

**From:** [Board of Supervisors, \(BOS\)](#)  
**To:** [BOS-Supervisors; BOS Legislation, \(BOS\)](#)  
**Subject:** FW: Marijuana Dispensary on Irving b/t 22nd and 23d  
**Date:** Monday, November 27, 2017 8:33:02 AM

---

---

**From:** Paul Roscelli [mailto:paulroscelli@comcast.net]  
**Sent:** Sunday, November 26, 2017 1:12 PM  
**To:** Board of Supervisors, (BOS) <board.of.supervisors@sfgov.org>  
**Subject:** Marijuana Dispensary on Irving b/t 22nd and 23d

Dear Board

As a long time member of the outer sunset community, I strongly oppose the opening of the Marijuana Dispensary on Irving b/t 22nd and 23d. I do NOT challenge the legality of using marijuana but rather the location of the dispensary in this community, nearby as it will be to so many local businesses, the park and schools and churches. Please reconsider the permit. I have seen what these places have done in other parts of SF—not to mention those who now come from Marin and San Mateo to do what their communities will not allow. I will not support members of the board who endorse this proposal. I will not be able to make the Dec 5th discussion, so I'd appreciate it if you would make my voice heard

Paul Roscelli  
1347 31st Ave SF

"It is difficult to free fools from the chains they revere."  
-- Voltaire

"Go Bears!"--Oski

Retail Property  
Specialists  
California License #00418305



INCORPORATED

November 25, 2017

FILE #171188  
BOS-11  
San Francisco and  
The Greater Bay Area

Ms. Angela Calvillo  
Clerk of the Board of Supervisors  
1 Dr. Carlton Goodlett Place, Room 244  
San Francisco, California 94102-4689

RE: case 2016-002424CUA

RECEIVED  
BOARD OF SUPERVISORS  
SAN FRANCISCO  
2017 NOV 29 PM 2:30  
AK

Dear Ms. Calvillo,

We represent the property owners at 1800 , 1816, 2048, and 2050 IRVING STREET.

We definitely do not want a marijuana store in the vicinity of the above mentioned properties.

Marijuana smoke will ruin the business of the coffeeshop at 1800 Irving, will ruin the taste of the food at PDQ Restaurant at 1816 Irving, will hurt the clean environment of the Walgreens drug store at 22<sup>nd</sup> and Irving.

**Please do not give them a permit to open a marijuana store at 2161-2165 Irving Street**

Thank you for your consideration

Cordially yours,  
Blatteis Realty Co., Inc.  
Property Manager

By: David Blatteis  
415-321-7488  
dsblatteis@blatteisrealty.com

# Petition to Ban The Barbary Coast Marijuana Dispensary @ Irving St

Action petitioned for *BJ* We, the undersigned, are concerned citizens who urge our leaders to act now **to deny a permit** for the proposed marijuana dispensary currently under consideration for Sunset District, called The Barbary Coast dispensary at 2161 and 2165 Irving Street. SF  
 14 PAGES

Printed Name	Signature	Address	Date
TERESA DAI		1873. 37 <sup>th</sup> AVE SF.	11/25/17
Yim van ng		2170 30 <sup>th</sup> AVE S.F.	11/25/17
Step Stephen C		1479 43 <sup>rd</sup> AVE	11/25/17
Teresa Kwam		1542-42 <sup>nd</sup> AVE. S.F.	11/25/17
Maria Lee		1554-38 <sup>th</sup> AVE. S.F.	11-25-17
APRIL JORDY		1307, 25 <sup>th</sup> AVE. #304 S.F.	11-25-17
PERRY LAM		1262-25 <sup>th</sup> AVE. S.F.	11-25-2017
SUN LAM		1262-25 <sup>th</sup> AVE. S.F.	11-27-2017
FRENK LAM		1262-25 <sup>th</sup> AVE SF.	11-27-2017
JERRY LAM		1264-25 <sup>th</sup> AVE. S.F.	11-27-2017
LOREN LAM		1264-25 <sup>th</sup> AVE SF.	11-27-2017
Betty Nascimento		1829-44 <sup>th</sup> AVE. S.F.	11-25-17

