@c3gov.com <dgibson@c3gov.com>
Subject: Please, no dope shop in Reunion!

Dear Representatives:

As 21 year residents of Reunion, please add our names to those who are OPPOSED to having a dispensary in Reunion. We have enough stoned people on the roads already, and our kids don't need this here. We also don't need any unsavory individuals coming here to buy this junk. Please don't allow it!

Thanks,

Ron and Karen Harms
10705 Nucla St
Commerce City, CO 80022

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From: Rogers, Jason - CM
Sent: Sunday, March 31, 2024 9:25 PM
To: Rodriguez, Brittany - CM
Cc: Gerber, Jared - CD; Tolbert, Jim - CM; Blakeman, Cathy - CM; Gibson, Dylan - CM
Subject: Fwd: Pro Business even Cannabis

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Regards.

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Sent: Sunday, March 31, 2024 7:46:01 PM
To: City Council <CityCouncil@c3gov.com>
Cc: Gibson, Dylan - CM <dgibson@c3gov.com>
Subject: Pro Business even Cannabis

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Hello,

I noted via my HOA portal (Reunion) there will be a hearing about a new cannabis store on 104th and tower. I wanted to voice my support for this new business in the area.

Thanks!
Nicolle Blake
17938 E 105th Ave.
Commerce city, CO 80022

Rodriguez, Brittany - CM

From: Rogers, Jason - CM
Sent: Sunday, March 31, 2024 4:56 PM
To: Rodriguez, Brittany - CM
Cc: Gerber, Jared - CD; Blakeman, Cathy - CM; Tolbert, Jim - CM; Gibson, Dylan - CM
Subject: Fwd: Public Hearing April 1, 2024 :Objection to proposed Cannabis Dispensary at Tower and 104th Avenue

Please include in the record.

Regards.

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From: injc <injc4us@gmail.com>
Sent: Sunday, March 31, 2024 4:20:08 PM
To: City Council <CityCouncil@c3gov.com>
Cc: Gibson, Dylan - CM <dgibson@c3gov.com>
Subject: RE: Public Hearing April 1, 2024 :Objection to proposed Cannabis Dispensary at Tower and 104th Avenue

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We are requesting that our "Objection to the proposed Cannabis Dispensary at Tower and 104th Avenue RE: Public Hearing April 1, 2024" be recorded.

Our objections are two-fold.

1) As Dianne is a retired School Principal, Director of Special Education, and Principal Consultant for the Colorado Department of Education, we have much data as to how substance abuse affects students of all races/genders/ages/economic situations. Please see data below. Increased occurrence of rising psychosis in Colorado youth ages 16-23 because of increased access. Please see data from January 2024 Denver Channel 9 News mini-documentary below. Although this proposed operation would be outside of regulations required, there are still 5 Reunion schools within a two mile radius of this proposed location...not to mention neighboringschools in the 104th Avenue Corridor. Even though this proposed operator says they will not sell to minors, Colorado children are increasingly exposed to adults using and sharing cannabis as the data below shows.

2) We are very concerned our property values will decrease due to the location of a Cannabis Dispensary in the middle of Reunion Subdivision.

Data:

Academic Data

<https://www.ncbi.nlm.nih.gov/pmc/articles/PMC4586361/>

Data shows more teens who use marijuana are suffering from psychosis

<https://www.9news.com/video/news/health/mental-health/data-shows-more-teens-who-use-marijuana-are-suffering-from-psychosis/73-65cb999f-f1b8-464a-88ef-397b5afa9208>

Signed,

George Houghtaling

Dianne Houghtaling, B.S., M.A., Ed.S.

Rodriguez, Brittany - CM

From: Rogers, Jason - CM
Sent: Sunday, March 31, 2024 9:26 PM
To: Rodriguez, Brittany - CM
Cc: Gerber, Jared - CD; Blakeman, Cathy - CM; Tolbert, Jim - CM; Gibson, Dylan - CM
Subject: Fwd: Support for dispensary

For the public record.

Regards.

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From: mark shulman <mark.shulman@yahoo.com>
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I support this business and others like it. It serves a need to our community. I welcome spending money in our city rather than driving to other's and have that city prosper.

I believe not approving this business is shortsighted, discriminatory and not in the city's best fiscal interests.

Mark Shulman
15612 E 96th Way Unit 3C
Commerce City 80022
775-220-2020

Rodriguez, Brittany - CM

From: Rogers, Jason - CM
Sent: Sunday, March 31, 2024 9:54 PM
To: Rodriguez, Brittany - CM
Cc: Gerber, Jared - CD; Blakeman, Cathy - CM; Gibson, Dylan - CM; Tolbert, Jim - CM
Subject: Fwd: Vote No on Proposed Dispensary

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Regards.

