

Honorable Henry, Pettis, Aguilar, Carnavale and Kaplan:

Today's parents are faced with extreme challenges in providing a safe environment for our children. Unlike the experiences of our youth, today's kids are confronted daily with dangers and risks. The unique lack of city Parks and Recreation services for nearly 20 years has been something we have survived - but we need your help now.

We respectfully request an addition to our zoning ordinances. Creating reasonable and safe zoning in the cannabis industry (mirroring similar considerations given to other adult oriented businesses in our city) is a positive step that will protect children and improve the quality of life for us all.

We request a minimum separation of 600 feet between all cannabis facilities and youth and recreation facilities/centers. We urge you to adopt the Planning Commission's suggestion and expand your current definition of youth-based locations to include: baseball, basketball, boxing, gyms, ice skating/hockey, football, skating, soccer, softball, tennis and all other fields and courts, including Big League Dreams; and, all parks; and, all dance, karate, music and similar studios; and, arcade, skateboard, sports memorabilia and other retailers whose target customer is youth-based; and, all other recreation facilities such as Boomer's; and, gathering/meeting places such as churches, schools, libraries and locations offering after school activities; and, all movie theaters.

We are concerned about the protection and well-being of our city's youth. We are not planners and lawyers, so we ask you to help us protect children by expanding the current definition of youth activities from "non profit" to reflect protection of all locations by a 600' separation from all locations which serve children.

Sincerely,
Nancy Alvarez and Paul Woods