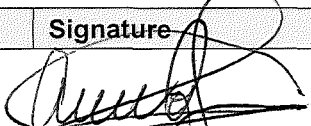


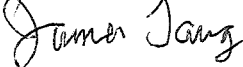
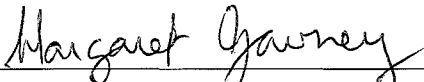
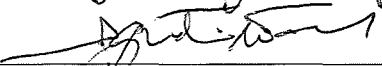

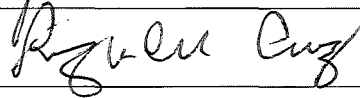

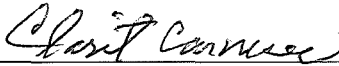

# Petition to Ban The Barbary Coast Marijuana Dispensary @ Irving St

Action petitioned for We, the undersigned, are concerned citizens who urge our leaders to act now to deny a permit for the proposed marijuana dispensary currently under consideration for Sunset District, called The Barbary Coast dispensary at 2161 and 2165 Irving Street. SF

Printed Name	Signature	Address	Date
VIRGINIA MAH		1908-23 BDAVE, SF, CA 94116	11-25-17
MAK, ANDREY		1726 17th AVE, SF CA 94122	11-25-2017
John Perromat		1563 41st AVE SP CA 94122	11-25-2017
David Valle-Schwank		2070 29th Avenue, SF, CA 94116	11-26-17
Irene HARGUNDEGUY		1321 48th AVE #104 SF 94122	11.26.17
Michael Surfin		1755 SOUTH MARYFAIR AVENUE CA 94115	11-26-17
JOSE VILLALBA		1859 46 AVE SF. CA. 94122	11-26-17
DIANA CRECI		1687 35th AVE SF CA 94122	11/26/17
Julie Quock		20 Quartz way SF, CA 94131	11/26/17
Maureen Amiola		24 Chateau Ct. So SF CA 94080	11/26/17
JERRY BACK		1582 39th AVE SF, CA 94122	11/26/17
Juana Chak		1486 - 42 Ave.	11/26/17

# Petition to Ban The Barbary Coast Marijuana Dispensary @ Irving St

Action petitioned for	We, the undersigned, are concerned citizens who urge our leaders to act now <b>to deny a permit</b> for the proposed marijuana dispensary currently under consideration for Sunset District, called The Barbary Coast dispensary at 2161 and 2165 Irving Street. SF
-----------------------	---

Printed Name	Signature	Address	Date
ARNOLD ZAMORA		1555 39th Ave, SF, CA 94122	11/25/17
RAMSEY RAMOS		1690 34th Ave SF CA 94122	11/25/17
LOURDES TANG		1575 33rd Ave, SF, CA 94122	11/25/17
JAMES TANG		1575 33rd Ave, SF, CA 94122	11/25/17
MARGARET GAVNEY		1875 40th Ave S.F. CA 94122	11-25-17
IGNATIUS WANG		1555-39th Ave CA 94122	
Hilda dela Cruz		1285 45th Ave S. F. CA 94122	
Lazaro dela Cruz		1285 45th Ave S.F. CA 94122	
NORA SHEA		1423-42ND AVE SF 94122	11-26-17
CLARITA CARREON		1578 46th Avenue S.F. 94122	11-26-17
Sally Cassidy		4521 Irving St SF 94122	11-26-17
Benito Capuyan		133 Pierce St. SF. 94122	11-26-17





# Petition to Ban The Barbary Coast Marijuana Dispensary @ Irving St

Action petitioned for	We, the undersigned, are concerned citizens who urge our leaders to act now <b>to deny a permit</b> for the proposed marijuana dispensary currently under consideration for Sunset District, called The Barbary Coast dispensary at 2161 and 2165 Irving Street. SF
-----------------------	---

