

Subject: response to 338 S. Ashley Street marijuana facility
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To Whom This May Concern,

Last week our real estate company (Curtis Commercial LLC) received a post-card notice regarding a marijuana facility at 338 S. Ashley Street. Our firm owns and manages four prime buildings on Main Street, in downtown Ann Arbor, which provide space to eleven retail tenants as well as many office tenants. This facility is one block away from this prime retail district. It is for this reason that we are responding.

Over the past two years our firm has received endless marijuana solicitations. Some of these solicitors have offered substantial rental over and above our asking price. In all instances we have declined and will continue to do so for the protection of existing, long standing retail tenants in our downtown.

Our concern is that with rental incentives by solicitors that some building owners will accept such a use, because of additional profits, at the expense and detriment upon adjacent businesses as well as to the health of the downtown. We are a business district which needs protection from such a path. Much like liquor stores needing to be a certain distance from public buildings/uses we believe that a protection zone must be created regarding marijuana operations in or adjacent to our fragile central business borders.

For these reason we strongly oppose this or any other marijuana facility within or adjacent to our central business borders.

Thank you for your time in this very important matter.

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