

# **SECONDARY SUBMISSIONS**



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## Letters of Opposition

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**Pamela Thornton** <pamela.thornton@lacity.org>

Thu, Jul 31, 2025 at 6:01 PM

To: Josefina Trevizo &lt;josie.trevizo@lacity.org&gt;

Cc: CannabisCommission@lacity.org, Erika Velazquez &lt;erika.velazquez@lacity.org&gt;, Drew Leach &lt;drew.leach@lacity.org&gt;

Hello Josefina,

Please find two opposition letters from Councilmember McOsker to be included in the application files for:

1. DCR Core Record No. 310167  
LA-R-24-310167-ANN & ENV-310167-ANN  
Applicant: Sal Holdings, LLC  
Business Premises: [1804 S. Pacific Avenue, San Pedro, 90731](#)
2. DCR Core Record No. 320007  
LA-R-24-320007-ANN & ENV-320008-ANN  
Applicant: Ghost Management Retail 1 LLC  
Business Premises: [102-108 S. Pacific Avenue, San Pedro, 90731](#)

If you can confirm receipt of this email, it will be greatly appreciated.

Best regards,

**PAMELA THORNTON** (*She, Her, Hers*)

Planning Director

Office of Councilmember Tim McOsker

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<http://CouncilDistrict15.lacity.gov>**COUNCILMEMBER  
TIM McOSKER*****One District - Five Communities***



TIM McOSKER  
Councilmember, 15th District

July 28, 2025

Mr. Thryeris Mason, Commission President  
Cannabis Regulation Commission  
Department of Cannabis Regulation  
221 N. Figueroa Street, Suite 1245  
Los Angeles, CA 90012

RE: DCR Core Record No. 320007  
LA-R-24-320007-ANN & ENV-320008-ANN

Applicant: Ghost Management Retail 1 LLC  
Business Premises: 102-108 S. Pacific Avenue, San Pedro, 90731

Dear Mr. Mason,

My office received notification of the application for the annual license for Ghost Management Retail 1, LLC, located at 102-108 S. Pacific Avenue.

As a Councilmember, one of my top priorities is to support initiatives that enhance public safety, improve quality of life, and foster equitable economic development.

The proposed site is in close proximity—approximately 1,000 feet, or three blocks—from Barton Hill Elementary School, where 98% of students are classified as socioeconomically disadvantaged. The school population is composed of 80% Latino and 14% African American students, many of whom live in the Rancho San Pedro public housing complex located just below Pacific Avenue.

Since July 1, 2024, there have been four motor vehicle thefts, five thefts, one aggravated assault, and one robbery within just a one-block radius of 102-108 S. Pacific Avenue. Furthermore, in that same radius, there have been a staggering 256 calls to LAPD for service, including 35 for robbery and over 45 calls for violent incidents.

One block up from 102 S. Pacific, at 1st Street and Grand, sits the Toberman Neighborhood Center, a nonprofit that serves many of these low-income families and engages in gang intervention and violence reduction services. Due to its location, children often walk up 1st Street from Pacific Avenue to attend Toberman's youth programming.

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Given the nature of the surrounding neighborhood, I believe that this establishment does not promote the improvement of the quality of life of my constituents, and I respectfully submit this letter of opposition to the application LA-R-24-320007-ANN & ENV-320008-ANN. If you have any further questions regarding my opposition to this license, please contact my Planning Director, Pamela Thornton, at (213) 435-7423 or via email at [pamela.thornton@lacity.org](mailto:pamela.thornton@lacity.org).

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in black ink that reads "Tim McOSKER". The signature is fluid and cursive, with the first name "Tim" and the last name "McOSKER" clearly distinguishable.

TIM McOSKER  
Councilmember, 15th District



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RE: DCR Core Record No. 310167  
LA-R-24-310167-ANN & ENV-310167-ANN

Applicant: Sal Holdings, LLC  
Business Premises: 1804 S. Pacific Avenue, San Pedro, 90731

Dear Mr. Mason,

We received notification of the application for the annual license for Sal Holdings, LLC, operating as Harvest, located at 1804 S. Pacific Avenue in San Pedro.

