

ALLIED

Neighborhoods Association

BOARD OF OFFICERS

Cathie McCammon
President

Anna Marie Gott
Co-Vice President

Jo-Ann Shelton
Co-Vice President

Judy Orias
Treasurer

Jean Holmes
Secretary

John DeVore
Webmaster

MEMBER ASSOCIATIONS

*Bungalow Haven
Neighborhood Association*

Citizens for Livable Neighborhoods

Citizens Planning Association

*Flamingo Neighborhood
Association*

*Grove Lane Area
Neighborhood Association*

*Hidden Valley Residents
Association*

Hitchcock Ranch Association

*La Mesa Neighborhood
Association*

Mesa Protection Alliance

Oak Park Neighborhood Association

*Samarkand Neighborhood
Association*

*Santa Barbara Upper East
Association*

*Veronica Springs Neighborhood
Association*

Date: September 20, 2017

To: City Council, Paul Casey, Ariel Calonne, George Buell

Re: Preparation of Marijuana Products in Residential Zones

Dear Mayor and Council, Mr. Casey, Mr. Calonne and Mr. Buell:

We just discovered that homes in Santa Barbara in residential zones are about to be permitted (as part of a Medical Marijuana Dispensary management and operational changes application), for marijuana products production in residential zones. We strongly oppose such operations in our residential neighborhoods.

We request from you a timely response regarding the Council's available discretion to locate medical marijuana products operations outside of residential zones.

Council exercised discretion to limit the number of medical dispensaries, and to define areas where they could be permitted, as part of our local ordinance. Similar to this, is there also discretion available to designate appropriate zoning for these products operations outside of residential zones?

Additionally, the staff report states these activities would be operating as home occupations under our Zoning Ordinance and/or as cottage industries (a provision of State law). As an idea, if these operations need to be located in a residence, we have hundreds and hundreds of homes in commercial, manufacturing and industrial zones. These operations in residential zones are not compatible with our residential neighborhoods, and also pose safety issues.

The hearing for operational changes mentioned above, which includes permitting of an additional six homes in residential zones, has been postponed until October 25. The operational plan for a new dispensary up for approval on September 27 is not yet available online.

Again, we request information regarding Council's discretion to designate appropriate zoning for medical marijuana products

operations (these products fall into a few categories which include edibles, bath and beauty products, and more), outside of residential zones. Please direct your response to Cathie McCammon at, President@sb-allied.org.

Sincerely,
Allied Neighborhoods Association

cc: Renee Brooke
Susan Reardon
Beatriz Gularte
Tony Boughman