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GWNC Support for DCR Application for DCR Record No.: LA-R-24-101786-ANN / 654 N. Manhattan Pl. / Virgil Edward Grant III

GWNC President <president@greaterwilshire.org>
To: cannabiscommission@lacity.org
Cc: Virgil Grant <vgrant3@yahoo.com>

Thu, Sep 19, 2024 at 9:15 AM

Dear Cannabis Commission,

Please find attached our letter of support for DCR Application for DCR Record No.: LA-R-24-101786-ANN / [654 N. Manhattan Pl.](#) / Virgil Edward Grant III.

Many thanks.

Conrad Starr (*he/him*)
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September 14, 2024

TO: Los Angeles Cannabis Control Commission.
cannabis.lacity.org

RE: DCR Record No: LA-R-24-101786-ANN (654 N. Manhattan Place)

This letter presents the position of the Greater Wilshire Neighborhood Council (GWNC) on the project above regarding the commercial cannabis activity license for 654 N Manhattan Place. This project was discussed at both the GWNC Land Use Committee meeting on August 27, 2024 and the GWNC Board of Directors Meeting on September 11, 2024. The applicant attended and discussed both his project and procedures related to approving cannabis licenses at the Land Use Committee meeting.

This is the first project of its kind to be reviewed by the GWNC. At the Land Use Committee meeting, members discussed several factors to be considered in our review of subsequent applications including the difference between new licenses and license renewals, community support, and other issues (e.g. public safety and security) arising from the proximity of a project to residential and other sensitive land uses.

For this application, both the GWNC Land Use Committee and the Board of Directors adopted the following motion:

The Greater Wilshire Neighborhood Council supports the Cannabis Regulation Commission (CRC) Application for 654 N. Manhattan Pl., for Western Caregivers Inc. DBA California Cannabis WC, as presented to the GWNC Land Use Committee on August 27, 2024.

Thank you for your time and consideration.

A handwritten signature in blue ink that reads "Conrad Starr".

Conrad Starr
President, GWNC

cc. Virgil Grant, Tyrone Freeman, Alan Dubois





MOM WEHO LLC Annual Dispensary License (LA-R-24-100607-ANN)

1 message

Molly Pitluck <mp@molly.law>

Thu, Sep 12, 2024 at 12:56 PM

To: Cannabis Commission <cannabiscommission@lacity.org>

Hi Commission,

Attached please find MOM WEHO LLC's regular submission Memorandum in support of its annual dispensary license (LA-R-24-100607-ANN).

Thank you so much and have a great afternoon!

Very Best,

Molly Pitluck
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 **MOM WEHO LLC Memorandum in Support of Annual License.pdf**
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To: City of Los Angeles (“City”) Cannabis Regulation Commission (“Commission”)

From: MOM WEHO LLC

Date: September 12, 2024

Re: MOM WEHO LLC Annual Dispensary License (LA-R-24-100607-ANN)

MEMORANDUM IN SUPPORT OF ANNUAL LICENSE

MOM WEHO LLC (“MW”) submits this Memorandum in support of its annual dispensary license (LA-R-24-100607-ANN) with the Department of Cannabis Regulation (“DCR”). MW is located at 4901 Melrose Avenue, Los Angeles, California 90029 (“Licensed Premises”) and has its state dispensary license (C10-0001049-LIC) and its temporary approval from the DCR.

MW has worked hard to obtain its licenses to be able to provide safe, high-quality cannabis to its patients and customers and is grateful to have had supportive comments at the community meeting with no complaints or opposition. MW maintains its premises in a safe, clean and attractive manner for its neighborhood, patrons, patients and employees. Loitering, littering and consumption are strictly prohibited at the Licensed Premises to avoid nuisance and crime in the surrounding area and maintain a safe, calming environment. Most important here, MW meets all the criteria for issuance of its annual license as set forth in Los Angeles Municipal Code section 104.04:

1) None of the general denial reasons apply to MW under LAMC 104.04(a).

MW’s Licensed Premises are substantially the same as the diagram submitted to the DCR, including the size, layout, location of common entry and doorways, means of public entry and exit and limited access areas. MW has always provided the DCR with timely and truthful responses to requested information, forms and documents and followed the requirements of all applicable law. MW and its owner have never denied the DCR access to the premises, had a license revoked or denied, failed an inspection by any agency or engaged in unlicensed commercial cannabis activities. There have been no complaints filed that MW is aware of or any other issues that would create a significant public safety concern or was documented by law enforcement.