The community of San Pedro, which is located in the Council District I represent, is home to a diverse and vibrant population of hard-working families. One of my priorities is improving the quality of life by ensuring public safety, delivering city services, and promoting economic development. To honor this commitment, we support businesses that promote the improvement of the well-being of our communities.

This cannabis retail location raises several concerns:

- Proximity to Other Cannabis Retailers: A cannabis retail shop recently opened just four blocks away, at 2210 S. Pacific Avenue. The close clustering of cannabis businesses creates an undue concentration in a small area and does not reflect balanced, community-serving land use planning.
- Proximity to Schools: The proposed site is approximately three blocks (1,500 feet) from 15th Street Elementary School, which serves approximately 400 students. Over 94% of these students are considered socioeconomically disadvantaged. It is imperative that we protect our most vulnerable youth from any potential indirect exposure to cannabis retail activities.

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- Youth Exposure Concerns: On July 9, my office was approached by representatives from this retailer (operating as Harvest), seeking assistance to set up a sidewalk vendor selling made-to-order burritos directly outside of this storefront to increase foot traffic. Given the proximity to both 15th Street Elementary and Dana Middle School, this raises significant concerns about inadvertently drawing school-aged children near cannabis establishments through ancillary food or retail attractions.
- Community Safety and Quality of Life: The cumulative impact of this proposed license, combined with existing cannabis retailers and public safety concerns in the area, does not align with our commitment to fostering a safe and family-oriented environment for San Pedro residents.

For these reasons, I respectfully submit this letter in opposition to the above-referenced license application. If you have any further questions regarding my opposition to this permit, please contact my Planning Director, Pamela Thornton, at (213) 473-2393 or via email at [pamela.thornton@lacity.org](mailto:pamela.thornton@lacity.org).

Sincerely,



TIM McOSKER  
Councilmember, 15th District



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**Re: Representative for 08/07/2025 CRC Meeting: LA-S-25-320102-ANN**

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**Yauheniya Lis** <yauheniyalis@gmail.com>

Mon, Aug 4, 2025 at 5:17 PM

To: CannabisCommission@lacity.org

Cc: "dcrlicensing@lacity.org" <dcrlicensing@lacity.org>, Donneka Ballard <donneka.ballard@lacity.org>

[@CannabisCommission@lacity.org](mailto:CannabisCommission@lacity.org)

Please see the attached letter. We are requesting for our application be moved to the following CRC meeting so that our authorized representative can be there to answer questions. Please advise.

Thank you,

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NoHo Retailer LLC

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North Hollywood, CA 91601

[yauheniyalis@gmail.com](mailto:yauheniyalis@gmail.com)

**Date:** August 4, 2025

**To:**

Cannabis Regulation Commission

Department of Cannabis Regulation

City of Los Angeles

221 N. Figueroa Street, Suite 1245

Los Angeles, CA 90012

**Subject:** Request to Reschedule Agenda Item for NoHo Retailer LLC — Record No. LA-S-25-320102-ANN

Dear Commissioners,

I am writing on behalf of NoHo Retailer LLC regarding our application under record number **LA-S-25-320102-ANN**, which is currently scheduled to be heard at the upcoming Cannabis Regulation Commission meeting on **August 7, 2025**.

Unfortunately, our authorized representative will be out of town on that date and unable to attend the meeting. We believe it is important to be present to answer any questions and to ensure full participation in the process.



Therefore, we respectfully request that our application be continued to the **next available CRC meeting date** following August 7, 2025, so that our team may attend and represent the application accordingly.

We appreciate your consideration and look forward to the opportunity to appear at the rescheduled hearing.

Sincerely,

**Yauheniya Lis**

CEO

NoHo Retailer LLC



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## Opposition Letter for Sweet Grass Dispensary (App. No. 320051 / 2181 W Venice Boulevard)

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**Hakeem Parke-Davis** <hakeem.parke-davis@lacity.org>

Tue, Aug 5, 2025 at 1:18 PM

To: Michelle Garakian <michelle.garakian@lacity.org>, Jason Killeen <jason.killeen@lacity.org>, Jessica Fugate <jessica.fugate@lacity.org>, Cannabis LA <cannabis@lacity.org>, DCR Cannabis Commission <CannabisCommission@lacity.org>, Andrew Westall <andrew.westall@lacity.org>, Heather Hutt <heather.hutt@lacity.org>, Kimani Black <kimani.black@lacity.org>

Hello,

Please accept this attached correspondence on behalf of Councilmember Heather Hutt.

