

# **Exhibit E**

## **Contra Costa Health Service Department**

### **Youth Town Hall**

### **February 27, 2018**

Food is very popular in the world and people are easily drawn to it across all ages. Therefore so that it doesn't affect the community, marijuana should not be allowed to be put into food. So I ask that you don't allow marijuana into food.

I think that people should stop making the gummies and they should stop putting marijuana because it is bad for humans. Children cannot tell if the candy has drugs or not, and it can affect kids a lot. Food with drugs is affecting people in the community and that is not good.

Around our neighborhood some people smoke marijuana. Because of this, children around my neighborhood are affected by the bad odor it produces. So, I believe marijuana shops should be at least 5000 ft. away from schools.

Around our neighborhood some people smoke something that smells very bad and there are kids in this neighborhood including my 8 month old brother. This is why there should not be allowed marijuana shops close to schools.

Gummy bears with marijuana shouldn't really be produced anymore because children can't tell the difference between the ones with weed. Therefore, I believe edibles that are produced in the form that are appealing to children shouldn't be allowed to have marijuana put in them.

Gummy bears should not have marijuana put in them it's hard for kids our age to tell the difference between normal gummy bears and marijuana gummy bears. Therefore I think marijuana should not be allowed to be put in edibles.

Gummy bears, what are they you ask? Well they are bad for humans and kids. I think you should not sell gummy bears because of the weed.

The experience I have had with cannabis is that many students buy & sell illegally. It seems very accessible to students. It is already so easy for young adults to get it.

Question: How much are they selling? What are the doses? If they set up the stores, is there going to be security? Will it be regulated?

Marijuana should not be within 5000 ft. of kids K-12 because if you are an adult and you want to make those choices to smoke that's on you, but it isn't fair to kids that have no choice but to be exposed to it.

Facilities that will produce marijuana should be at least 300 feet away from school, neighborhoods, city's, etc.

The facilities should have maximum security in case of someone breaking in.

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Marijuana should not be produced in the form of edibles that kids might mistake them for candy.

If someone was given permission to grow the drug in their house, they should have a license or paper signed by all members of the Board of Supervisors.

Cannabis can mess you up and also my football teammates would smoke it. My friends have overdosed on it and nearly died. It makes me sad when I see this and I think that it should be within 5000 ft. radius. I do believe we can do something about this. It even makes consequences higher for the teens doing this. It is horrible how kids are getting more hooked and hooked every year. My school smokes a lot and around my neighborhood it is a normal thing for people to do. They are getting hooked and it hurts to see this.

For the eligible locations for example agricultural will the farmers around there want to farm near marijuana that is being farmed?

Comments: I have a friend that smokes weed and he said it calms himself down.

Also a family member of mine smokes weed too and she said that it helps her with her surgery aftermath. (Like it relaxes her)

So, I think it should be legal but I think it shouldn't because it still kills your lungs.

Hello, my name is William Latimer and I am a strong advocate for strict cannabis restrictions in Contra Costa County. I believe that marijuana should be limited to medical needs. Although the sale of weed can put back money into the economy, it presents little benefit to those that consume it. I've seen the effects that this addictive drug can have on young influential people that are the same age of me. They have been able to obtain marijuana in way too easy of a fashion. In an effort to spare time, I'll present my thoughts on cannabis in a straight forward manner. As of now, the proposed areas of legalized weed growth are restricted to 500-1000 ft. within youth sensitive areas. I believe that this is much too close to very influential individuals. I hope to see these spots for the growth of legalized cannabis moved to at the very least 4,000 ft. I ask you to consider substantially raising the amount of feet that legalized weed growth are required to be from youth sensitive areas. I thank you for your time and hope you consider my feedback.

It is bad how kids are outside playing and adults come outside to smoke, cannabis, weed, and cigarettes and kids have to smell it.

I think that the people that sell Ice Cream, they should not be selling cannabis in the Ice Cream truck (a thought)

I think that use of cannabis should be limited to agricultural and medicinal use because if allowed to be sold commercially in retail stores and grown for personal use, there could be an increase in crime from teen and adults alike who try to break in to steal cannabis.

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After how many years would one's cannabis permit expire? (could possibly coincide w/ population growth and proximity changes b/w commercial sites and schools, residential areas, libraries etc.)

Question: Can cannabis make your lungs black and your teeth and gums black too?

Statement: More recently, I have had many encounters with drugs, more than last year. Whether that's others around me smoking, or being offered it. And I've found that it takes one person. One person who has it in their possession, and they share it with the group. Smoking and vaping are more evident now than ever before, and it's only going to increase. Especially if it's within reach. That's why I request that marijuana not be sold within 5 miles of any family-oriented locations. Thank you.