2) None of the business premises denial reasons apply to MW under LAMC 104.04(b).

MW is located in the Hollywood Community Plan Area, which has not reached undue concentration according to the DCR’s licensing map. The Licensed Premises fully comply with the land use and zoning requirements in LAMC sections 105.01-105.02 as approved by the DCR. In addition, as approved by DCR, there has not been a conviction related to the Licensed Premises regarding any type of illegal and/or unlicensed commercial cannabis activity for at least the past five years, including no utility disconnections or padlocking of the Licensed Premises.

The owner and manager of the Licensed Premises do not hold office in any agency of the state or City related to commercial cannabis businesses.

3) None of the ownership denial or disqualification of primary personnel reasons apply to MW under LAMC 104.04(c) and (d).

No owner or primary personnel holds office in any agency of the state or City related to commercial cannabis activity or is an entity incorporated outside of the United States. In addition, no owner or primary personnel has been convicted of a disqualifying conviction, including a felony involving sex trafficking, violence, crimes against children, gun crimes, hate crimes, fraud, deceit or embezzlement or a serious or violent felony. Nor has any owner or primary personnel been convicted of a crime involving labor or wage violations, illegal volatile cannabis manufacturing, selling tobacco, cannabis or alcohol to minors or regarding commercial cannabis activity after April 1, 2018. Finally, no owner or primary personnel has received a civil judgment concerning illegal commercial cannabis activity.

Based upon the foregoing, MW meets all the requirements for approval of its annual license under the LAMC and respectfully requests the Commission approve the issuance of its annual City dispensary license.

Department of Cannabis Regulation
City of Los Angeles
221 North Figueroa Street, Suite 1245
Los Angeles, California 90012

August 11,2024

To: Cannabis Regulation Commission

On August 10,2024 I received in the U.S. Mail a notice from your office regarding a meeting about the licensing request from KJA Granada Hills LLC at 10721 Lindley Avenue in the community areas of Granada Hills-Knollwood also dba "Elevate".

I live very close to this business which used to be gymnasium for many years. You are having this hearing to get comments from the community about giving them a license. My first question is how they were to open and operate a business without a license to start.

I checked the requirements on far this type of business must be from a school. This business is less than 1000 feet from Granada High School, the required distance must be 1000 feet. You can see the high school from their parking lot which is also on Lindley Avenue.

I also noticed that the business puts out advertisement billboards on the corner of Lindley and Chatsworth to promote their "specials". I saw this happen on Sunday August 11, at approximate 930 am. They also have a giant billboard erected next to their building. How can they advertise if they have no license yet to sell their marijuana?

Now if they have no license yet approved by the city of Los Angeles how can have operate during the hours of 9am to 10pm seven days a week. What if the Commission didn't approve their request for a license how can they conduct any sales. These are serious questions I have for the Commission.

When the students at Granada Hills High leave class for the day they will walk right past those signs, and this might lead to the temptation of asking an adult to buy Marijuana for them. Then of course you have a serious community problem that is not needed. Another serious and inevitable problem will be that this type of business appeals to the criminal element and of course those pending criminals have guns and will use them to obtain either marijuana or large sums of money this store might have on hand.

When these types of stores started so did the robberies and violence. This business should not be granted a license to operate in basically a residential neighborhood. This area does not warrant a license at all.

I have an article from some years ago, which I will send with this letter showing more illicit Marijuana is being sold than legal than in these businesses.

As a personal bit of information there are at least five single home residences in my own neighborhood I have identified as growing marijuana in their homes. Back in March this year LAPD conducted a search warrant at 10606 Garden Grove Avenue two houses from my residence and took out 500 marijuana plants run by a older couple and in which their associates were seen driving high price BMW's and Mercedes and Porches' .

Now this location was an extreme danger to the neighbors because the criminal element could have conducted home invasion actions and of course they would use violence if they thought anyone would get in their way.

I believe the information in this letter would not allow your commission to approve any type of license for this so-called business. The safety of the community is more important than what proceeds the city would get from granting a license to this establishment. Public Safety is paramount.

