



City Council
February 5, 2019

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From: [Varra, Wayne](#)
To: [City Council](#)
Subject: Pot Shops
Date: Tuesday, February 5, 2019 9:23:04 AM

Mayor and City Council

I would hope you will limit the number of pot shops in Louisville
I fear that if we allow unlimited number we will have one on every block
Like it was with gas stations, one on every corner, after awhile Louisville will
Have a lot of vacant building
It also sends the wrong message about what Louisville is all about (Family)
Thank You for your consideration

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From: [Ann Wakely](#)
To: [City Council](#)
Cc: [BJ Wakely](#)
Subject: Pot Shops in Louisville; meeting tonight 2/5/19
Date: Tuesday, February 5, 2019 11:02:43 AM

Dear Louisville City Council,

My husband & I have been residents of Louisville since 1990, living at our current address on Hillside Lane since 2002. We are strongly opposed to the idea Louisville wants to add more Pot Shops to our community as follows:

- Where is the research that shows this level of interest in additional Pot Shops from our community, from the people that you serve?
- There are so many families & children that use the Centennial streets to ride bikes, walk their dogs & play. Traffic from a Pot Shop would heavily impact safety & increase the likelihood of crime in this area of Louisville.
- We don't want a pot retailer near my street because Louisville already has one down by Cinebarre theater Why on earth do we need more in this area?
- Our home property value would undoubtedly go down.
- We don't believe they should reduce the buffer for stores to be closer to schools and parks. Our kids are already influenced enough by the legalization of marijuana and then to have an unlimited number of stores flashing their cheap signs at them, programs our kids to think drug use is no big deal. It doesn't need to be next to a school or a park except to generate a future group of consumers.
- They say this is to make the rules consistent with alcohol stores, but we know that alcohol is legal in 50 states and pot is not. Pot is not federally legal as I am sure you are aware.
- We don't want Louisville & this part of town to lose it's charm. Please do not make us a small version of Boulder.
- Studies have found that the people who spend a larger portion of their income on pot are those that have less of it. Using the justification that it earns money for the city is feeding off the dependencies of those who can't afford it.
- If someone uses marijuana, they can go to one of the existing stores. Louisville is just not that large that we need more than four.

We hope you will take the time to read this & hear our concerns.

Respectfully,
Ann & BJ Wakely
1164 Hillside Lane

Sent from [Mail](#) for Windows 10

From: [Jerome McQuie](#)
To: [City Council](#)
Subject: Final McCaslin Parcel O Development Study and Recommendations
Date: Tuesday, February 5, 2019 2:19:03 PM

I am writing to express my concern about the McCaslin Parcel O Development Study recommendations.

The recommendation goes against the intent of citizen input on the McCaslin Small Area plan. There was no appetite for “Broomfield-style” mixed use development, but that is what the study appears to recommend. A lot of residents objected to the increased congestion and lower quality of life a development would bring.

I do agree with the consultants that the regional retail landscape has changed significantly over the past 10-15 years and an in-kind retail replacement is unlikely. I am open to redevelopment, but I do not want pay for it, either in money or loss of time driving near the development.

I have no appetite as a current resident to pay for the infrastructure improvements that such a mixed-use development is likely to require; nor do I want to pay increased taxes because ongoing taxes or a new TIF financing mechanism would not produce enough revenue to cover the city services the new residents would receive.

Jerome McQuie

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From: [Gary Larson](#)
To: [City Council](#)
Cc: [Christopher Leh](#); [Jay Keany](#); "[Gary Larson](#)"
Subject: Marijuana Businesses in Louisville
Date: Tuesday, February 5, 2019 3:00:13 PM

Louisville City Council,

In regards to your consideration on February 5, 2019 of "ORDINANCE NO. 1769, SERIES 2019, AN ORDINANCE AMENDING TITLES 5 AND 17 CONCERNING MEDICAL AND RETAIL MARIJUANA BUSINESSES 2nd READING, PUBLIC HEARING", I offer my comments below:

1. I am "Pro-Marijuana Legalization", and I'm glad to see us more aligned with Boulder, and Lafayette. However, I'd also like to see the city move forward cautiously in order to maintain the "small town" feel of Louisville.
2. Number of stores limited to 8 or fewer retail stores, spread throughout town.
3. There should be no production or cultivation anywhere close to residential, school, playground, or child-care facilities – only in "industrial" areas.
4. Retail stores should be 1,320' ,or more, from residential, school, playground, or child-care facilities areas.
5. Spacing between stores should be 1,500', or more, between stores.