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From: James Elias <jim44elias@gmail.com>
Sent: Sunday, March 31, 2024 9:26:24 PM
To: City Council <CityCouncil@c3gov.com>; Gibson, Dylan - CM <dgibson@c3gov.com>
Subject: Vote No on Proposed Dispensary

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City Council Members,

This is to inform you that Myself, my Wife, and my 12 yr old son do NOT want a dispensary in our neighborhood!

Our Vote is NO!

Best Regards,
James Elias

10817 Truckee Circle
Commerce City, CO 80022

Rodriguez, Brittany - CM

From: Roberts, Jordan - CM
Sent: Monday, April 1, 2024 9:02 AM
To: Rodriguez, Brittany - CM
Subject: Fwd: Home Owner Against 104th & Tower Dispensary

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From: Christian Ream <ream.christian@gmail.com>
Sent: Monday, April 1, 2024 8:58:45 AM
To: City Council <CityCouncil@c3gov.com>
Cc: dgaibson@c3gov.com <dgaibson@c3gov.com>; Roberts, Jordan - CM <jroberts@c3gov.com>
Subject: Home Owner Against 104th & Tower Dispensary

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Hello,

I am a homeowner in the Eastpoint neighborhood. We have been experiencing higher rates of crime recently, and do not need to attract more criminal activity to this area and neighborhood. The residents here are asking for nicer developments (restaurants, a target store, trader joes, etc.), not dispensaries. Dispensaries tend to correlate with increased levels of crime. Additionally, there are already dispensaries nearby at Tower Road and Pena. In an area with so many young families, this is not what we need. Please reconsider your decision.

In addition, I heard that many letters (87+) have been sent, and a letter writing campaign has been implemented in support of this measure. This support appears to be artificial, coming from outside influences that do not reflect what the local residents want in the area. I, along with our neighbors, were given no notice regarding this public hearing and subsequent vote of this measure, including the fact that it is taking place today (April 1st). If we knew about this ahead of time, we would have likely started a petition to collect signatures of those opposed to the measure. I believe that the vast majority of homeowners in the Eastpoint neighborhood (and adjacent developments such as Reunion) would be greatly opposed to this measure for the reasons listed above. Please reconsider this action and decision.

Thank you,
Christian Ream

Rodriguez, Brittany - CM

From: Roberts, Jordan - CM
Sent: Monday, April 1, 2024 9:39 AM
To: Rodriguez, Brittany - CM
Subject: Fwd: Letter of opposition to the Cannabis Dispensary

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From: JR Ridings <jrridings@yahoo.com>
Sent: Monday, April 1, 2024 9:16:00 AM
To: Roberts, Jordan - CM <jroberts@c3gov.com>; Noble, Susan - CC <snoble@c3gov.com>; Rogers, Jason - CM <jrogers@c3gov.com>
Subject: Letter of opposition to the Cannabis Dispensary

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I am a Reunion homeowner and I oppose the rezoning and the building of a dispensary in Reunion.

We moved here from Denver and witnessed the impact first-hand. We used to live in Lowry and we experienced several home invasions and murders near us. Homeless camps would spring up near the dispensaries and crime "clusters" would also be located near them.

I have also had my brother knocked off an overpass by a high driver that was under the influence of marijuana. His heart stopped three times before he stabilized. He suffered a closed head injury resulting in long-term brain damage, crushed pelvis, broken jaw, crushed ribs, organ lacerations and internal bleeding, and spent almost nine months in the hospital-the first three in intensive care. He ultimately survived, but was no longer able to be employed by NASA (he was a computer programmer and a graduate of Rice University and MIT) and now he is pretty close to being a Ward of the State of Texas.

Statewide, you can directly correlate traffic deaths, mental health emergencies, and violent crime directly in relation to legalization:

[The Legalization of Marijuana in Colorado: The Impact: Volume 8, September 2021](#)



The Legalization of Marijuana in Colorado: The Impact: Volume 8, Septemb...

Section I: Traffic Fatalities & Impaired Driving

- Since recreational marijuana was legalized, **traffic deaths** where marijuana **increased 138%** while all Colorado traffic deaths **inc**
- Since recreational marijuana was legalized, **traffic deaths** involv for marijuana **more than doubled** from 55 in 2013 to 131 peop
- Since recreational marijuana was legalized, the percentage of all involving drivers who tested positive for marijuana **increased f** 2020.