I am also forwarding a copy of this letter to the office of Councilmember John Lee at 200 North Spring Street, Los Angeles Ca. 90012. He is my councilmember for this District 12

Respectfully,



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More than \$50 million in black market marijuana seized in California this year

By Katie Lauer
Bay Area News Group

Growing and selling marijuana on the black market remains a lucrative business in California — long after voters approved recreational pot sales and use in 2016. But state enforcement officials have kept busy trying to dismantle illicit production to better support legal ventures.

Roughly \$53.6 million in illegal cannabis was seized within the first three months of 2024, according to an April 11 report from the state Department of Fish and Wildlife.

Between January 1 and March 31, the Governor's Unified Cannabis Enforcement Taskforce seized 31,866 pounds of unlicensed cannabis and eradicated 54,137 unlicensed cannabis plants. Agents served a total of 18 search warrants statewide, including two in Alameda County.

Since its inception in late 2022, the task force has gleaned more than \$371 million in unlicensed cannabis and 400,000 illicit plants, after serving upward of 230 search warrants.

During its first full calendar year of operation during 2023, the estimated value of cannabis seized in Alameda County exceeded \$77.8 million — the highest of any California county, followed by Siskiyou, Mendocino, Los Angeles and Kern counties.

While the state's statistics may not reflect all local enforcement efforts, Gov. Gavin Newsom lauded the ongoing work across California, which he said is home to the largest legal cannabis market in the world.

"As we continue to cultivate a legal marketplace,"

Newsom said in a statement, "we're taking aggressive action to crack down on those still operating in the shadows — shutting down illegal operations linked to organized crime, human trafficking, and the proliferation of illegal products that harm the environment and public health."

Efforts to shut down illegal cannabis operations rely heavily on intelligence gathering and targeted investigations, according to Bill Jones, chief of the law enforcement division of the Department of Cannabis Control, which was established in July 2021.

He confirmed to NPR earlier this month that the black market is "definitely larger" than the legal market.

In addition to ripple effects of lackluster enforcement in the first few years of legalization in California, scores of cannabis entrepreneurs are worried that California's \$5.3 billion legal pot industry is barely staying afloat, due in part to continued federal restrictions, booming illicit markets, crumbling wholesale prices of pot per pound and crippling tax burdens that have decimated any potential to make a profit.

Beyond efforts to mitigate black-market business, Jones said Thursday that the taskforce's work shutting down unlicensed cannabis operations also has an important public safety component.

Dangers associated with illicit cannabis businesses can range from the health risks tied to untested vape cartridges that can be filled with toxic additives to the fires sparked by electrical connections that have been modified or even bypassed by unlicensed growers.

12 AUGUST, 2024

Department of Cannabis Regulation
221 N. Figueroa St.
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Los Angeles, CA 90012

RE: Application LA-R-24-100624-ANN/ DOWNTOWN COLLECTIVE, INC AT 8151 W
3RD ST/ Retailer Commercial Cannabis

Dear DCR:

I live at 142 S Kilkea Drive, just kitty corner from the proposed cannabis retailer, and I can unequivocally say, reject without hesitation this application. This neighborhood does not need yet another cannabis seller: there are 2 located on 3rd Street within walking distance and another 2 on Beverly Blvd within walking distance.

A little history: this same location was previously a weed shop. No one on this block wanted that store there, and replacing it with yet another will only bring back the same problems we endured. The problems were:

- 1.) Unsavory characters. Our immediate neighborhood has been suffering a dramatic uptick in armed home invasions and storefront robberies on 3rd Street. In fact, two pretty dramatic armed robberies of the previous weed store were instrumental in forcing it to close. Another weed store will only attract more people seeking to do robberies and harm.
- 2.) Patrons often parked illegally on Kilkea, purchased their product, then returned to their cars to get high ... and then drive away. Yes, driving while high is illegal, as illegal as drunk driving. They also constantly pitched their trash in the street, on the parkways, on our properties. Law Enforcement did nothing to stop this.
- 3.) The constant stench of burning marijuana truly aggravated the entire neighborhood because the scent is truly a stench. Not a welcome perfume in any way.
- 4.) On this block alone there are seven families with multiple children under the age of 7. Another cannabis retailer and the negative elements it will attract are absolutely not welcome. Another one of these stores is not needed nor is it wanted nor will it bring in the tax revenue you think it will. Crime will increase; impaired driving will increase; garbage in streets will increase; our homes will be even less secure.