Hakeem Parke-Davis  
Planning Deputy  
Council District 10

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August 1, 2025

Department of Cannabis Regulation  
200 North Spring Street  
Los Angeles, CA 90012

**RE: STRONG OPPOSITION TO THE GRANTING OF A CANNABIS DISPENSARY LICENSE FOR SWEET GRASS ENTERPRISES (APPLICATION NO. 320051) AT 2181 VENICE BOULEVARD**

Dear Commissioners,

I am writing to express my strong opposition to the granting of a cannabis dispensary license for Sweet Grass Enterprises (Application No. 320051) at 2181 Venice Boulevard. Having closely reviewed the public testimony from the recent hearing, it is abundantly clear that this proposed dispensary presents numerous and significant issues that directly threaten the safety, character, and quality of life of our residents.

The overwhelming sentiment from the community is one of deep apprehension and justified alarm. Residents and stakeholders, including those from the United Neighborhoods Neighborhood Council, have articulated a consistent set of concerns that cannot be ignored.

Firstly, the proposed dispensary raises profound **public safety and crime** concerns. The community fears an increase in criminal activity, including robbery and aggravated assault, due to the presence of large amounts of cash and cannabis on the premises. There are also grave concerns about increased gang activity, loitering, and the exacerbation of existing issues with unhoused individuals and abandoned vehicles in the immediate vicinity. The location is directly across the street from an existing liquor store, which already contributes to public nuisance, only compounding the real potential for nuisances and crime.

Secondly, the impact on **traffic hazards and accidents** at the already perilous intersection of Hobart and Venice Boulevard is an immense concern. This intersection is notorious for frequent and dangerous accidents, often due to speeding and impaired driving. Introducing a cannabis dispensary, and perhaps impaired customers attempting to navigate this complex intersection, would be a reckless decision that will undoubtedly lead to an increase in collisions and endanger the lives of our residents, pedestrians, and cyclists.

Furthermore, the community regularly voiced significant apprehension regarding the **quality of life issues** that this dispensary would introduce or exacerbate. Residents anticipate strong marijuana odors permeating their homes and public spaces, and fear an increase in public marijuana smoking. The current state of the property's exterior, with documented, ongoing occurrences of trash, loitering, and individuals sitting or lying on sidewalks, is already a source of community frustration. There is a well-founded belief



that these problems will only intensify with the operation of a dispensary, further degrading the neighborhood's aesthetic and sense of security.

It is also crucial to acknowledge the community's concerns regarding the **incompatibility of this business**. Concerns about the anticipated strong marijuana odor, public smoking in the vicinity, and proximity to schools should be a serious consideration of the commission. The dispensary's close proximity to schools and the existing presence of a liquor store and another marijuana dispensary nearby, along with others along Venice Boulevard, suggest an oversaturation of inebriating substances in the public domain.

Moreover, the United Neighborhoods Neighborhood Council has highlighted serious issues of non-compliance with existing city regulations, specifically concerning the property's status within an HPOZ and CPIO overlay zone. Features like razor wire, as noted by residents, simply do not align with the established aesthetic and charm of our historic district. The presence of unapproved exterior modifications, such as barbed wire and window bars, are a clear violation of the CPIO.

In light of the compelling and deeply held concerns articulated by my constituents, I urge the Department of Cannabis Regulation to **deny** the cannabis dispensary license for Sweet Grass Enterprises at 2181 Venice Boulevard. The potential negative impacts on public safety, traffic, and the overall quality of life in this community far outweigh any perceived benefits. We must prioritize the well-being and security of our residents above all else.

Thank you for your careful consideration of these vital community concerns. Should you have any questions about this matter, please feel free to contact my staff member, Hakeem Parke-Davis or call my office at (213) 473-7010.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature of Heather Hutt in black ink, written in a cursive style.

**HEATHER HUTT**  
Councilwoman, 10th District  
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