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Subject: comment on special use - Medicine Man

We am writing to the council to express our opposition to the proposed special use permit for Medicine Man of A2.

There is absolutely no need to put such an establishment, with the special use staying with the property in perpetuity, in this part of town (i.e. there is no market for this kind of place there).

The obvious advantage to the vendor is that this is essentially both close to downtown Ann Arbor and within easy access to US23 (and therefore Brighton/Pinckney to the north and Ypsilanti to the south). However, we implore you as council members, to not be swayed simply by what promises to be very good business for the vendor but bad for an area full of families and single-family homes.

The surrounding geographic/demographic area will not support (economically speaking) such an establishment and thus it will be necessary to market it far and wide, causing further congestion of an already busy area.

In addition, we urge you to take into very careful consideration the fact that there are no less than 3 Ann Arbor schools less that 0.4 miles (Thurston) and 0.8 miles away (Logan & Clague) from the address of the proposed establishment. 2 of our 3 sons attend one of these schools and all 3 of our sons attend A2 public schools on Ann Arbor's northeast side. We live on Ann Arbor's northeast side and frequently travel and shop in the shopping areas located up and down Plymouth Road.

Approving this permit will do less good for the overall community than you may have been led to believe by the vendor. And, just because something is legally permissible under Michigan law does not mean that we, as a community, and you as our community delegates, have to allow anything and everything under the sun to be so close to such an abundance of families, schools/school children, and students living steps away from a world-class university (and its North Campus location).

We urge you to tell Messrs. Bryant and Cromer to look elsewhere.

Let's do things like get Sweetwaters on Plymouth back up and running and think about a youth/recreation center on this side of town. Those types of things are desired and actually utilized by the masses, while the above special use permit is serving a very niche market and one that does nothing to actually improve the quality of life for ALL of the surrounding area's residents.

Thank you very much.

Sincerely,

Keith and Sarah Philips