Marijuana is used to relieve your stress and who does not want to be stressful. Marijuana is addictive, although almost half of all Contra Costa youth do not believe marijuana is addictive, but in fact minorities that was arrested for marijuana increased after legislation in Colorado, both young and adult. The accessibility to get marijuana is easy. 500 foot is not that far. People are able to walk there and use it somewhere else. Students can get it from their parents or other people. It is hard in semester 2 in school, but using marijuana will lower your brain function (motivation, learning, attention, and etc.). Between 2013 and 2015 in CA, youth using marijuana within the past 30 days increased with grade level; 22% of eleventh grade students surveyed reporting past 30 day use. Parents too are able to make mistake. One incident where parent gave an alcopop (soda contain alcohol) to the kid and did not know that I was an alcopop. Now another incident where parent give gummy bear that contained marijuana to the kid. It is the same thing with different substances. Young people are able to access it in early age and once it gets addictive, it will be hard for them to stop (gaming addictive). It is only 1000 foot away from schools, community parks, libraries, and etc. It is like 3 football fields and it does not take a long time to get 1000 foot away from school. From De Anza, my high school, I can walk for 17 minutes and get to a tobacco retailer and by law it should be 1000 foot away from school. It should be more than 2,000 foot away from sensitive area and 1000 foot away from another retailer.

- Perhaps we can make time limit of when you can smoke marijuana, like people are not allowed to smoke at afternoon when students go to home.

- If a minor is caught with cannabis, will an adult get punished for it? There could be some sort of "letter of intent" signed by the adult that states that they will not give the cannabis to any minors.

- Will there be a cap on the THC level is on cannabis?

There should be a limit to how many retail stores are allowed in. Also that they are more spread out in areas, then focusing in one certain areas. Like should at least be 2,000 or more feet away from schools and same for neighborhoods.

Another thing we need to check is what kind of products that the marijuana are selling. For example if they're selling fake weed or they're mixed with tobacco. And for candy that are infused with weed

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maybe they should look a little more different like making them look like popular everyday snack they should look like bootleg version of them so it's easier to tell the differences.

Another thing that we need to consider is what neighborhoods we are putting the dispensary in. Like North Richmond, that has high crimes rates and then we decide to put dispensaries there. It doesn't really make sense. So the locations of these stores are very important to consider.

Good evening. My name is Sania and I go to Pinole middle school. I am here to talk about Marijuana Dispensary locations. I believe that we should not put them near schools grounds because young people will see them and become curious. This will make them want to test it out. It has been proven that the more youth has access to marijuana it increases how often and how much they will use it. So, we ask you to please have youth in mind when you are making these decisions. 1,000 feet away from schools.

- Buffer zones: 500 feet is not enough, bare minimum of distance should be at least a bare minimum distance of 3 blocks from residential areas, 2,000 feet distance from a youth sensitive area (influence on kids/gummy bear story)
- Stricter policies on who can buy CBD and THC infused edibles and where they are sold
- Stricter and vetting processes on dispensaries (stop sales of synthetic and fake marijuana)
- Dispensary and “plantation” limits (maximum of 5)
- Private growth of recreational use and illegal distribution

#### Protocol for Minors caught with cannabis (non-medical)

I believe that consequences for those who are underage. Who are caught with marijuana should be worse. Instead of merely citing them, officers should arrest them and impose a fine on them. This will greatly discourage youth from using /transporting/growing/ etc. marijuana. Although this will probably be combated by having minors find new ways to have cannabis, this new policy will make it severely harder for minors and cannabis usage. The less that use a harmful drugs the better.

#### Buffer Zone

I believe that the feet that the current buffer zone requires should be increased from 1,000 to at least 3,000. Science and studies have proven the various negative effects of cannabis on the human body both physically and mentally. The longer the buffer zone is from youth sensitive and residential areas the better.

Regulating cannabis in the unincorporated area of Contra Costa County to me is a great plan because when I walk by the park people are openly smoking marijuana. This make me feel unsafe. I would feel safer if they were 1,000 feet away.

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#### Marijuana Speak Up

- When I was younger during lunch a girl came up to me and asked me if I wanted a gummy and to me I didn't look like a normal gummy bear so I asked her what was in it and she said that there was marijuana in it and luckily my mom always told me to never eat something that doesn't look normal. So my question is how exactly did a middle schooler get marijuana when she is not of age to even vote? Did her relatives give it to her? Did her friends give it to her?
- Almost half of all Contra Costa youth surveyed do not believe that marijuana is addictive while 1 in 6 teens who use marijuana will become addicted
- I also want to mention that "Neighborhoods with a high density of liquor stores have been shown to experience higher rates of alcohol-related hospitalizations, drunk driving accidents, pedestrian injuries, childhood accidents, assaults, child abuse injuries, crime and violence"

I am happy that I came;

1. Why is marijuana even allowed in the community?
2. Can marijuana kill you?
3. Can it affect your lungs really badly?

Question

- Can weed be made into a drink?

What protocol is in place if a minor is caught abusing/possessing marijuana?

If you take away cannabis clubs, kids will still get it. But it's dangerous because they can get laced.