Section II: Marijuana Use

- Past month **marijuana use** (ages 12 and older) **increased 26%** national average, currently ranked **3rd** in the nation.
- Past month **adult marijuana use** (ages 18 and older) **increased** the national average, currently ranked **3rd** in the nation.
- Past month **college age marijuana use** (ages 18–25) **increased** the national average, currently ranked **3rd** in the nation.
- Past month **youth marijuana use** (ages 12–17) **decreased 22%** national average, currently ranked **7th** in the nation.

Section III: Public Health

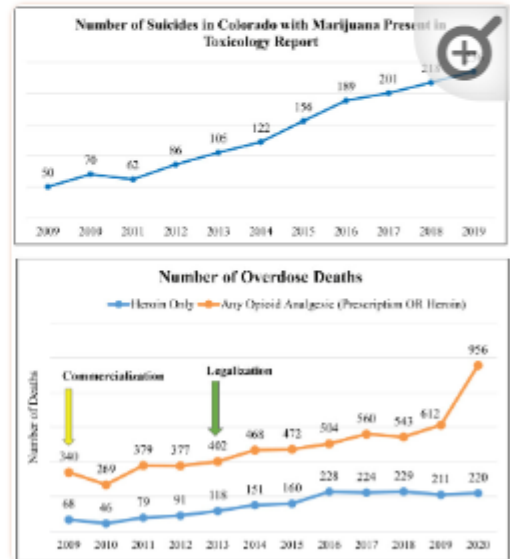
- Marijuana-*only* exposures **increased 185%** from 2013 when recreational use was legalized compared to 2020.
- Treatment for marijuana use for all ages **decreased 34%** from 2013 to 2020.
- The percent of suicide incidents in which toxicology results were **increased** from **14%** in 2013 to **29%** in 2020.

Section IV: Black Market

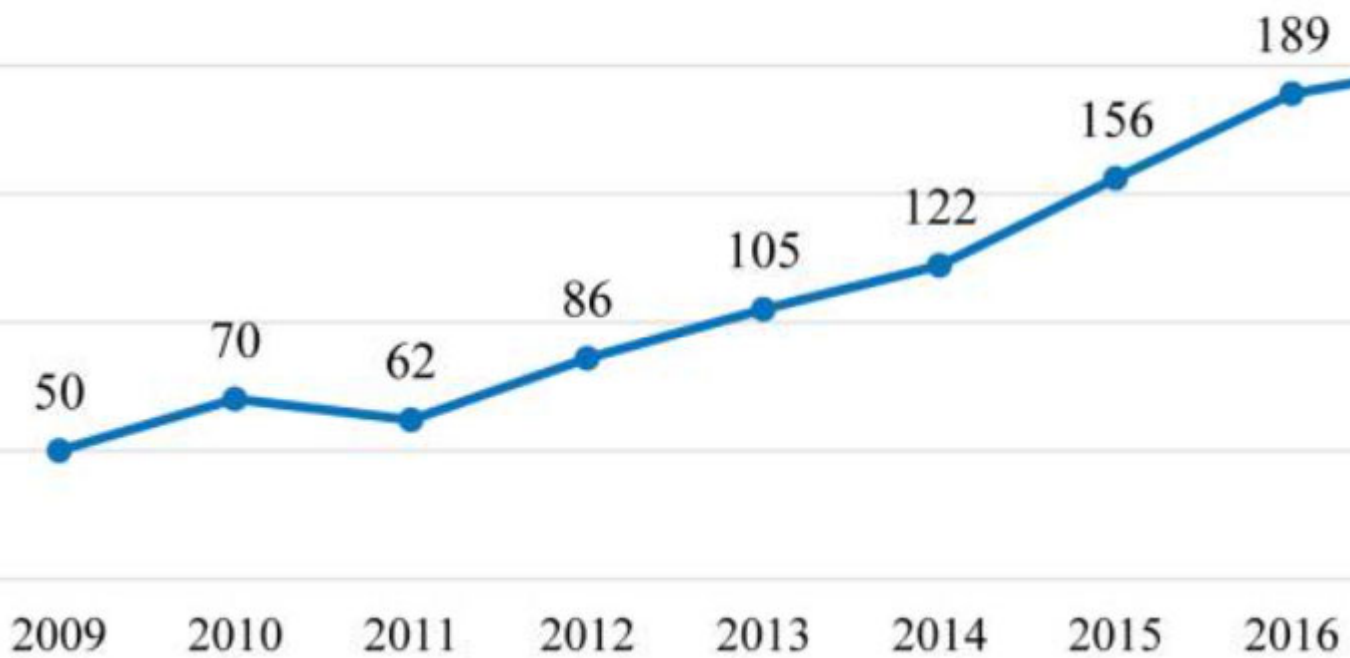
- RMHIDTA Colorado Drug Task Forces (10) conducted **294 investigations** of **marijuana** in Colorado resulting in:
 - **168** felony arrests
 - **5.54** tons of marijuana seized
 - **86,502** marijuana plants seized
 - **21** different states the marijuana was destined
- Seizures of marijuana reported to the El Paso Intelligence Center from an average of 174 parcels (2009–2012) when marijuana was seized from an average of 257 parcels (2013–2020) during the time recreational marijuana was legal in Colorado

