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## 1858 N Echo Park

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Please see attached.

Thank you,

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June 30, 2025

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**RE: CANNABIS REGULATION COMMISSION**

1858 N. Echo Park Avenue  
DCR Record No. 320104 LA-S-24-320104-ANN & ENV-320104-ANN

To whom it may concern:

The Los Angeles Police Department (LAPD) was recently notified regarding the pending application and/or renewal for a commercial cannabis license at 1858 N. Echo Park Avenue. This location is in the Echo Park community.

We have reviewed the application to determine if the public convenience and necessity is currently served by existing licensed cannabis retail locations and dispensaries within the general area. Based upon our review, the Northeast Area is opposed to the issuance of this license, since the public convenience and necessity (consisting of bordering communities of Silver Lake, Echo Park, and Elysian Valley) is currently served by seven (7) retail cannabis locations. Northeast Area believes that the addition of another cannabis retail location would be an overconcentration of cannabis retail locations and will be unlikely to contribute to an improved quality of life for residents, businesses, and visitors.

According to our records, the Echo Park community is already served by two (2) licensed retail locations at 1932 Scott Avenue and 2815 W. Sunset Boulevard. 1932 Scott Avenue is within a half (0.5) mile radius of the proposed location and 2815 W. Sunset Boulevard is within a one and a half (1.5) miles radius of the proposed location.

The LAPD is opposed to the issuance of this license. However, if a license is approved, acting in the interest of the public, the LAPD recommends the following operating conditions be imposed, in order to minimize any issues or negative impact from the operation of this proposed license.

## PROPOSED CONDITIONS

1. The hours of operation shall be limited daily to hours between 11:00 a.m. and 9:00 p.m. Sunday through Saturday. No after hours of the location shall be permitted other than for routine cleanup and maintenance.
2. No alcoholic beverages shall be sold or consumed on the premise.
3. Cannabis products or tobacco products of any kind and quantity shall not be consumed by customers, patrons, or employees at any time.
4. Any graffiti painted or marked upon the premises or on any adjacent area under the control of the Petitioner(s) shall be removed or painted over within 24-hours of its occurrence.
5. Electronic age verification device(s) which can be used to determine the age of any individual attempting to purchase alcoholic beverages shall be installed on the premises at each point-of-sale location. The device(s) shall be maintained in an operational condition and all employees shall be instructed in their use prior to the sale of any alcoholic beverages or tobacco products.
6. There shall be no coin operated games or video game machines permitted on the premises at any time.
7. Live entertainment, or any music, sound or noise including amplified or acoustic music which is under control of the applicant shall not be permitted.
8. Parking shall be subject to the determination of the Department of Building and Safety. Any off-site parking shall be provided pursuant to the requirements of Los Angeles Municipal Code Sections 12.21-A, 4(g) and 12.26-E, 1(b). No variance from the parking requirements has been granted herein.
9. The exterior windows and glass doors of the store shall be maintained substantially free of signs and other materials from the ground to at least 6 feet in height above the ground to permit surveillance into the store by police or private security.
10. No pool or billiard table may be maintained on the premises.
11. The property owner shall be responsible for maintaining free of litter the area adjacent to the property, including the outdoor sidewalk smoking area.
12. The applicant/the business operator shall identify a contact person and provide a 24-hour "hot line" telephone number for any inquiries or complaints from the community regarding the subject facility.
13. Adequate lighting shall be installed in all areas within the business in conformance with the LAMC. The lighting shall be such that it renders all objects and persons clearly visible.
14. Operator shall attend periodic meetings with the LAPD, The Council Office, and community members to discuss ongoing operations, recent complaints, and shall revise operational procedures in order to address issues to the satisfaction of the LAPD.
15. The licensee shall maintain a minimum of one (1) licensed, armed, and uniformed security personnel. Security personnel shall take steps necessary to prevent departing persons who appear to be under the influence of cannabis products from driving. All security personnel shall maintain order therein and prevent any activity, including loitering, that would interfere with the enjoyment of their property by nearby residents or businesses.

If there are any questions regarding this correspondence, please contact Sergeant Nisha Gonzales, Northeast Area, at (323) 561-3205.

Respectfully,

JIM McDONNELL  
Chief of Police



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## LA-R-24-320041-ANN DOPEMATES

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Please submit the Westside NC comments to the file for DOPEMATES LA-R-24-320041-ANN

Terri Tippit, WNC Chair

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June 26, 2025

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Re: LA-R-24-320041-ANN

Dear Commissioners,

I am writing to you on behalf of the Westside Neighborhood Council (WNC) representing approximately 80,000 stakeholders.

On June 12, 2025 *Dopemates LA* was on our agenda to present. Mr. Rahim Samadian appeared before the WNC, introduced himself and answered questions.

The applicant's proposed dispensary location is 362 feet from 11010 Santa Monica Blvd, otherwise know as the Weingart Center, a 51 unit Permanent Supportive Housing facility, identified as a "sensitive use". Which served Veterans and seniors.

Mr. Samadian told the council he did not know about the Weingart Center, or where it was. When asked, he did not know about his own dispensary's Community Meeting scheduled for May 29, 2025 on zoom, did not know if meeting notices were sent out to addresses within 500 ft of the proposed dispensary site, did not know that DCR has guidance available to him as a *Social Equity* applicant.

Mr. Samadian told the council he had been threatened with a knife one evening when he was taking photographs of his storefront.

On June 9<sup>th</sup> & 10<sup>th</sup>, I personally spoke with the Weingart Center building manger Nikki Johnson, and maintenance manager Richard Young regarding their knowledge and thoughts of a cannabis dispensary potentially located half a block away. They were both surprised, and expressed disappointment of this news. They had not received the notice

of the *Community Meeting* Their residents are already struggling with sobriety and rehabilitation. A majority of the residents are Veterans. Mr. Young informed me that there were fights, arguments and problems that would spill out to the street on many occasions.

There is a security guard at the site, but only between 4-7pm.

The Westside Neighborhood Council is concerned that this dispensary will bring more problems to an already troubled area, and make it more difficult for the Weingart Center residents who are struggling to rehabilitate themselves and stay sober and healthy. There is a reason why DCR has the list of "Sensitive Use" locations that dispensaries must be located at least 700 feet away from.

The Weingart Center is only 362' away.

Although the Weingart Center *certificate of occupancy* was not issued until April 23, 2024, the Permanent Supportive Housing site was approved on May 19, 2020. The Dopemates LA application was submitted on May 31, 2023, a full three years later.

Respectfully,

*Joanne Dorfman*

WNC  
Chair Cannabis Committee