Surely some other business could inhabit 8151 W 3rd Street - something positive and useful to our neighborhood. There has to be something. ANYTHING IS BETTER THAN YET ANOTHER CANNABIS RETAILER.

Please reject this application.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read "Ruth Peebles", enclosed within a large, hand-drawn oval.

Ruth Peebles
142 S Kilkea Drive
Los Angeles, CA 90048
323-229-7118

cc: Katy Yaroslavsky
Councilwoman District 5
Los Angeles City Council
200 N. Spring Street
Suite 440
Los Angeles, CA 90012



Westside Neighborhood Council letter for Cannabis Regulation Commission Hearing Oct 3

Joanne Dorfman <joanne.seat17@gmail.com>

Fri, Sep 20, 2024 at 12:23 PM

To: cannabiscommission@lacity.org

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Ms. Josie Trevizo,
Commission Executive Assistant
Cannabis Regulation Commission
Building and Safety Boardroom
[201 N. Figueroa St. 9th Floor](#)
[Los Angeles, CA 90012](#)

Attached please find a letter for the October 3rd hearing, from the Westside Neighborhood Council in support of DCR applicant # LA-R-24-1000171-ANN Southern California Collective located at [2435 S. Military Avenue](#).

 **WNC CRC letter for Oct 3 2024 Hearing southern CA collective dba Coastal final.pdf**
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September 18, 2024

Cannabis Regulation Commissioners
October 3, 2024 Hearing
Re: DCR Applicant: LA-R-24-1000171-ANN
Southern California Collective, 2435 S. Military Avenue

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I am writing on behalf of the Westside Neighborhood Council (WNC) representing approximately 80,000 stakeholders in Century City, Rancho Park, and Cheviot Hills. We support the annual renewal license for Southern California Collective DBA Coastal Dispensary at 2435 S. Military Avenue.

Several years ago, and to this day, our stakeholders have brought their concerns and issues with the cultivation business operating in the same building as the dispensary to the WNC. The main concerns and complaints were strong cannabis odors emitted into the air of the adjacent residential neighborhood. Many residents suffered negative health impacts from these strong fumes that would last for days.

The original owner sold the dispensary and kept the cultivation that remains a negative impact on the community.

The applicant's representatives of Gold Flora attended our September 12, 2024 WNC board meeting and gave a presentation. We learned that the dispensary is completely separate in ownership and management from the cultivation operations. The dispensary is a small portion of the almost 14,000 sq. ft. building.

The WNC board voted 12-0 on Sept 12, 2024 to support cannabis annual license renewals to those businesses that were in compliance with LA City, LA County, and California State laws and regulations, and who adequately address community concerns.

Today representatives from Gold Flora met with us; Terri Tippit, Chair, Barbara Broide, Land Use Chair, and myself Joanne Dorfman, Cannabis Chair, on site to discuss, and find solutions to the community concerns raised at the WNC meeting. In our discussions, we realized many of the community concerns were related to the cultivation business, and the other concerns we had were addressed quickly. The applicant has shown us they truly want to be an integral part of the community, and we have

solidified a line of communication to address any future concerns.

Based on these factors we support the renewal of the annual license for Southern California Collective.

Sincerely,

Joanne Dorfman

Joanne Dorfman
Cannabis Chair, At-large Seat #17
Westside Neighborhood Council

CC: Councilwoman Katy Yaroslavsky, CD5



Your Community Impact Statement Submittal - City Planning Number: LA-R-24-100071-ANN

1 message

'LA City SNow' via DCR Cannabis Commission <CannabisCommission@lacity.org>

Fri, Sep 13, 2024 at 1:30 AM

Reply-To: LA City SNow <cityoflaprod@service-now.com>

To: CannabisCommission@lacity.org

Cc: wncseat18@gmail.com

A Neighborhood Council Community Impact Statement (CIS) has been successfully submitted to your Commission or City Council. We provided information below about CISs and attached a copy of the CIS.