Section V: Societal Impact

- **Marijuana tax revenue represent approximately 0.98% of C**
- **66% of local jurisdictions in Colorado have banned medical businesses.**

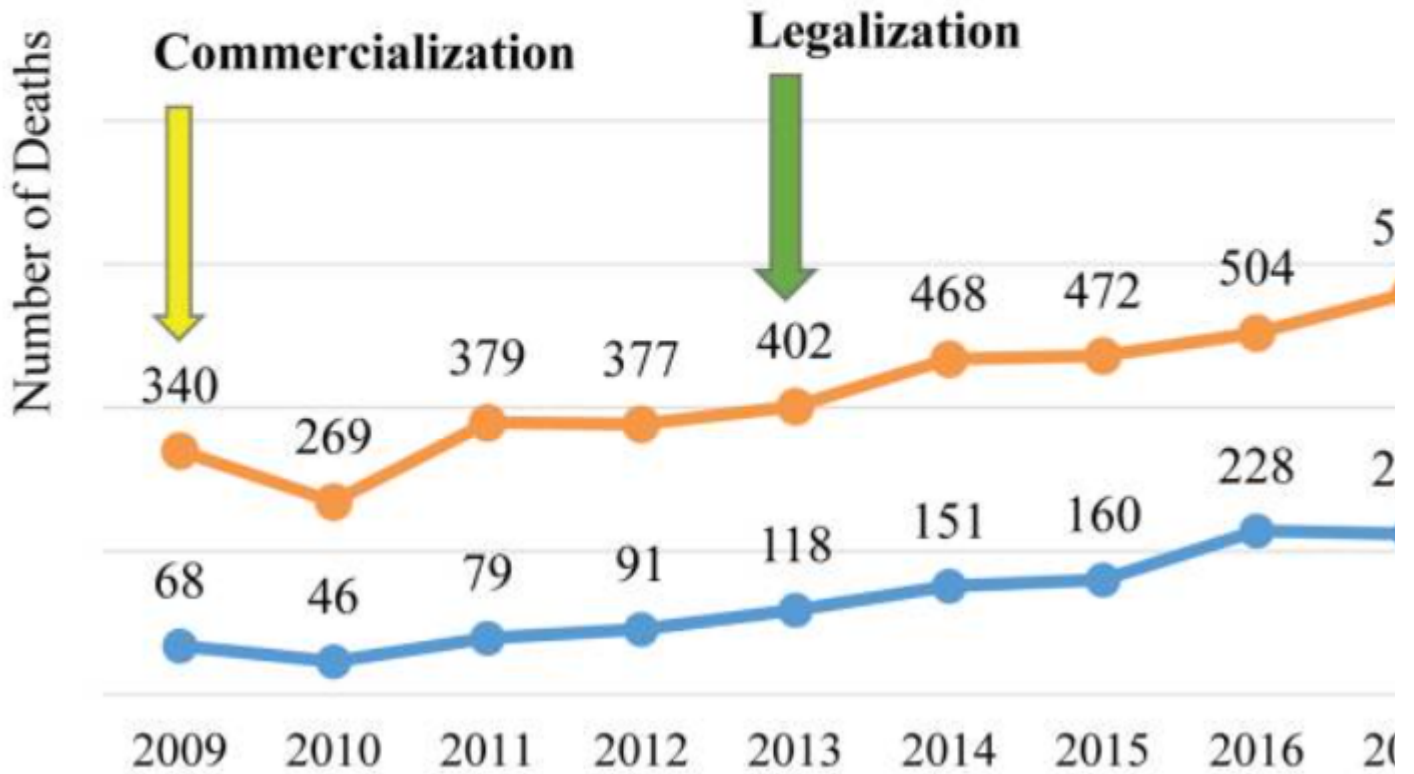


Number of Suicides in Colorado with Marijuana Toxicology Report



Number of Overdose Deaths

● Heroin Only ● Any Opioid Analgesic (Prescription)



Footnotes

Medical and recreational marijuana legalization is destroying the health and social well-being of our state. It is causing an increase in overdoses, ER visits, hospitalizations, and domestic and street violence due to increased drug use. Tax revenues are an anemic 0.98% of the 2021 state budget. Tax revenues are dwarfed by the costs of law enforcement, automobile and industrial accidents, and increased school crime. Marijuana should not be legalized in 2022.

