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Subject: Arborside "Hearing April 3"

From: John  
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Message Body:

I read the posted document in the Arborside window today, and wanted to send an email statement for you to read. Unfortunately, I will be traveling for business that day.

I am a 58 year old male, professional salesman, living with my wife; Arborside is in my neighborhood.

We have one car, and are lucky enough to live in a neighborhood served by many businesses (banks, gas stations and convenience stores, Dairy Queen, Lucky's, auto repair shops, coffee shops, a cigar and smoke shop, a CVS, liquor stores, work out facilities, medical facilities, and several restaurants. All within walking distance!

I am not sure what caused this hearing to be called, but I am making the leap that someone does not want a marijuana dispensary in the neighborhood.

So I asked myself, if I were not a medical marijuana card holder, would i support a dispensary in the neighborhood?

The answer, to me, depends on safety, security, what outside influences it brings with it, and what the dispensary brings to the community.

From a safety and security standpoint, I can say that the facility is secure, follows the letter of the law, and has not brought back attributes with it (crime or unwanted individuals or groups). Everyone that is served at The facility has a Medical card and are also following the rules put in place by the state. I have never experienced any safety of security issue while being served, nor noticed any unwanted behavior (beyond the shortage of parking). I frequently walk by the facility while walking the dogs at all times of the day and evening.

They building could be spruced up, but it surely is within city code. Most of the other buildings in the area are old and also could be spruced up.

So, what undue influence is it bringing to the neighborhood? None that I notice. It is a quiet facility that is located in an out of the way spot. No one Mills around. Parking and the size of the facility are an issue...but this is only because it is busy. I encounter many people from all walks of life waiting patiently to be served. Some look like professionals, some are dressed grungy, some have piercings and tattoos, some wear knit hats in the summer! But hey, so do OUR kids!

What does this facility bring to the neighborhood? Convenience to access to my medical needs (just like CVS). The people there are always courteous, friendly, and treat people with respect. There are so many other businesses in the area that I cannot think of another kind of store that could add positively to the needs of the area, as much as Arborside does.

Can I get my medical marijuana at another facility? Of course. But why should I have to? Why should I shop at another grocery store, or get my haircut at a different shop by Meijers, or get my liquor\coffee\eat breakfast\lunch\dinner\buy ice cream at other places outside the neighborhood? I like to shop local, and help the businesses stay healthy. They serve us and we serve them back.

Arborside is a safe, secure, friendly business that adds value to the neighborhood and the community it serves.

Thank you  
John