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September 2, 2025

IMPACT STATEMENT Opposition to Dispensary Application

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Location: 8122 SEPULVEDA BLVD., PANORAMA CITY, CA 91402.

Dear Cannabis Regulation Commissioners and whom it may concern:

My name is Chris Q Martinez and I live 0.1 mile from the planned location for this new dispensary. I have lived in this neighborhood since 1994. I have grown up here and am now raising my children in this neighborhood. In the past 31 years I have seen this neighborhood change in many ways. For that reason, I can honestly recall and pinpoint what changes have impacted our neighborhood the most. I can also tell you that the last time a dispensary was set up at this location (2015 -2018) It drastically affected the quality of life in our small neighborhood. From higher levels of crime in the quiet residential streets that surround this shop. To an increase in the amount of loitering and graffiti in our streets. Worst of all was the impact to Marson Park, our small neighborhood pocket park. What used to be a safe place for the local kids from the neighboring houses and multiple surrounding apartment buildings. Became a regular spot for clients of that dispensary to use and abuse. Even with clear signage of no smoking area in the park, or the presence of children could not keep them from smoking there. The trail of drug paraphernalia left behind was a constant. From jars, containers, baggies, pipes, even syringes. We as a neighborhood would constantly be cleaning up.

Now as a parent of 2 school age children it is extremely frustrating. To know that the struggle from the past experience is not even being considered here. We do not need or want this dispensary in our neighborhood. As a mother I am begging you to please listen and consider the following. This proposed dispensary location will be, a **3min walk(0.1mi) from an active Licensed Day Care**. It will also be a **5min walk 0.2 miles from our currently safe neighborhood park**. It will also be a **12 min walk 0.5miles from Noble Elementary & Vista Middle School**. Understanding the influence that access and exposure can have on young children. I ask that you consider the quality of life for the children of our neighborhood over the profit of this one company. We have to do better for our children. This shop will be **open 7 days a week from 9am to 10pm**. I would say that is excessive exposure.

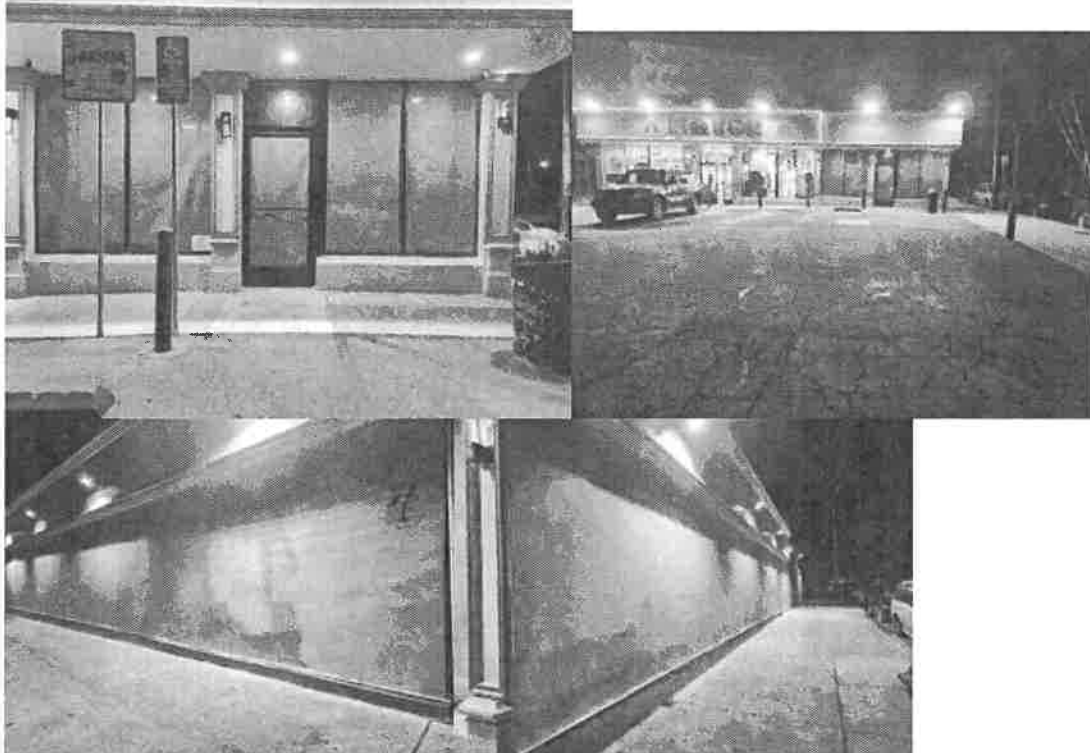
I would also like to note that there has been little to no community outreach on this proposal. There is no posted signage as you can see from a photo taken today September 2, 2025 I have included. I do not believe any postcards or letters have been mailed out to the community this will be affecting regarding this proposal. I check my mail regularly and since I live only 0.1 mile from the planned location. I would hope I am part of the community they would reach out to. I want to believe that a business that cares for the community it intends on joining, would be open to community input. For this reason, I am requesting that this proposal have more community meetings or hearings. I also request since most if not all our community is multi lingual that information be provide in English and Spanish. We are after all a California city and community.

