From:	Billy Joe
To:	Board of Supervisors (BOS)
Subject:	Appeal for File No. 221141 (Use of Authorization of Cannabis Dispensary)
Date:	Monday, December 12, 2022 11:47:31 PM

Hi Board of Supervisors,

I have been fortunate enough to grow up and still live in the very same home that my parents raised me in. Having attended Luther Burbank, Burton High School and CCSF I have seen the ups and downs of this neighborhood. Now, I have my own kid and I hope to raise him in the very same home my parents raise me.

I believe this neighborhood has too many dispensaries already. There is a stretch that is less than a mile (Mission & Niagara to Mission & Persia) that already has 4 dispensaries that are either already there or have already been approved.

What benefit will it be to the neighborhood if we add another dispensary?

I do not disagree with the business itself but I do not believe this particular location is a right fit.

Thanks for your time.

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From:	<u>ninja</u>
To:	Board of Supervisors (BOS)
Subject:	Appeal of Conditional Use Authorization of Cannabis Dispensary - 4835 Mission Street
Date:	Friday, December 9, 2022 9:53:30 AM

Appeal of Conditional Use Authorization of Cannabis Dispensary - 4835 Mission Street

To the Board of Supervisors,

I was recently made aware that a cannabis dispensary was possibly setting up shop at 4835 Mission St. I currently stay not too far from the area on London St. and I am writing with my concerns regarding another of this type of business being established.

There are currently more than 4 dispensaries within district 11. Many of the residents (myself included) are worried on how this could negatively impact the community with the effects on health and possibly influx of crime and traffic. Keep in mind that Balboa High and other schools are also in close proximity.

I am all for small businesses coming into the area but I would prefer to see less of this in areas that could affect our children when there should be more space for them free from such influence and with their safety in mind. Please review the matter and let us reinstate a cap on how many of these businesses can be established. The community has a voice and many are in opposition to the proliferation of these dispensaries in our district.

Sincerely, Aldwin Ablang (a concerned citizen and resident)

From:	<u>ms ma</u>
То:	Board of Supervisors (BOS)
Subject:	Appeal #221141 - 4835 Mission Cannabis Retail Use
Date:	Friday, December 9, 2022 1:38:40 AM

(resubmitted with attachment)

Dear Board of Supervisors,

We, the undersigned, strongly object to the conditional authorization for the project to establish a Cannabis Retail space at the subject property located at 4835 Mission Street, San Francisco, CA 94112. There are already three cannabis stores located in a half mile radius to this location, all along Mission Street. Additionally, recent approvals for Cannabis Retail were granted for locations at 5801 Mission Street and at 4687 Mission Street, just 2 blocks away! There are other applications pending in the pipeline, such as the one at 4994 Mission Street. We object to this saturation of selling of cannabis in our neighborhood!

We understand having businesses to create job opportunities and tax revenue for San Francisco are important and needed. However, this clustering of cannabis stores in our neighborhood creates disproportionate detrimental land use impacts on our district and residents. We already deal with open cannabis usage and are impacted by undesirable odors, loitering, and traffic congestion caused by existing cannabis stores. Elderly and other vulnerable residents have to contend with second-hand smoke and other unhealthy impacts from open cannabis users. We are certain all members of Board of Supervisors would similarly not want to have to live with these undesirable conditions from such a concentration of cannabis retail in their own neighborhood.

We live under constant fear and stress from rising crime rates throughout the city and in our neighborhood. As has been often reported, many businesses selling cannabis draw crimes and have been subject to shootings, break-ins, robberies and assaults. The Excelsior Outer Mission and Geneva Avenue areas of San Francisco already experience many incidences of such criminal activities. The local Walgreens and other stores have closed down due to the constant thefts and unsafe environments. We do not want to further worsen the conditions in our neighborhood with the crimes that can come with selling cannabis.

Of particular concern, there are numerous schools and public playgrounds located close to the subject property. There were previous regulations requiring for cannabis stores to be at least 1,000 feet away from schools. That has been reduced to 600 feet, which is just less than 2 blocks in distance and clearly not enough to adequately protect our children and youth. Three elementary schools are in a half mile radius, a childcare center is down the street within 500 feet, and Balboa High School is just two short blocks away with open campus lunch. Additionally, there are bus stops approximately 100 to 200 feet away from the premise where youths will be exposed to cannabis as they get off or wait to board buses to and from school. How can this be adequate protection to minimize cannabis access and exposure to our impressionable youth?

There are many in the community who are fearful of having so many cannabis stores in our

neighborhood. Many do not speak English well, or at all, and are fearful of voicing their concerns and objections due to possible retributions. There are many families with young children, and disabled and elderly residents who need to and deserve to live in a healthy and safe community! We are disproportionately and negatively impacted by the concentrated numbers of already existing cannabis stores. There is need to reinstate the prior SF Board of Supervisors Ordinance to limit the number of cannabis retail in our district to 3 stores. There are more than enough existing stores in this area and plentiful online cannabis offerings to provide for the needs of those who want and medically need this product. We are also tax paying citizens and, similar to the members of the Board of Supervisors and other residents throughout San Francisco, we just want to live in our homes and neighborhood without fear for our personal and community safety! We implore the Board of Supervisors and other local representatives to carry out their mission to do what is right by and for the citizens in this district and to keep us safe!