Should allow testing. Should let store sell

Don't restrict where to smoke

While marijuana accessibility is a commonly debated topic, research from the California Healthy Kids Survey depicts that in the past thirty days usage of marijuana increased 22% of in eleventh grade students. Moreover, in 2014-2015, a school in Colorado reported that abusing Drugs accounted for 41% of all expulsions, 31% of all law enforcement referrals, and 6% of all suspensions. As the health consequences of marijuana increase through research the California department of public health released research indicated that marijuana has THC levels of 30% and that it has doubled since the 1990's.

Not only can marijuana affect individuals during consumption but literature has shown that it can disrupt brain functions crucial to motivation, memory, learning, judgement, and behavioral control. Through the research that has been performed it is clear and prevalent that marijuana catalyzes youth development problems, and increases poor performance in school.

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#### Questions

- 1) Will stores be able to sell cannabis to people with medical permission?
- 2) Will you propose a limit on how many dispensing or stores to the cities?
- 3) The buffer should be extended to 1,000 or 2,000.
- 4) Would the deliveries be for medical use or for personal?
- 5) If deliveries are made, should the person show their medical cannabis card? Verify

- Commercial cannabis use is prohibited including storage, cultivation & distribution
- Cannabis has many use:
  - Oils
  - Medicine
  - Etc.
- Discussion of self-regulation

#### Questions

- 1) Are you going to put a cap of potency of cannabis?
- 2) Concerns about outside farms. How's the security?
- 3) If cannabis is grown for personal use, can they sell?
- 4) Will stores be able to sell cannabis products such as oils, lotion, or edibles?

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#### Responses to Cannabis Regulation Surveys (Actual Surveys Attached) (1)

1. What is your overall reaction to the County's Preliminary Cannabis Framework?

Neutral

2. If permitted, which buffer distance from sensitive uses such as schools and parks do you think is appropriate for commercial cannabis uses?

2,000 feet

3. If permitted, should a buffer be required between residential uses and commercial cannabis uses such as retailing, manufacturing, distributing or testing?

Other: 2,000 feet

4. If permitted, should the County place a cap on the number of commercial cannabis uses such as retailers, manufacturers, cultivators, etc.?

Yes

5. Should **outdoor cultivation for personal use** be allowed? (6 plant maximum per State law)

No

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#### Cannabis Regulation Survey (2)

1. What is your overall reaction to the County's Preliminary Cannabis Framework?

Somewhat Agree

Comments: Certain aspects are very vague; words such as "could" = more discussion necessary

2. If permitted, which buffer distance from sensitive uses such as schools and parks do you think is appropriate for commercial cannabis uses?

1,000 feet

3. If permitted, should a buffer be required between residential uses and commercial cannabis uses such as retailing, manufacturing, distributing or testing?

Yes

1,000 feet

4. If permitted, should the County place a cap on the number of commercial cannabis uses such as retailers, manufacturers, cultivators, etc.?

Yes

5. Should **outdoor cultivation for personal use** be allowed? (6 plant maximum per State law)

Other

Lots of grey space, how would personal use be regulated? Can't simply rely on testimony from neighbors. Permit expiration: I left another comment suggesting that permit expiration could coincide with significant population growth and residential development in proximity to commercial cannabis sites (i.e. 5 years!)



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#### Cannabis Regulation Survey (3)

1. What is your overall reaction to the County's Preliminary Cannabis Framework?

Neutral

The packet doesn't really speak specific information.

2. If permitted, which buffer distance from sensitive uses such as schools and parks do you think is appropriate for commercial cannabis uses?

1,500+ feet

3. If permitted, should a buffer be required between residential uses and commercial cannabis uses such as retailing, manufacturing, distributing or testing?

Yes

1,000 feet

4. If permitted, should the County place a cap on the number of commercial cannabis uses such as retailers, manufacturers, cultivators, etc.?

Yes

5. Should **outdoor cultivation for personal use** be allowed? (6 plant maximum per State law)

Yes

I think that people should be allowed to have their own plants, but it should be LESS than 6.

Additional Comments: I think that there should also be a limit on the THC amount in cannabis. This can prevent over dose and things like that.

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#### Cannabis Regulation Survey (4)

1. What is your overall reaction to the County's Preliminary Cannabis Framework?

Neutral                      The outline of the county's preliminary cannabis is in detail but much comments are much vague and do not have a specific number/amount of detail to support the comment.

2. If permitted, which buffer distance from sensitive uses such as schools and parks do you think is appropriate for commercial cannabis uses?

1,000 feet

3. If permitted, should a buffer be required between residential uses and commercial cannabis uses such as retailing, manufacturing, distributing or testing?

1,000 feet

4. If permitted, should the County place a cap on the number of commercial cannabis uses such as retailers, manufacturers, cultivators, etc.?

Yes

5. Should **outdoor cultivation for personal use** be allowed? (6 plant maximum per State law)

No, outdoor cultivation should not be allowed for personal use at all. Only greenhouse plants and specific outdoor places should be permitted.

Additional Comments: The enforcement of marijuana in public schools should be heavily regulated through certain rules that allow administration to interfere.

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