On a professional level, I also work for a very large organization that deals with location selectors and large retail chains, fast food, hospitality, and grocery chains. Commerce City already has had a nightmare scenario of luring new businesses to Commerce City, let alone the northeast area of the city. Adding a dispensary will destroy any chance of development of those types of businesses nearby. Most locations selectors are given DIRECT INSTRUCTIONS not to open near liquor stores, pawn shops, or dispensaries. I have personally confirmed this with multiple potential customers.

Allowing this dispensary to go through, especially across the street from a middle school, will permanently blight that intersection and will create long-term negative impact to our community.

One additional point: my girlfriends brother died in his sleep after smoking MJ from a Colorado dispensary. Let that sink in.... state regulated dispensary and he died suddenly-and it was before Covid-19.

JR Ridings
jridings@yahoo.com

Rodriguez, Brittany - CM

From: Rogers, Jason - CM
Sent: Sunday, March 31, 2024 2:55 PM
To: Rodriguez, Brittany - CM
Cc: Zarzecki, Lee - CA; Blakeman, Cathy - CM; Gibson, Dylan - CM; Gerber, Jared - CD; Tolbert, Jim - CM
Subject: Fwd: Marijuana Store 104th and Tower Rd

FTFile tomorrow.

Regards.

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From: Rebecca Hudson <rlhudson56@gmail.com>
Sent: Sunday, March 31, 2024 11:26:11 AM
To: City Council <CityCouncil@c3gov.com>
Cc: Gibson, Dylan - CM <dgibson@c3gov.com>
Subject: Marijuana Store 104th and Tower Rd

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I am writing this email regarding not allowing a Marijuana Store to be apart of any retail space. This is bad for our neighborhoods, surrounding stores, elementary and middle schools. This will bring more crime to our area. In the past these type of stores have been robbed at gunpoint, people hanging out side of the store. More discarded used needles, etc. More things for younger teenagers to get involved in. NO please don't allow

Thank you

Rebecca Hudson

Rodriguez, Brittany - CM

From: Roberts, Jordan - CM
Sent: Monday, April 1, 2024 11:47 AM
To: Rodriguez, Brittany - CM
Subject: FW: NO to Dispensary

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From: Elisa Pineda <pineda.elisa1@gmail.com>
Sent: Monday, April 1, 2024 10:58 AM
To: Roberts, Jordan - CM <jroberts@c3gov.com>
Subject: Fwd: NO to Dispensary

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From: Elisa Pineda <pineda.elisa1@gmail.com>
Date: Mon, Apr 1, 2024 at 10:29 AM
Subject: NO to Dispensary
To: <citycouncil@c3gov.com>

To whom it may concern:

I am a very concerned parent and neighbor that just caught wind that a Marijuana Dispensary is being considered and planned for the Tower and 104th Corner. This is absurd and essentially negligence considering the current drug problem our kids and generation is facing and that this dispensary would be only a few feet from the new STEAD High School. Even though marijuana and vaping is legal, it is well-documented that these are gateway drugs to a much more profound and rampant drug problem. Putting a dispensary within walking distance of a great, middle-class neighborhood and a newly built high school would be a disservice to the children and also to the hard-working neighbors living near that. These dispensaries often attract " bad crowds" and ill-intentioned individuals which may bring much more crime and problems to the neighborhood in general. They attract individuals who often disregard their surroundings and bring down a neighborhood. I have lived in this area for 3 years now and would hate to have to move because of such an asinine business moving into my neighborhood. It may be legal, but that does not make it morally correct. Any and all dispensaries around our beautiful State currently have disgusting neighborhoods surrounding them. Those neighborhoods quickly go downhill once the dispensaries are added. There are also 2 dispensaries within a couple miles of that corner on Tower Road already so adding more would not benefit anyone.

Please, please do not allow this to happen to our neighborhood. We all benefit from a clean place to live, including the value of all of our homes and the taxes we pay for your salaries.

If you would like to discuss this further, please feel free to reach out but I will be watching and waiting to see if this goes through to consider moving my permanent home to another location if needed. I will not be within a few feet of a drug dispensary, legal or not, I have a moral obligation to my own children to remove them from that type of nonsense and potential violence.

Thank you.