I humbly thank you for taking the time to read a letter from a very concerned mom and community member. I am available for any questions.

Respectfully,

Chris Q Martinez.

Photo from 9/2/2025 (NO POSTED Signage)



Goggle Maps Photo from April 2018 - Previous Dispensary



Goggle Maps Photo from January 2017 - Previous Dispensary - Note surrounded by Apartment Buildings /Homes



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9/3/2025

To: Department of Cannabis Regulation (DCR)

Dear Cannabis Regulation Commissioners,

A formal objection to the licensing of a cannabis dispensary at 8122 N. Sepulveda Blvd. 7030 Holdings LLC, should be made. Opposition should be based on documented concerns regarding the negative impacts this business would have on the community.

Potential Negative Impact on Public Safety and Crime:

- Increased crime: Research has shown a correlation between cannabis dispensaries and an increase in local crime rates. The proposed location is in a high-traffic area already prone to issues, and would increase the risk of theft and robbery in our residential neighborhood
- Increased foot and vehicle traffic: The business would generate significant foot and vehicle traffic, disrupting the peaceful character of our area.

Negative Impact on Local Youth and Schools:

- Proximity to sensitive sites: The location is within a 3min walk(0.1mi) from an active Licensed Day Care. It will also be a 5min walk 0.2 miles from our currently safe neighborhood park. It will also be a 12 min walk 0.5miles from Noble Elementary & Vista Middle School. a place frequented by children. This proximity directly violates the spirit of regulations designed to protect youth from exposure to cannabis advertising and products.
- Normalizing cannabis use: Establishing a dispensary so close to the places mentioned above sends the wrong message to children about drug use and compromises the integrity of our drug-resistant community.

Inconsistency with Community Planning and Values:

- The placement of this dispensary is inconsistent with the community's vision for the neighborhood, which is predominantly residential and family oriented.

The commission should be urged to reject this application and prioritize the well-being and safety of residents.

Sincerely,

Norma Prophet

September 3, 2025

Ms. 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. 320058

Applicant: 7030 Holdings LLC

Business Premises: 8122 N. Sepulveda Blvd.

Dear President Mason,

My office was recently made aware of the application of the cannabis retail license for 7030 Holdings LLC located at 8122 N. Sepulveda Blvd.

I am in opposition of this application because I believe that it does not enhance public safety nor improve neighborhood quality of life.

The property currently houses a liquor store in the first unit that, according to the Los Angeles Police Department and community accounts, has a long history of public drinking on and around the site. Less than 1,000 feet south is Marson Park, which also faces persistent issues with public drinking and related quality-of-life impacts. My office has worked closely with LAPD to address these ongoing challenges in the surrounding community.

The unit that this shop seeks to be housed in was once an illegal dispensary location 7-8 years ago. Lifelong residents have shared that while the illegal shop was open, littering of cannabis products, such as cartridges and packaging, was at an all time high.

Additionally, at approximately 350 feet lies Lopez and Monterroso Child Day Care. This 18 year business has shared with our office that their patron families have bore witness to drunk individuals loitering around their business, and at times, scaring the children.

Placing a cannabis retail establishment at this location would add to, rather than alleviate, the existing problems in the area. For these reasons, I must submit this letter of opposition to the application.

If you have any questions regarding my opposition to this license, please contact my Senior Legislative Deputy, Osvaldo Ramirez, at (213) 473-7006 or osvaldo.ramirez@lacity.org.

Sincerely,



IMELDA PADILLA
Councilmember, Sixth District





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

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Tue, Aug 5, 2025 at 1:18 PM

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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,

HEATHER HUTT
Councilwoman, 10th District
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