Printed Name	Signature	Address	Date
Clare	<i>me Kenna</i>	1350 38 <sup>TH</sup> AVE	11-26-17
LARRY	<i>Lawrence D. D'Amico</i>	2287 38 <sup>TH</sup> AVE. SF CA	11-26-17
Petra	<i>Dolanji</i>	2287 - 38 <sup>TH</sup> AVE SF	11-26-17
George Arriola	<i>[Signature]</i>	24 Chateau Ct, S SF 94080	11-26-17
Lucelia Bunn	<i>[Signature]</i>	1758, 46 <sup>TH</sup> AVE. SF 94122	11-26-17
JULIUS S. BUCCIA	<i>Julius S. Buccia</i>	161 ST. FRANCIS BLVD. <sup>DAILY CITY</sup> CA 94115	11-26-17
Jeanne W	<i>[Signature]</i>	1655-37th Ave, SF CA 94122	11-26-17
Dawn W	<i>[Signature]</i>	1655-37th Ave, SF CA 94122	11-26-17
Mia W	<i>[Signature]</i>	1655-37th Ave, SF CA 94122	11-26-17
Xina Lam	<i>[Signature]</i>	1655-37th Ave, SF CA 94122	11-26-17
Emily Lam	<i>[Signature]</i>	1655 Napoleon St & 38 <sup>TH</sup>	11-26-17
Schelle W	<i>[Signature]</i>	1655 37th Ave SF CA 94122	11-26-17





Printed Name	Signature	Address	Date
MARGARETTA L. RINNEY	Margaretta L. Rinney	4725 Irving St. #6 San Francisco, CA 94122	11/25/2017
J. L. Hidalgo	JLH	11643 - 39th Ave CA 94122	11/26/17
3 David Beach	David Beach	1415 45th Ave SF, CA 94122	11/26/17
Arenda C. Petroopoulos	Arenda C. Petroopoulos	561 Arguello Blvd #4, CA 94118-3237	11/26/17
Melisa Aguirre	Melisa Aguirre	1687 - 44th Ave. SF, Ca. 94122	11/26/17
Wesley Plunkett	Wesley Plunkett	411 HAWAIIAN ST. HI 96804	11/26/17
KIPPY CHAN	KIPPY CHAN	1955 - 46th Ave. SF CA 94116	11/26/17
Alice Mibach	Alice Mibach	1459 - 37th Ave SF CA 94122	11/26/17
Kenny Long	Kenny Long	1955 46th Ave.	11/26/17
MYLENE TRAX	MYLENE TRAX	45th AVE SF CA	11/26/17
ALAN BAYER	Alan Bayer	1798 39th Ave #101 SF, CA 94122	11/26/17
Pat Lehmpaga	PBR.	3832 Lantieri St SF. Ca 94122	11/26/17
Sheryl Dominguez	Sheryl Dominguez	16th 45th Ave S.F. CA 94122	11/26/17
GEORGE GUIN	George Guin	3636 MORAGA ST SF CA 94122	11/26/17
SOFIA Aguirre	Sofia Aguirre	1281 - 31st - Ave. SF CA	11/26/17
Andrew Corrier	Andrew Corrier	459 Colon Ave, SF. CA 94127	11/26/17

# Petition to Ban The Barbary Coast Marijuana Dispensary @ Irving St


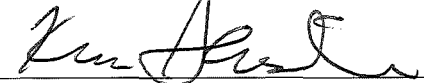
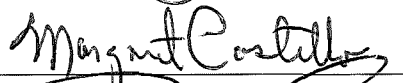

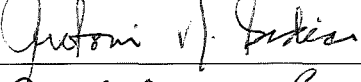

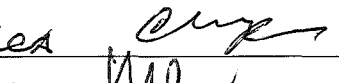

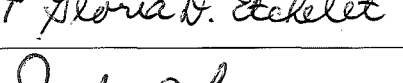
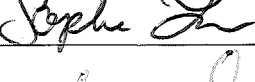

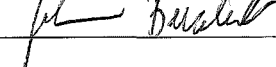
Action petitioned for	We, the undersigned, are concerned citizens who urge our leaders to act now <b>to deny a permit</b> for the proposed marijuana dispensary currently under consideration for Sunset District, called The Barbary Coast dispensary at 2161 and 2165 Irving Street. SF
-----------------------	---