Elisa Pineda

pineda.elisa1@gmail.com

Concerned Commerce City Citizen and Reunion Neighbor

Rodriguez, Brittany - CM

From: Roberts, Jordan - CM
Sent: Monday, April 1, 2024 11:48 AM
To: Rodriguez, Brittany - CM
Subject: FW: Opposing Proposed Cannabis Dispensary

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From: Shari Graham <grahshari13@gmail.com>
Sent: Monday, April 1, 2024 10:36 AM
To: Roberts, Jordan - CM <jroberts@c3gov.com>
Cc: Gibson, Dylan - CM <dgibson@c3gov.com>
Subject: Fwd: Opposing Proposed Cannabis Dispensary

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I am forwarding my original message and D Gibson auto reply that he is out of the office until the 8th to you. I don't know that this is necessary since I sent the original email to the city council and cc'd Dylan but wanted to make sure it got to someone for today's city council hearing for public comment.

Thank you.

Shari Graham.
Sent from my iPhone

Begin forwarded message:

From: Shari Graham <grahshari13@gmail.com>
Date: April 1, 2024 at 10:04:28 AM MDT
To: citycouncil@c3gov.com
Cc: dgibson@c3gov.com
Subject: Opposing Proposed Cannabis Dispensary

Please find this email is being sent to the Commerce City city council in relation to the council's public hearing today, April 1, 2024 at 6:00 pm regarding the proposed cannabis dispensary at Tower Rd and 104th Avenue.

My husband and I, along with our families, who reside in Buckley Ranch East and Reunion neighborhoods, are **TOTALLY OPPOSED** to allowing ANY cannabis dispensaries to come into this area. Please keep Commerce City residents who have chosen to live (and lived here for many years!) in this area where there are no dispensaries in mind when making the decision on this contentious proposal.

This would not be a positive addition to our community.

Thank you.

Curt & Shari Graham
10241 Olathe Street
Commerce City, CO 80022
Email: grahshari13@gmail.com

Sent from my iPhone

Rodriguez, Brittany - CM

From: Roberts, Jordan - CM
Sent: Monday, April 1, 2024 11:43 AM
To: Rodriguez, Brittany - CM
Subject: FW: Proposed Cannabis Dispensary at 104th and Tower

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From: Donnia Howell <donniahowell@gmail.com>

Sent: Monday, April 1, 2024 11:24 AM

To: City Council <CityCouncil@c3gov.com>; Douglas, Steve - CC <sdouglas@c3gov.com>; Noble, Susan - CC <snoble@c3gov.com>; Madera, Oscar - CC <omadera@c3gov.com>; Teter, Rocky - CC <rteter@c3gov.com>; Chacon, Renee - CC <rchacon@c3gov.com>; Douglas, Kristi - CC <kdouglas@c3gov.com>; Ford, Sean - CC <sford@c3gov.com>; Kim, Craig - CC <ckim@c3gov.com>; Dukes, Charles - CC <cdukes@c3gov.com>

Cc: Gibson, Dylan - CM <dgibson@c3gov.com>; Roberts, Jordan - CM <jroberts@c3gov.com>

Subject: Proposed Cannabis Dispensary at 104th and Tower

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Dear Mayor and Commerce City Council -

I am writing to ask you to vote NO on allowing a Cannabis Dispensary to open at 104th and Tower Road in Reunion. I am a resident of Commerce City, live in Reunion, and also operate a small business on 104th Ave.

This is a family community and a pot shop is not the type of business we need or want here. The proximity of the proposed location, while within legal limits to our local schools, is still too close. Most especially the STEAD High School. Why put a temptation so close?

I am not opposed to adults having access to marijuana if they choose to partake. It is legal in this state. I am opposed to putting this type of business in the neighborhood. There are cannabis dispensaries within less than five miles from the proposed site, which are not located in a residential community. Bringing a pot store here will decrease our property values and make this area trashy. Reunion is a beautiful community, for which we all pay a premium in property taxes. The stench of a dispensary will affect air quality for miles. I practically have to hold my breath when passing existing dispensaries. We do not need or want that here. This proposed site will be right by food/restaurants and also by the medical/dental facility located there. Can you imagine waiting in line at Starbucks or getting a cavity filled and having to smell the skunky pot shop? That could make people not want to buy in the area or support local businesses.

I would ask that any council member(s) that have their fingers in the pot industry or stand to gain financially from this proposal be required to ABSTAIN from this vote. For the others, PLEASE VOTE NO on this proposal.