Theoretically, I'd like to see all MJ retail activities next door to existing Liquor stores. Liquor store locations now seem convenient, plentiful, and profitable enough. Society also might be better off diverting into the MJ store vs. the Liquor store.

Thanks, Gary

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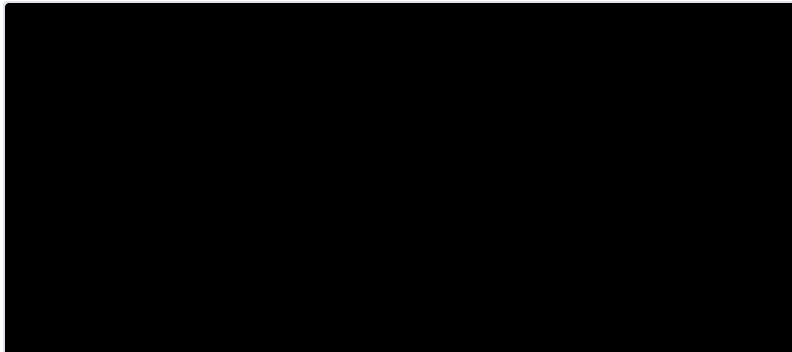
From: [sherry sommer](#)
To: [City Council](#)
Subject: marijuana discussion
Date: Tuesday, February 5, 2019 4:09:40 PM

I hope you have a moment watch this short video before tonight's discussion.

Thank you,

Sherry Sommer

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Medical marijuana dispensaries near schools face shutdown

Christian Thurstone, Medical Director for the Substance Abuse Treatment, Education and Prevention Program at Den...

From: [Michael Deborski](#)
To: [Ashley Stolzmann](#)
Cc: [City Council](#)
Subject: Recap to discussion
Date: Tuesday, February 5, 2019 4:27:20 PM

Thank you again for the call Ashley. Maybe the best way to sum up my position is to say I'm very protective of the quality of life and family based culture we've worker hard for generations to establish and now enjoy. I do not see a reason to put this at risk by adding more retail marijuana shops than are currently allowed by the existing ordinance. I do prefer that the retail locations be located on the fringe of town where they can capitalize on the residents of neighboring communities who do not allow retail sales. I am very much opposed to retail sales within the core of our city, especially in Old Town or adjacent to day cares, play grounds, parks, ball parks, or at the gate way of Old Town.

From a business perspective, our council should recognize the value of our existing businesses and protect the economic integrity of the market we position them to do business in. To inundate our existing non-marijuana businesses with the big money rush of the marijuana industry would be nothing short of selling them out. In addition, we currently have only two of the four existing retail marijuana shops in place. We don't even know the impacts to our community when the additional two stores are up and running. The existing retail marijuana operators entered and invested in their stores knowing that four would be the limit. Do we want to renege on the terms that they based the business and financial models on. Should we not show them some loyalty? From a business owner's perspective, passing this marijuana ordinance would be the kind of action that would compromise Louisville's reputation in the business community.

From: [Steve Poppitz](#)
To: [City Council](#)
Subject: DeLo Plaza
Date: Tuesday, February 5, 2019 4:30:09 PM

Dear Council:

Marijuana is legal, and provides comfort to numerous people, especially we old and particularly wore out people without the use of opioids. The future of pain management is improving. Now, when we reschedule Cannabis and it's derivatives we can get universities and science to finally start sharing research and development.

Marijuana has been legalized and has provided ample tax revenue in every state that moved with the times , and took a dark item into the light. Volunteer taxes benefits the entire population, not just those consuming the products.

Marijuana businesses make good tenants. Just ask the numbers of landlords in our state how much additional rents collected due to a booming industry. Ask our police department if there has been any unusual problems in or around our two dispensaries.

Small warehouse space in Colorado has jumped in value which has triggered a growth in light industrial. This is a good area for cities to collect additional revenues. We shouldn't give it all to Boulder and Denver.