Printed Name	Signature	Address	Date
Margrante Thom	MARGUERITE THAM	1629-33 <sup>rd</sup> Ave S.F. Cal. 94122	11/26/17
AMY YAM	Amy Yam	2459 25 <sup>th</sup> Ave, S.F. CA 94116	11/25/17
Aryla Jung	Aryla Jung	1467-37 <sup>th</sup> AVE S.F. 94122	11-25-17
MEE CJUN CHAN	MEE CJUN CHAU	1726 17 <sup>th</sup> Ave SF 94122	11-25-17
Nick Yvel	Nick Yvel	2725 Lombard Ave SF 94132	11-25-17
Pris Olivier	Pris Olivier	1726 17 <sup>th</sup> Ave SF 94122	11/25/17
STEPHEN MAK	Stephen Mak	1357 La Playa #23 SF 94122	11/25/17
POLLYANN LIFE	Pollyann Life	2407 21 <sup>st</sup> AVE SF CA 94116	11/25/17
Emilia Lu	Emilia Lu	2059-47 <sup>th</sup> Ave SF CA 94116	11/25/17
MSAMSON	Marieta Jameson	1962-34 <sup>th</sup> Ave ST 94116	11/25/17
Ai Lin Morten	Ai Lin Morten	2578 33 <sup>rd</sup> Avenue SF 94116	11/25/2017
Etaine Sprague	Etaine Sprague	1667-37 <sup>th</sup> AVE SF 94122	11/25/2017



# Petition to Ban The Barbary Coast Marijuana Dispensary @ Irving St

Action petitioned for	We, the undersigned, are concerned citizens who urge our leaders to act now <u>to deny a permit</u> for the proposed marijuana dispensary currently under consideration for Sunset District, called The Barbary Coast dispensary at 2161 and 2165 Irving Street. SF
-----------------------	---

Printed Name	Signature	Address	Date
Mary W. Chow		1690 40th Avenue, SF CA 94122	11/26/17
Kim Skidmore		1824 18th Avenue, SF CA 94122	11/26/17
Margaret Costello		1370 36th Ave SF 94122	11-26-17
Paul Roscell		1391 33rd Ave SF 94122	11/26/17
ANTONIO SIDECO		1214 39th Ave SF CA 94122	11-26-17
ROSALINDA SIDECO		1214 39th Ave SF CA 94122	11-26-17
CECILIA PASARE		1210 - 39th Ave. SF 94122	11-26-17
MERLITO Colome		1643 39th AV SF 94122	11.26.17
GLORIA D. ETCHECET		2345 MORAGA ST., S.F., CA 94122	11/26/17
Sophie Luu		2527 Kirkham St. SF, CA 94122	11/26/17
ERNESTO ALVARO		2442 42nd Ave SF CA 94116	11-26-17
Johanna Bualat		1526 - 47th Ave. SF. Ca. 94122	11-26-17

Printed Name	Signature	Address	Date
Valerie Toy	Valerie Toy	1867 - 30 <sup>th</sup> Ave. SF. Ca.	11-25-2017
Jackie Samuel	Jackie Samuel	125046 <sup>th</sup> Ave Apt 4 SF CA	11/25/2017
Greg Tane	Greg Tane	1431-40th Avenue SF CA 94122	11-25-17
Justin Tang	Justin Tang	1575 33rd Ave SF CA 94122	11-25-17
Russell Tang	Russell Tang	1575 33rd Ave SF CA-94122	11-25-17
Alice Rosario	Alice Rosario	1638-35 <sup>th</sup> Ave SF CA 94122	11-26-17
ED ROSARIO	Ed Rosario	1638-35 <sup>th</sup> Ave SF CA 94122	11-26-17
Dolores Sacha	Dolores Sacha	1424 La Playa St SF CA 94122	11-26-17
Louis W. Petropoulos	Louis W. Petropoulos	561 Arguello Blvd., Apt. 4	11-26-17
Katherine Cartwright	Katherine Cartwright	1263 44 <sup>th</sup> Ave SF CA 94122	11-26-17
Maria Fern	Maria Fern	1434 34th Ave 94122	11-26-17
Sharifah Gomes	Sharifah Gomes	3640 - Santiago Street <sup>SF</sup> CA 94116	11/26/17
CHARLES CHAU	Charles Chau	1163 PIERCE ST. 94115	11/26/17
Rosalinda Cusi	Rosalinda Cusi	2254 46th Ave. SF. CA. 94116	11/26/17
Ricard Cusi	Ricard Cusi	" " " " " "	11/26/17
Julie Lee	Julie Lee	1281-31 <sup>st</sup> Ave SF 94122	11/26/17







**From:** [Board of Supervisors, \(BOS\)](#)  
**To:** [BOS-Supervisors](#); [BOS Legislation, \(BOS\)](#)  
**Subject:** FW: Marijuana Dispensary on Irving b/t 22nd and 23d  
**Date:** Monday, November 27, 2017 8:33:02 AM