Respectfully,

**Donnia Howell
16699 E. 106th Ave.
Commerce City, CO 80022**

Rodriguez, Brittany - CM

From: Roberts, Jordan - CM
Sent: Monday, April 1, 2024 11:42 AM
To: Rodriguez, Brittany - CM
Subject: FW: REUNION PUD ZONE DOCUMENT AMENDMENT NO. 6

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From: Hillary Leitch <hillaryleitch@gmail.com>
Sent: Monday, April 1, 2024 11:29 AM
To: Roberts, Jordan - CM <jroberts@c3gov.com>
Subject: Fwd: REUNION PUD ZONE DOCUMENT AMENDMENT NO. 6

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From: Hillary Leitch <hillaryleitch@gmail.com>
Date: Mon, Apr 1, 2024 at 11:27 AM
Subject: REUNION PUD ZONE DOCUMENT AMENDMENT NO. 6
To: <dgibson@c3gov.com>, <citycouncil@c3gov.com>

I am writing in support of the PUD zone document request at 104th and Tower. I am strongly in favor of a dispensary in that location. The people of Colorado voted for the legalization of marijuana. There are dispensaries in the south area of Commerce City and locations near the border of Denver and Commerce City. While I understand marijuana once upon a time was illegal and taboo, that is no longer the case. It can also provide great relief for certain medical conditions. Additionally, there are no reasonable statistics to suggest marijuana is more dangerous than alcohol. One could argue there is a liquor store across the street from a Reunion development on 104th by the Wells Fargo. Liquor stores are all over the city and there is no outrage about the dangers of alcohol consumption. As a council you are to represent the people of Commerce City and make informed decisions. The social media comments by those who oppose throw out unfounded and illogical objections to a dispensary. If you review Colorado law for dispensaries, they are held to a higher standard than liquor stores. I hope that you vote in favor of the PUD zone request.

Regards,
Hillary Leitch

Rodriguez, Brittany - CM

From: Roberts, Jordan - CM
Sent: Monday, April 1, 2024 11:46 AM
To: Rodriguez, Brittany - CM
Subject: FW: re-zoning at 104th & Tower

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From: Laura <calajach@aol.com>

Sent: Monday, April 1, 2024 11:03 AM

To: City Council <CityCouncil@c3gov.com>; Gibson, Dylan - CM <dgibson@c3gov.com>; Roberts, Jordan - CM <jroberts@c3gov.com>

Subject: re-zoning at 104th & Tower

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Dear City Council

I am writing to express my support for the proposal to re-zone the retail plot 104th and Tower to accommodate the establishment of a cannabis dispensary. As a Reunion resident of nearly two decades, I have witnessed firsthand the positive impact responsible businesses can have on our community, and I believe this initiative aligns with those principles.

Having engaged with representatives from Social Cannabis, including a local mother who works for the company, I am reassured by their commitment to being good neighbors. Their dedication to preventing underage marijuana purchases, evident in their exemplary compliance rates, and their collaboration with local authorities speak to their integrity and community-minded approach. Additionally, their plan to hold regular "good neighbor" meetings demonstrates a genuine desire to address any concerns or feedback from residents, fostering open communication and transparency.

From a personal standpoint, I believe that allowing a cannabis dispensary in our neighborhood would provide an additional source of revenue and diversity in our local business landscape. It would offer something new and different to our community, breaking the monotony of the typical businesses we see opening, such as dentist offices, auto parts stores, fast-food places, or nail salons. While I understand that some may have reservations, I am confident that with proper regulations and oversight, the dispensary can operate responsibly and contribute positively to our community.

Furthermore, I find it important to address the inconsistency in attitudes expressed by some of our neighbors towards alcohol-related businesses compared to the proposed cannabis dispensary. Given that marijuana is legal in Colorado and supported by a majority of voters, it seems reasonable to afford responsible adults in Reunion the choice without undue restrictions based on personal objections.

In conclusion, as a long-term resident invested in the well-being of our community, I respectfully urge you to consider supporting the re-zoning proposal for the cannabis dispensary 104th and Tower.

Thank you for your attention to this matter.

Sincerely,

Laura Castellaw

Rodriguez, Brittany - CM

From: Roberts, Jordan - CM
Sent: Monday, April 1, 2024 11:43 AM
To: Rodriguez, Brittany - CM
Subject: FW: Tower 104th PUD Change for Proposed Dispensary

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From: David Polley <dipolley@comcast.net>

Sent: Monday, April 1, 2024 11:29 AM

To: City Council <CityCouncil@c3gov.com>; Gibson, Dylan - CM <dgibson@c3gov.com>; Roberts, Jordan - CM <jroberts@c3gov.com>

Subject: Tower 104th PUD Change for Proposed Dispensary

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Good Day Councilmembers,

I am writing to you this morning to show support for the proposed dispensary at 104th and Tower to be discussed at this evening's council meeting.

