

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 22nd & Irving.

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

Thank You,

Grace Garcia

1622-38th 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

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

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From: [Board of Supervisors, \(BOS\)](#)
To: [BOS-Supervisors: Carroll, John \(BOS\); Jalipa, Brent \(BOS\); Lew, Lisa \(BOS\); Somera, Alisa \(BOS\); Wong, Linda \(BOS\); Young, Victor](#)
Subject: FW: Cannabis Dispensary for Irving
Date: Monday, November 13, 2017 10:39:54 AM
Attachments: [CannabisDispensaryForIrvingNov2017.pdf](#)

From: Bill Quan [mailto:billquanqp@yahoo.com]
Sent: Saturday, November 11, 2017 3:01 PM
To: Board of Supervisors, (BOS) <board.of.supervisors@sfgov.org>
Subject: Cannabis Dispensary for Irving

Dear Supervisors,

I am writing to you to vote no on the subject dispensary. Please see attached my letter for the reasons for my opposition. Thank you.

Sincerely,

Bill

 Virus-free. www.avast.com

November 11, 2017

via Fax

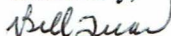
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RE: Proposed Cannabis Dispensary on November 14th agenda

Dear Supervisors:

I am writing to you to urge you to vote no on the subject proposal for 2161-2165 Irving St.. This site is only 4 blocks or so from a school and library. Also, school students are attracted or congregate on that stretch of Irving St. In addition, it does not fit in with the family oriented retail nature of the businesses in the area. Marijuana's smell is repugnant and offensive to the senses for many people. This would detract from the many wonderful businesses on the block. Finally, I do not believe that are any scientifically valid studies showing any positive medical benefits from the smoking of marijuana.

Sincerely,



Bill Quan

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October 26, 2017

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San Francisco, CA 94102

RE: Irving Street>SOS

Attention Gentle People:

Please do not approve the store of the sale of marijuana of Irving Street.

I am a native and a local person for all (67 yrs.) of this neighborhood.

We experience enough troubles and do not need more people or incidences.

I have contacted you during the annual Valentine deliveries, I spoke briefly with Katie Tang on the corner of twenty-fourth and Irving but at that time I wasn't aware of this possibility. I was not given notice of this pending approval and I cannot attend your 11/14 meeting, sorry. My health situation is an issue. We have a store going in at 32 + Noriega--an easy bus ride/walk.

If you have any questions the favor of a response is deemed pertinent:

Phone: 415 564 0199

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Best regards,

Kaaren Alvarado

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