---

---

**From:** Paul Roscelli [mailto:paulroscelli@comcast.net]  
**Sent:** Sunday, November 26, 2017 1:12 PM  
**To:** Board of Supervisors, (BOS) <board.of.supervisors@sfgov.org>  
**Subject:** Marijuana Dispensary on Irving b/t 22nd and 23d

Dear Board

As a long time member of the outer sunset community, I strongly oppose the opening of the Marijuana Dispensary on Irving b/t 22nd and 23d. I do NOT challenge the legality of using marijuana but rather the location of the dispensary in this community, nearby as it will be to so many local businesses, the park and schools and churches. Please reconsider the permit. I have seen what these places have done in other parts of SF—not to mention those who now come from Marin and San Mateo to do what their communities will not allow. I will not support members of the board who endorse this proposal. I will not be able to make the Dec 5th discussion, so I'd appreciate it if you would make my voice heard

Paul Roscelli  
1347 31st Ave SF

"It is difficult to free fools from the chains they revere."  
-- Voltaire

"Go Bears!"--Oski

**From:** [Board of Supervisors, \(BOS\)](#)  
**To:** [BOS-Supervisors; BOS Legislation, \(BOS\)](#)  
**Subject:** FW: Marijuana Dispensary  
**Date:** Monday, November 27, 2017 8:32:50 AM

---

**From:** Grace Garcia [mailto:grace.garcia@att.net]  
**Sent:** Sunday, November 26, 2017 1:24 PM  
**To:** Board of Supervisors, (BOS) <board.of.supervisors@sfgov.org>  
**Subject:** Marijuana Dispensary

I join with other Sunset district residents in opposing the proposed marijuana dispensary at 22<sup>nd</sup> & Irving.

It is not an appropriate location for this type of business.

Thank You,

Grace Garcia

1622-38<sup>th</sup> Ave.

**From:** [Board of Supervisors, \(BOS\)](#)  
**To:** [BOS-Supervisors; BOS Legislation, \(BOS\)](#)  
**Subject:** FW: Ban Marijuana Dispensary @ 2161-5 Irving St., SF  
**Date:** Monday, November 27, 2017 8:32:40 AM

---

**From:** Louis Chan [mailto:louiskchan46@yahoo.com]  
**Sent:** Sunday, November 26, 2017 2:25 PM  
**To:** Board of Supervisors, (BOS) <board.of.supervisors@sfgov.org>  
**Subject:** Ban Marijuana Dispensary @ 2161-5 Irving St., SF

Dear Board of Supervisors of SF:

Please note that we are writing to oppose having the adult marijuana dispensary at 2161-5 Irving Street, San Francisco.

At the same time, we are for the following proposals.

- 1) Make buffer zones minimum 1,000'.
- 2) Count preschools, daycare centers and public libraries in the buffer zones.

Sincerely,  
Louis Chan  
Ivy Chan  
1630 36th Avenue, San Francisco

case #: 2016-002424CUA

# 38 Parents Signatures obtains from Kumon Math and Reading Center of SF

2215 Judah St, San Francisco, CA 94122 (Between 27 & 28<sup>th</sup>)

Phone: (415) 665-4169

From Kumon  
28th Ave + Judah

**To: San Francisco Board of Supervisors**  
**Re: MCD on 2161-2165 Irving, Case #: 2016-002424CUA**

We the undersigned **strongly oppose** the cannabis dispensary at 2161-2165 Irving Street and urge the San Francisco Board of Supervisors to overturn the San Francisco Planning Commission's approval of the Barbary Coast medical cannabis dispensary. We do not want the dispensary under any conditions. It is bad for our family-oriented neighborhood, will increase traffic, and make marijuana more available and acceptable. Further, the environmental impact of second-hand smoke from cannabis is unacceptable and we fear the danger of cannabis edibles falling on the sidewalk or being given to our children and pets.

Please listen to our community and vote NO to the Barbary Coast MCD under any circumstances.