I am not writing in regards to any issue I have with this this type of business, because I don't have any issues there. It is a legal endeavor with support of many potential customers in the community. Nor do I share any concerns that it will attract any of the less fortunate to migrate to this area or have an increase in crime. This is all fearmongering and hyperbole.

I am in support of this from an economic standpoint. This north of Commerce City is starved for any kind of commercial development. And the general feeling is that C3 is closed for new business. It is increasingly difficult to try to do business in Commerce City. The lack of commercial development, the moratorium on metro districts, requiring developers to who want to build commercial opportunities to take on additional costs and projects that the city and county should be doing, a vague and oppressively use tax, and a Chamber of Commerce that appears to be an uninviting good ol' boy network that just tries to get their members elected to council and does nothing for the community. All of this, and more, signals to companies who wish to do business and be based in Commerce City, to seek opportunity elsewhere. And the residents are getting fed up with the lack of amenities and business opportunities. The City and Council keep on making decisions that just makes it more and more difficult to do commerce in Commerce City.

Approving this PUD change and opening the doors for this business to come into our neighborhood will be a good step towards showing other businesses and the residents that the City and Council is encouraging and open to new business coming into our community. It is also a draw towards the visitors that the new hotel will need. And will provide additional tax revenue for our city. There is no logical reason to disapprove or delay this project in any way. Make this a quality community for a lifetime by opening up new economic opportunities for our residents.

Thank you for your time and consideration.

David Polley
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303-993-9200

Rodriguez, Brittany - CM

From: Roberts, Jordan - CM
Sent: Monday, April 1, 2024 11:45 AM
To: Rodriguez, Brittany - CM
Subject: FW: Campaign Against Marijuana Dispensary at 104th Ave. and Tower Road

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From: Ben Painter <picassopainter88@gmail.com>
Sent: Monday, April 1, 2024 11:09 AM
To: Roberts, Jordan - CM <jroberts@c3gov.com>
Subject: Campaign Against Marijuana Dispensary at 104th Ave. and Tower Road

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Dear Commerce City Council Members,

I am writing to express my strong opposition to the proposed marijuana dispensary at 104th Ave. and Tower Road. As a resident of this community, I am deeply concerned about the potential negative impact that such a dispensary could have on our neighborhood.

I am aware that the Commerce City Planning Commission has recommended the denial of the dispensary to the City Council and Mayor, and I urge you to uphold this recommendation. The presence of a marijuana dispensary in this area would create a general smell of marijuana that is not suitable for our family-friendly neighborhood.

This location is in close proximity to a police substation, an elementary school, and many homes, making it inappropriate for a marijuana dispensary. The safety and well-being of our children and families should be a top priority, and allowing a dispensary in this area could expose them to harmful influences.

Furthermore, there are plenty of other ways that the funding and land could be utilized, such as establishing another grocery store that would better serve the needs of our community.

I kindly request that my concerns and opposition to the marijuana dispensary be officially recorded during the public hearing scheduled for today, April 1st at 6 o'clock.

Thank you for your attention to this matter and for considering the well-being of our community.

Sincerely,

Benjamin Painter
10145 Ventura St.
Commerce City, CO 80022
picassopainter88@gmail.com

Rodriguez, Brittany - CM

From: Roberts, Jordan - CM
Sent: Monday, April 1, 2024 11:45 AM
To: Rodriguez, Brittany - CM
Subject: FW: Cannabis review at 104th and Tower Rd CC, CO

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From: Emily Jacks <emilyannjacks@gmail.com>

Sent: Monday, April 1, 2024 11:13 AM

To: Roberts, Jordan - CM <jroberts@c3gov.com>; City Council <CityCouncil@c3gov.com>; Gibson, Dylan - CM <dgibson@c3gov.com>

Subject: Re: Cannabis review at 104th and Tower Rd CC, CO

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To whom it concerns

from: Emily Jacks 17031 E 107th Ave, CC, Reunion

I vote NO for a cannabis shop at the 104th and Tower Rd location ... there are easily 10,000+ residents living within a mile of this corner with the majority of every household, have dependent children.

87 letters received in favor of a cannabis shop is a minority vs total residents ... Hwy 2 and 104th has far fewer residents and a lot fewer children in the vicinity. IF, the "for pot shop" wants to prevail ... move to Hwy 2.!!

So IF by chance your committee deems 87 letters for, is a majority, you're sadly mistaken!!!!

I VOTE NO ... TO A CANNABIS SHOP AT 104th & TOWER RD.

From: [Roberts, Jordan - CM](#)
To: [Rodriguez, Brittany - CM](#)
Subject: FW: REUNION PUD ZONE DOCUMENT AMENDMENT NO. 6
Date: Monday, April 1, 2024 11:41:49 AM
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Regards,
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