We raise concerns for our personal and community safety and for youth access and exposure to cannabis. We again strongly object to the conditional authorization and to this project. Also, we strongly object to any further approvals for any more cannabis stores in our district. The Board of Supervisors must carry out their mission to make the right and responsible decision to deny any further cannabis retail business applications and protect all residents of this district!

Please see attached Objection signatures.

Thank you for your attention to this issue!

*OBJECTION TO: Cannabis Retail use at 4835 Mission Street Project Address: 4835 Mission Street SF, CA 94112 Case Type: Conditional Use-Cannabis Retail Use Records No.: 2021-011352CUA

*OBJECTION TO: Any Further Authorization to Cannabis Retail Use in Excelsior Outer Mission District 11

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From:	Charmian Desales-Ablang
To:	Board of Supervisors (BOS)
Subject:	File no. 221141: Comments
Date:	Thursday, December 8, 2022 3:54:22 PM
Attachments:	BOS Appeal to Cannabis Dispensary 4835.docx

Please see attached. thanks

Angela Calvillo Clerk of the Board, City Hall 1 Dr. Carlton B. Goodlett Place, Room 244 San Francisco, California

Dear Board of Supervisors:

I am a member of the Excelsior District neighborhood and a proud member at that. I grew up in this District for the last 35 years. I went to Epiphany Elementary school from first to eight grade. I attend Corpus Christi church every Sunday. I walk my 84 year old Dad around our block for exercise and take him shopping at the little storefronts in the Mission. My son is active with the San Francisco Boys and Girls Club after school sports program. All activities centered in the Excelsior District.

I am completely against the proposed marijuana dispensary business set to open at 4835 Mission Street. There are many reasons as to why I am opposed to this business operating in my neighborhood but my number one concern is crime and a strong second would be safety. As a parent of a nine year old boy, I feel that a marijuana dispensary will attract crime, if not unsafe activities. The marijuana dispensary has proven to be an income generating business and will be an excellent target for violent robberies. With the current lenient approach on criminal activity in San Francisco, particularly the Excelsior district, a marijuana dispensary will only worsen the current state of our neighborhood. We are already faced with a heightened increase of crime in the neighborhood such as assaults, random shootings but theft and burglary have certainly topped this list. A dispensary is an easy invitation for theft, burglary. Not only will potential robberies occur against the business itself, customers will also be targeted for money or marijuana possession. This environment will certainly pose a risk to young families, all children and vulnerable members of our community (i.e. Senior community and the disabled). Lastly, there have been reports that operators of marijuana dispensaries have been associated with illegal activity. Activities such as money laundering, sale of illegal weapons and business dealings with organized gangs have been known to be associated with marijuana dispensaries. I believe that these facts will be detrimental to all citizens of the Excelsior community which not only applies to the residents but to the business owners, who have helped the community flourish. Keep in mind that the proposed location (4835 Mission Street) of this marijuana dispensary is within a few blocks from schools. Balboa High School is about 1 block away from this location and I often see children walking, hanging out in the area after school. Most are in the surrounding eateries (El Farolito, Taqueria Guadalajara, Aloha Hawaiian BBQ, Superstar Filipino restaurant, BNB Wings and Things). The proposed site of the marijuana dispensary is next to Subway Sandwich. Elementary schools such as Monroe Elementary, Cleveland Elementary, Epiphany Elementary schools) are also within 3-5 blocks from this location. Young people are an easy prey for marijuana and may likely drive some to impaired judgments that can lead to criminal activities, unsafe situations and addiction, at worst. I say that we "nip it in the bud" and prevent these businesses from opening before it becomes a big problem for our community.

Upon my research, I have discovered that there are currently five dispensaries operating here in District 11. In fact, the closest dispensary is 997 feet away at 4687 Mission street, north of the proposed site. Additionally, there is another dispensary at 4994 Mission street approximately one and half blocks to the south. Do we really need another dispensary? No. District 11 has more than enough dispensaries and does not need anymore. To recap what I had just mentioned, crime is at an all time high in the

Excelsior district and to add another business with a high potential for criminal dealings and activity will only worsen the conditions we are currently facing in the neighborhood.

Finally, one of the worse consequences for running a marijuana dispensary in the Excelsior is the likelihood that traffic will increase at an already high traffic, congested area. Aside from the traffic, many illegally double park and/or block driveways due to the lack of parking spots. This causes havoc among residents, frustrated drivers and business owners. It also becomes a safety issue for pedestrians who cross the streets, especially during rush hour that starts at 4PM.

I ask that the San Francisco Board of Supervisors strongly consider my objection to the proposed dispensary opening at 4835 Mission Street. I'd like to keep this neighborhood safe and free from potential crime and trouble in the future for the sake of our children and the Excelsior district community as a whole.

Thank you.

Charmian Desales-Ablang