NAME	ADDRESS	PHONE/EMAIL
Renee Tremmel	514 Marin Ave <sup>Mill Valley CA 94941</sup>	415-830-0863
Jada Truong	2619 45th Ave	415-632-6385
Corinne Dong	2243 37th Ave	415-819-8400
梁建明	7722 27th Ave	415-229-1948
Vivian Tan	1431 35th Ave	(415) - 810-8998
Li Wang	2030 44th Ave	(415) 503-8846
Joanna Szeto	1332 S Mayfair Ave	650-757-1236
Nobuya Jin	1332 S Mayfair Ave	650.278.3548
Minnie Kwan	1774 39th Avenue	415 566 9535
Wendy Kwan	696 Grove Ave <sup>SF</sup>	(415) 606 3314
Elaine Mak	1 Hahn St. <sup>CA 94134</sup>	(415) 830-7288
Joseph Yu	342 23rd Ave <sup>CA 94112</sup>	650 821 9456
Bichen	4668 Ocean Ave	(415) 939-9326
Nilesh Bhandari	1750 32nd Ave	(617) 780-7556
Jessira Situ	1876 Funston Ave SF	415-819-1689

From Knmox

**To: San Francisco Board of Supervisors**  
**Re: MCD on 2161-2165 Irving, Case #: 2016-002424CUA**

We the undersigned **strongly oppose** the cannabis dispensary at 2161-2165 Irving Street and urge the San Francisco Board of Supervisors to overturn the San Francisco Planning Commission's approval of the Barbary Coast medical cannabis dispensary. We do not want the dispensary under any conditions. It is bad for our family-oriented neighborhood, will increase traffic, and make marijuana more available and acceptable. Further, the environmental impact of second-hand smoke from cannabis is unacceptable and we fear the danger of cannabis edibles falling on the sidewalk or being given to our children and pets.

Please listen to our community and vote NO to the Barbary Coast MCD under any circumstances.

NAME	ADDRESS	PHONE/EMAIL
Kipling Lee	1876 Funston Ave SF, CA 94116	415-601-9594
Rose Situ	1687 46th Ave, SF CA	415-681-1689
Sandy Situ	1474 28th Ave SF 94122	415-260-1508
CAZ Xia Guan	1687 46TH AVE S.F., CA 94122	415-734-6380
Christine Chang	2215 Judah St SF CA 94122	415 665-4169
Amy Chang	1137 Geneva Ave SFA 94112	415-680-6082
Jan Ping Li	1825 Noriega 25th AVE SF 94122	415-860-8857
Bing Izu	1291.34th Ave SF CA 94122	415-867-2383
Jenny Zhong	535 Judah St	(415) 665-2511
Henny Piauwasdf	1038 NORIEGA ST CA 94122	<del>415 664 6923</del> 415 664 6923
MOEL Deynaco	2223 3th ave S.F. CA 94116	(415) 694-0418
1114 Zhu	1431 35th Ave	415-769-5176
Yanling Wang	1238th Ave apt#3	415-753-0239
Angela Shim	3738 Kirkham St	512-705-3296
Jiashun Zheng	1375 27th Ave #3	415-650-8901



**From:** [Board of Supervisors, \(BOS\)](#)  
**To:** [BOS-Supervisors](#); [Somera, Alisa \(BOS\)](#); [Young, Victor](#); [Jalipa, Brent \(BOS\)](#); [Lew, Lisa \(BOS\)](#); [Wong, Linda \(BOS\)](#)  
**Subject:** FW: I strongly object to the Marijuana dispensaries in the Sunset District  
**Date:** Tuesday, November 14, 2017 10:55:53 AM

---

**From:** Heather Murdock [mailto:hgmurdock@yahoo.com]  
**Sent:** Monday, November 13, 2017 9:34 PM  
**To:** Board of Supervisors, (BOS) <board.of.supervisors@sfgov.org>; Yee, Norman (BOS) <norman.yee@sfgov.org>; Tang, Katy (BOS) <katy.tang@sfgov.org>  
**Cc:** hknight@sfchronicle.com  
**Subject:** I strongly object to the Marijuana dispensaries in the Sunset District

Hello Board of Supervisors, especially Norman and Katy  
I know this is last minute but I heard you are voting on the medical marijuana dispensary in the Sunset District tomorrow and I would like to voice my strong objection to granting a permit for a dispensary on Irving near Jefferson Elementary School and numerous Day Care centers.

I teach Biology at San Francisco State University, and cover the pros and cons of Marijuana in my classes and there are so many more negatives than positives with this drug. I can see the negatives in my classes with the amount of students that have admitted to using the drug and how many are addicted or have friends with MJ addiction. (Out of 279 students 63 of them (23%) know of someone that is having Marijuana abuse problems, 53% of them know of someone with another type of addiction. Our society has so much substance abuse already and we're just going to add to it with legalization of Marijuana and the proliferation of both medical and recreational marijuana dispensaries.)

