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Supervisor Katy Tang
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San Francisco CA 94102-4689

Re: Our File No. 33465.1

Dear Supervisor Tang:

As you may know, I represent PNB Noreiga, the permit holder for the conditional use permit issued for the Apothecarium's new Sunset location. We recently learned that you had made a request to continue the appeal for 2505 Noriega, which was originally scheduled to be heard on September 5th. We would appreciate direct communication from you on a matter as important as a continuance request.

We think that it is important to avoid inconveniencing the public who may be supporting the permit holder, as well as those who do not. They may attend the noticed hearing of September 5, not knowing whether there is a continuance or not. My client requests that there be mutual agreement on a date for the continuance, and also on the approximate time for the hearing to begin. It turns out that my client will be able to be present on October 3, 2017 as long as it is not before 4:30 pm. Given that these appeals hearings usually occur after 3 pm, we think that speakers from the public on both sides would appreciate a hearing that does not require them to take time off work. As a result, we request that your office agree to the date of October 3 no earlier than 4:30 pm, and that your office communicate this in writing to the Clerk of the Board with a copy to me. Please let me know if this will be done and then I will notify the Clerk of my client's agreement.

Your letter to the Commission the night before the hearing raised several concerns and my clients wish they could have provided you information before by being contacted. My client would like to reiterate that they are always available to engage in any discussions about your concerns.

In your letter to the Commission, you recommended that the community liaison be bilingual and focus on education and outreach regarding the medicinal use of cannabis, to help dispel the stereotypes and factual inaccuracies you indicate you have witnessed throughout the process leading up to this hearing. My client has witnessed the same, and since the hearing Dr. Floyd Huen (who is bilingual) has already held several meetings with health providers and residents in the Sunset regarding the benefit of medicinal use and will continue that educational activity on an ongoing basis into the future.

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Dr. Huen has also been interviewed extensively on Chinese language radio and television, as well as in the Chinese language press, where he has spoken about the project and his work on reducing opiate addiction in the community.

In your letter to the Commission you ask the Commission to instruct MTA to install stop signs at the intersection. The Commission did not act on that. Please let me know how my client can help your office make that happen.

Very truly yours,



Brett Gladstone

Enclosure