MEMORANDUM

DATE: Thursday, April 7, 2022

TO: Members of the Trinity County Planning Commission

FROM: Lisa Lozier, Interim Director Building & Planning

SUBJECT: Cannabis Storefront Retail Ordinance DEV-20-02

Please find attached public comments received 4-7-2022.
Deborah Rogge

From: Kimberly Trujillo
Sent: Thursday, April 7, 2022 6:42 AM
To: Info.Planning
Cc: Jill Cox
Subject: Retail cannabis

It has come to my attention that tonight the commission will review this subject matter; hopefully more of the public knows about it as well & will be there live or virtual or submit there comments to you here as I am doing since I cannot be in attendance. I would ask that you would consider the current opt out areas; these communities have made it clear that they do not want to be subjected to the cannabis industry & the image that it brings. What a shame it would be to have our lovely Main Street spoiled by a facility that sales drugs because that is what cannabis is, a drug pure & simple; it’s bad enough we have a tobacco smoke shop right next door to a child’s dance studio, whose bright idea was that?!? Even if it’s just a store that provides “tinctures” cbd products, this is not the location! I plead with you to not let hopeful $$$ cloud your decision on whether this is what’s best for our communities; I have yet to see the positive impact that cannabis has had on our county as a whole... Where are the improvements? Where is the improved infrastructure? The $$$ that has been brought in from this industry does nothing but support the programs that serve it while taking time & energy away from other important services, services to non cannabis related matters. I truly believe that we have board members that benefit financially one way or another from the cannabis industry, legal or not & I hope that our planning commission does not have the same conflict of interest. Please don’t help destroy our Shangri-la, think of the minority since cannabis seems to be majority now. Thank you for your consideration!

Kimberly Trujillo
Good afternoon. I have known Tammy Brazil for about ten years now. She happens to be about the kindest person living in Trinity County. She has done so many things for so many sick people. I heard that you are going to be deciding whether or not she can get a license to open a dispensary. I think that it would be a very lucrative move for the county. Having said that I know first hand that cannabis is a truly remarkable plant. My husband is fighting metastatic prostate cancer which has spread to his bones and lungs. He is in terrible pain. He has trouble sleeping and he’s lost quite a few pounds. But guess what!! The cannabis makes him hungry and sleepy. He can go on opioids but won’t. It’s truly a gift from God! Please open your eyes and heart and allow the people who need this not have to travel to the coast or Redding for their medicine. It absolutely makes no sense to have this delayed any longer. Thank you for taking the time to read this.
April 6, 2022

To Whom It May Concern:

I am writing this letter in support of retail cannabis in Trinity County. I am honored to support Ms. Brazil in her efforts and feel that it is entirely long past due that Trinity County move towards having safe and reliable access to cannabis.

I have personally experienced Ms. Brazil’s care and compassion for both a family member and friend who was suffering from cancer. I truly believe that cannabis played an essential role in their lives and treatment. I also believe that being able to use cannabis along with modern treatments, chemo and radiation, is what helped them get through the side effects and ultimately lead to remission. I will add that not only was Ms. Brazil compassionate but she took every precaution of safety when dispensing cannabis.

Lastly, if there ever was a time to have concern about the drug supply it is now. Overdoses are on the rise as the opioid crisis increases and fentanyl continues to make its way into all other substances – including cannabis. Cannabis can be a safe and effective harm reduction tool if but only if there is safe access. Trinity County and its residence deserve safe access and a safe supply of cannabis.

Respectfully,

Sherry Chandler

Disclaimer: The above statement is my own personal view and are not affiliated with any agency or organization in Trinity County or elsewhere.