We encourage you to reach out to the Community Impact Statement Filer to acknowledge receipt and if this Community Impact Statement will be scheduled at a future meeting. Neighborhood Council board members are volunteers and it would be helpful if they received confirmation that you received their CIS.

The CIS process was enabled by the Los Angeles Administrative Code §Section 22.819. It provides that, "a Neighborhood Council may take a formal position on a matter by way of a Community Impact Statement (CIS) or written resolution." NCs representatives also testify before City Boards and Commissions on the item related to their CIS. If the Neighborhood Council chooses to do so, the Neighborhood Council representative must provide the Commission with a copy of the CIS or rResolution sufficiently in advance for review, possible inclusion on the agenda, and posting on the Commission's website. Any information you can provide related to your agenda setting schedule is helpful to share with the NC.

If the CIS or resolution pertains to a matter *listed on the Commission's agenda*, during the time the matter is heard, the designated Neighborhood Council representative should be given an opportunity to present the Neighborhood Council's formal position. We encourage becoming familiar with the City Council's rules on the subject. At the Chair's discretion, the Neighborhood Council representative may be asked to have a seat at the table (or equivalent for a virtual meeting) typically reserved for City staff and may provide the Neighborhood Council representative more time than allotted to members of the general public. They are also permitted up to five (5) minutes of time to address the legislative body. If the CIS or resolution pertains to a matter *not listed on the agenda*, the designated Neighborhood Council representative may speak during General Public Comments.

We share this information to assist you with the docketing neighborhood council items before your board/commission. If you have questions and/or concerns, please contact the Department of Neighborhood Empowerment at empowerla@lacity.org.

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Contact Information

Neighborhood Council: Westside

Name: Joseph Roth

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The Board approved this CIS by a vote of: Yea(12) Nay(0) Abstain(0) Ineligible(0) Recusal(0)

Date of NC Board Action: 09/12/2024

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Date: 09/13/2024

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Council File Number:

City Planning Number: LA-R-24-100071-ANN

Agenda Date: 10/03/2024

Item Number:

Summary: In a regular monthly meeting of the Westside Neighborhood Council, the board voted to support annual license renewals for any cannabis business where community concerns are adequately addressed, and those businesses are in full compliance with all LA City, LA County, and California state regulations.

Ref:MSG11092139



Submission letter for Oct 3 Cannabis Regulation Commission Hearing

'Joanne Dorfman' via DCR Cannabis Commission <CannabisCommission@lacity.org>

Wed, Sep 18, 2024 at 2:27 PM

Reply-To: Joanne Dorfman <evenik@yahoo.com>

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Cc: Terri Tippit <tmtippit@ca.rr.com>, "joanne.seat17@gmail.com" <joanne.seat17@gmail.com>

Ms. Josie Trevizo,
Commission Executive Assistant
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Los Angeles, CA 90012

Dear Ms. Trevizo,

Please find attached, a letter of support for DCR Application no.: LA-R-24-100071-ANN
Southern California Collective, A California Corporation at 2435 S. Military Avenue.
West Of Westwood Homeowners Association.

 wowhoa letter to CRC Commission Mtng 10.3.24 final.pdf
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West Of Westwood
Homeowners Association

September 18, 2024

Cannabis Regulation Commissioners
Commission Meeting
October 3, 2024

Re: DCR Application **LA-R-24-100071-ANN**

I am writing on behalf of the West of Westwood HOA (WOWHOA), representing 1200 homes in Rancho Park.

We are in support of the renewal of the license for the **Southern California Collective** dispensary located at **2435 S. Military, Los Angeles 90064**.

WOWHOA has had serious issues with this dispensary's previous owner, who also owns the on-site grow part of the building, but is now separate of the dispensary.

We met with the new owners. They are very willing to work with the community to address our concerns that fall within the dispensary business. We know the new owners will be respectful of the residents and will work in partnership with WOWHOA to resolve our concerns and issues moving forward. It is unfortunate that other cannabis dispensaries choose not to partner with the residents to address concerns and issues that have a negative impact the community.

We still have major concerns about the cultivation operator in the same building, but that is not part of, nor owned by, this applicant.

Thank you for your time and consideration,

Terri Tippit

Terri Tippit, President WOWHOA

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