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To: [Board of Supervisors \(BOS\)](#)
Subject: AB 617 Steering Committee Members Letter in Opposition of 1719 Wallace Ave Cannabis Cultivation Project
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Hi,

Attached is a letter from several members of the Bayview Hunters Point AB 617 Community Steering Committee in opposition of the 1719 Wallace Ave Cannabis Cultivation Project. Please present to the Board for its appeal meeting on 12/17/2024 at 3PM.

Thank you.

Dear Board of Supervisors, Planning Commissioners and Officials:

This is Jun Zhong, writing on behalf of several members of the AB 617 Bayview Hunters Point Emissions Reduction Community Steering Committee.

We'd like to support the Appeal of CEQA Exemption Determination for the 1719 Wallace Cannabis Cultivation Proposal.

We, like the appellant, do believe that the project does have a significant effect as well as cumulative impact on the environment, and hence should not be exempted from CEQA through categorical exemptions. This is because cultivation through the 1719 Wallace facility will emit B-myrcene, a VoC which has been identified as a cancer-causing agent by the California Office of Environmental Health Hazard Assessment under Proposition 65. The terpene emitted will also affect air quality indoors and outdoors through creating ozone and contributing to acid deposition and smog. The project might also lead to a higher likelihood of diesel generation and emissions of diesel particulate matter.

We also believe that this project needs to undergo cumulative impact review under the provisions of AB 617. We heard that Planning Commissioner Sean McGarry made the following comment toward the 1719 Wallace project: *"this is the back of the Walgreens ... there are a lot of stone shops there, there's a lot of silica floating in the air [laughs] there ... it has been industrial for years ... "* We find such a comment by Commissioner McGarry to not abide by the provisions of CEQA and AB 617, nor reflect the seriousness of cumulative emissions impact to the health of Bayview residents. This is especially concerning given that within 500 feet of the project are nonprofit center spaces for youth and seniors as well as more than hundreds of apartments for seniors and townhomes for Inclusionary Housing Program families. We hope that the Board of Supervisors does not share such an attitude toward increasing cumulative impact near a community of residential homes.

In fact, with the number of high-emissions facilities concentrated in Bayview Hunters Point, including many of the newly approved ones including this 1719 Wallace facility, there is a growing sentiment among Bayview residents that City Hall leaders apply a separate set of public health standards and legal interpretation towards Bayview Hunters Point as it does to other districts in the City. There is also growing sentiment that City Hall leaders mistakenly assume that Bayview residents care less about environmental emissions, that we residents are more agreeable to exchanging environmental harm to our health for tax revenues we might not benefit from. We entrust that the Board of Supervisors will review the 1719 Wallace project and its appeal with the seriousness and legal consistency it applies to other public health and environmental protection issues.

Sincerely,

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Hi BOS,
We are writing in opposition of the following project coming before you on Tuesday 3pm appeal committee.

1719 Wallace cannabis cultivation facility.

There are over 3 dozens of cannabis cultivation and other facilities in the Bayview. It is injustice for the community there to endure over saturation of the business that is not family friendly.
Please decline.

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