While I understand that Medical Marijuana can alleviate many symptoms for people that are in pain, have nausea, eating disorders, PTSD, anxiety, sleep issues, cancer, MS, glaucoma etc. etc. The fact remains that Marijuana is mostly used recreationally and putting a medical dispensary near schools will just further de-stigmatize this drug, making kids think it's okay to use. In California less than 5% of medical marijuana cardholders actually have HIV, glaucoma, Multiple Sclerosis, cancer or other life-threatening diseases. Most of the other medical marijuana users list "chronic pain" or "insomnia", and use it recreationally. (Please note, there is no valid research to date that actually proves marijuana is safe or healthy, despite often being called "medical".)

It's an addictive drug that can cause damage to the nervous system, respiratory system and cardiovascular system. It is also considered a "Gateway Drug" since many Marijuana users build up a tolerance for MJ and need to move onto a more potent drug to get the "high" that they are craving. Since legalization in other states there have been more instances of ER visits due to MJ (especially children ingesting edibles), fatal car crashes, animals being subjected to MJ, etc. etc..

If people need MJ for medical purposes there are plenty of delivery services that can bring the drug to their home. I don't think we need to subject our neighborhood to more drug use because the drug industry would like to make more money. We all know this is just a money issue - not a public service issue. Legalizing marijuana is actually going to harm our society in the long run and cost us more in health care, substance abuse programs, mental health programs, unemployment and welfare costs, and it will decrease the quality of life and cause family strife for so many users.

I was very much against legalizing it in the 1st place and I'm just going to attach the letter that I wrote to L.G. Gavin Newsom since my opinion has not changed since then and the letter has the information that I think you should be considering about Marijuana in general. I'm also ccing Heather Knight from the San Francisco Chronicle since she wrote a piece attacking your debate on granting dispensaries in the city



recently. I'm glad you're considering the 1000 ft rule as well as the 600 ft buffer. I think Newsom, the Board of Supervisors, and the Chronicle staffers needs to research the adverse affects of Marijuana a little more before promoting more drug use in San Francisco.

I have kids and don't want them to think using Marijuana is "Okay" because it is so accessible, advertised everywhere we go, accepted and portrayed as "medical". When I asked my students how many of them got any sort of Marijuana education in elementary, middle or high school less than 10% of them raised their hands - most of them had no idea the adverse affects of marijuana on their bodies and for some of them it's a little late since they are already hooked. I've had plenty of friends that have had life long problems due to their marijuana usage as teens so I really do not like this drug.

Here's more info in the letter I wrote before the election: August 2016

Dear Lieutenant Governor Gavin Newsom and the San Francisco Chronicle

I'd like to explain some adverse effects of marijuana, so that the voters are better educated on the subject before we rush to legalize.

Here are some conclusive facts about marijuana:

- When the psychoactive ingredient in marijuana, THC binds to the cannabinoid receptors meant for our own natural chemicals, it causes an array of harmful effects, especially on the brain, heart and lungs.
- THC is particularly damaging to the brains of teens and young adults because their brains are not fully mature until around 25 and the THC can cause permanent damage.
- Marijuana affects the areas of the brain that control memory, mood, motivation, motor coordination, decision-making, communication, pain, pleasure, appetite, judgment, reward, learning, alertness, self-conscious awareness, concentration and addiction.
- It also increases the incidents of mental illnesses such as depression, panic attacks, paranoia, anxiety and schizophrenia. Exposure to marijuana increases the risk of developing schizophrenia in people with genetic vulnerability by 40%.
- Frequent marijuana usage can lower IQ, educational outcome and job performance.
- Marijuana usage increases the risk of heart attack, stroke, chronic bronchitis and other health issues.
- Marijuana is very addictive. There are **4.4 million Americans addicted to Marijuana!** One reason is that the THC potency has increased from 3-5% in the 60's to 15 – 25% in 2015. This stronger potency effects brain structure, function, addiction, IQ and psychosis more.
- Marijuana is often a "gateway drug" with users moving to harder drugs like crack, cocaine, heroin, methamphetamines, and Oxycontin.
- Marijuana usage can be fatal. There are over 3000 traffic fatalities per year associated with impaired driving due to marijuana. This number will increase with legalization, as will the number of violent crimes, job-related injuries, overdoses from

harder drugs and suicides.