Learn from the past, and look to the future,
Steve Poppitz

Sent from Steve's iPad

From: traffdr@aol.com
To: [City Council](#)
Subject: Please vote NO tonight on increasing Marijuana facilities in Louisville
Date: Tuesday, February 5, 2019 4:45:15 PM

Dear Honorable Mayor and City Council:

I apologize for this late letter. I did spend an hour flying thru and reading part of the proposal, not all of the 700 page back up, but many letters for and against increasing the current limits on Marijuana Facilities in our Louisville. I understand your job is very tricky, and I do appreciate whenever and whatever you can do to help Preserve what is left of our Small Town Atmosphere. As I said a couple weeks ago regarding Downtown; Can we please work together on a Revitalized Downtown Marketing Plan, a Vibrant Vision for the Future that adds a Family Values Culture element that would compliment yet counterbalance the current noisy and pricey Restaurant and Bar Scene which in our opinion has reduced the attraction that once was a lovable Main Street Louisville.

Note also:

1. I voted against marijuana legalization and I do not see evidence of the overall good for the State or our Community. Rather, I see bad, and wonder how much bad has come to the state since it was legalized; cartels, population out of control, and wrong messaging to Children.
2. I believe for some, Marijuana is a Gateway drug, and I think we should discourage it.
3. I know of two reported Drug Deals on our nice little Street in 2018. I would like to know how many more were committed here and throughout the town in 2018, and I would like the City to report such in a weekly Police Blotter in the Hometown Weekly so that the Public is awakened to this and all of the ancillary crime that comes with it.
4. Why do Broomfield, Superior, Longmont and possibly other Cities choose to outlaw it? They have other better ways to generate vitality and revenue.
5. Is it clear how much of our tax payer funds will be needed to administer and enforce expanded facilities? That is not how I like my tax money spent.
6. Please do not let any of these facilities be allowed in ANY part of Downtown. Remember, some of you are in agreement that we need a new revitalized Vision for Downtown. So, why not work with the Owners of the properties east of the tracks at Pine Street and DELO to get more "family friendly" and "Employee" surface parking that is free of the spoils of Marijuana Facilities?
7. When I think of the Colo Tech Center, I think of a vibrant business community of legitimate businesses. I realize marijuana is now legal, but if the majority of that industrial community thinks expanding the code is bad, then please consider their recommendation.
8. It seems we are at a crossroads. Isn't the current four sites enough? I think it is, and I hope we do not go too far the wrong way.

Thank you,
Tom Rafferty
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From: [Christopher Leh](#)
To: [Clark and Cathy Akins](#)
Cc: [City Council](#)
Subject: Re: Pot shops
Date: Tuesday, February 5, 2019 6:18:46 PM

Clark & Cathy,

Thanks for your thoughtful email. I (and the rest of Council) will certainly take your views into account tonight.

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On Feb 5, 2019, at 6:02 PM, Clark and Cathy Akins <slimakins@msn.com> wrote:

Ladies and Gentlemen,

We would like to voice our concerns regarding your proposed ordinance for the “pot shops” in our wonderful city. I am a Louisville native, as are my 2 children. We are all residents of Old Louisville. The 4 “pot shops” we have are sufficient! There is a better way to keep revenue coming into the city. Work on keeping the stores we now have and add more that we can all shop at (not just pot smokers; they also buy food, clothing and sundries so they will also shop the other stores). Work at keeping Kohls! Please keep the air in our city smelling clean, do not dirty it with the smell of pot and hemp. Do not turn our city into another Boulder!

Sincerely, Cathy (Fischer) Akins and Clark Akins

Sent from my iPad

From: [Clark and Cathy Akins](#)
To: [City Council](#)
Subject: Pot shops
Date: Tuesday, February 5, 2019 6:02:51 PM

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We would like to voice our concerns regarding your proposed ordinance for the “pot shops” in our wonderful city. I am a Louisville native, as are my 2 children. We are all residents of Old Louisville. The 4 “pot shops” we have are sufficient! There is a better way to keep revenue coming into the city. Work on keeping the stores we now have and add more that we can all shop at (not just pot smokers; they also buy food, clothing and sundries so they will also shop the other stores). Work at keeping Kohls! Please keep the air in our city smelling clean, do not dirty it with the smell of pot and hemp. Do not turn our city into another Boulder!

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