

# **DAY OF HEARING SUBMISSIONS**



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To: cannabiscommission@lacity.org

Re: MedMen (Mme Cyon Retail, Inc.) at [110 S. Robertson Blvd., Los Angeles, CA 90048](#)

Hello,

At the April 18th Public Hearing, the MedMen Robertson license application was Continued. I received Notice of the April Hearing and submitted Written Testimony as the representative of neighboring property owners and businesses.

Is the MedMen Robertson application on the Agenda for the May 16th Hearing? We have no Notice of it.

Thank you,

Philip Colman  
Robertson Community Association

I am a property owner on the Robertson Blvd. block neighboring the closed MedMen cannabis store. I am speaking for all property owners on the block.

**We request that DCR deny the cannabis license.** We have suffered since MedMen opened. Its closure provides us an opportunity to turn things around. Without a cannabis store our block will thrive again.

Our block is one of two Robertson blocks which together have been a popular upscale location for shopping and dining. Located on Robertson Blvd. between Beverly Blvd. and Third Street, the two blocks have traditionally both been very successful. But things changed after MedMen arrived. The cannabis store significantly hurt our block.

### **North Robertson block – Doing very well.**

Restaurants: The Ivy, The Henry, and Sushi Tama.

Home furnishings and interior design stores: Mostly corporate owned flagships including Kartell, Alessi, Molteni&C | Dada, James Perse – Robertson House, Bang & Olufsen, Herman Miller, Cassina, Coup D'Etat, Michael Aram, Technogym, Visionnaire, Duxiana, and Cassina.

### **South Robertson block where MedMen was – Doing poorly.**

No restaurants. Just two corporate owned home stores.  
Many stores vacant, lower quality, or paying month-to-month.

### **MedMen drove tenants away.**

Dealing with issues related to MedMen has been an ordeal for neighboring businesses on our block. It has caused many of them to move out, leaving our block with vacancies and lower quality tenants. Prominent home furnishing businesses and restaurants do not want to be near a big, 55 foot wide, brightly lit cannabis store with security guards in front of it.

Vacancies caused by MedMen have attracted the homeless to our block. They camp out in our vacant store doorways and on our wide sidewalk at the western entrance to Cedars. They use our alley as a bathroom. The homeless drive out businesses causing even more vacancies. Potential corporate tenants brought in by brokers are turned off by all the problems caused by MedMen --- vacancies, homeless trash and smell, our lower quality tenants, and MedMen related crime.

**Beverly Hills caused our cannabis store problems.**

Beverly Hills prohibits cannabis stores. That is why MedMen came to Robertson which is just a few blocks away from Beverly Hills both to the west and to the south. The store was specifically named "MedMen Beverly Hills". The majority of its customers came from Beverly Hills. Our block should not have to suffer from cannabis headaches exported by Beverly Hills.

**We request that DCR deny the cannabis license.**

The City has always supported our efforts to ensure the continuing success of our two block retail and restaurant community. One of our two blocks has been hurt badly by cannabis store related problems. Now, more than ever, we need your support.

**DCR denying the license would allow our block to become successful again.**