- Some people argue if alcohol and tobacco are both legal shouldn't marijuana be legal as well? Alcohol and tobacco both do a great amount of damage to our society, but that's not a rational argument to add more damage to the population by increasing addiction and health issues with one more dangerous substance. Out of the 158 million Americans that consume alcohol 10-15% are addicted (there are similar addiction rates for the 19 million marijuana users) and 88,000 die from excess alcohol usage yearly. Out of the 58 million tobacco users in American at least 60% are addicted, and tobacco causes 148,000 deaths per year. We currently spend more than 600 billion dollars a year on health care for substance abuse. It's reprehensible to legalize yet another drug to add to these statistics.
- Marijuana can alleviate pain and suffering and increase appetite, but should only be used for medicinal purposes for people with severely debilitating health issues. In California less than 5% of medical marijuana cardholders actually have HIV, glaucoma, Multiple Sclerosis, cancer or other life-threatening diseases. Most of the other medical marijuana users list "chronic pain" or "insomnia", and use it recreationally. (Please note, there is no valid research to date that actually proves marijuana is safe or healthy, despite often being called "medical".)
- Marijuana usage is also linked with decreased fertility, increased sexually transmitted infections, unplanned pregnancies, preterm labor, increased ER visits, child neglect and animal poisonings.
- The costs associated with increased marijuana usage far outweigh the revenue we will receive in taxes if legalization goes through. Some propose that the revenue could be used for education. This is ironic since we'll be making it more accessible and acceptable for our youth to use a substance that damages their brain, lowers their IQ and motivation, increases dropout and expulsion rates and leads to lower paying jobs and life satisfaction.

In conclusion: legalizing marijuana will cause MORE...usage in teens, addiction, overdoses from harder drugs, crime, incarceration, higher enforcement needs, traffic fatalities, educational decline, unemployment, detrimental health issues including mental illness, healthcare costs, homelessness, and ruined lives. We should be concentrating on education and prevention in order to DECREASE the use of marijuana, so that we have a healthier, safer, saner, more functional society.

Thank you for your consideration,  
Heather Murdock, SFSU Biology Lecturer

References:

Claire D. Advokat, Joseph E. Comaty, Robert M. Julien. *Julien Primer of Drug Action: A comprehensive Guide to the Actions, Uses and Side Effects of Psychoactive Drugs*. 13<sup>th</sup> edition. . Worth Publishers, NY 2014

Nora D. Volkow, M.D., Ruben D. Valer, Ph.D., Wilson M. Compton, M.D. and Susan R.B. Weiss, Ph.D., “Adverse Health Affects of Marijuana Use”, *The New England Journal of Medicine*. June 4, 2014.

William J. Bennet and Robert A. White, *Going to Pot: Why the Rush to Legalize Marijuana is Harming America*, Center Street Hatchett Book Group, NY 2014

Heather Murdock, *Fundamentals of Human Biology and Health*, 3<sup>rd</sup> edition, Cognella Inc., U.S.A. 2013

Melissa Healy “Regular Pot Smokers have Shrunken Brains, Study Says”, 11/14/14, L.A. Times.com

What The Mind Hungers For: The Craving Brain World Science Festival with Panel of Brain Scientists: Nora Volkow, Eric Nestler, Kim Janda, Amire Levine, 2014,

<https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=p0IL1MN2yCs>

“Heroin Use in US Reaches Epidemic Numbers”, Reuters, July 7, 2015,

<https://www.yahoo.com/health/heroin-use-in-us-reaches-epidemic-numbers-123474454392.html>

Addiction on the Brain presentation by Katie McQueen, <https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=iSFCMOa4Xyk>

Alex Dobuzinskis, “Casual pot use causes brain abnormalities in the young: study”, April 16, 2014, [http://www.reuters.com/article/2014/04/16/us-usa-marijuana-study-](http://www.reuters.com/article/2014/04/16/us-usa-marijuana-study-idUSBREA3F04F20140416)

[idUSBREA3F04F20140416](http://www.reuters.com/article/2014/04/16/us-usa-marijuana-study-idUSBREA3F04F20140416)