

I am Frances Emily Dawson Harris, a reside in District #1.

Surely, Charles Krauthammer's quote " I believe that the pursuit of truth and right ideas through honest debate and rigorous arguments is a noble undertaking. I am grateful to have played a small role in the conversations that have helped guide this extraordinary nation's destiny" is a great guideline to implement, while making decisions regarding this Ordinance.

**Because I am a pediatric nurse, I remain reluctant to completely support the second reading of this ordinance amending the Long Beach Municipal Code (by adding Chapter 5.92; approving ZCA 18-003; LCPA 17-009 and amending Title 21 Zoning Ordinance) which according to the Planning Commissioners recommendation (as per their May 17, 2018 Agenda) " to define and designate Adult-Use Cannabis uses as permitted, conditionally permitted or prohibited within specific zoning districts in the City. (Citywide)**

### **Why?**

Surely, this Ordinance requires and needs special "care" because there is too much at stake. Therefore, any reasonable and protective recommendations must be considered; that is, be allowed, discussed and decided upon; even if, a second reading is postponed to a later date.

(Note: Combined Marijuana Dispensaries exist in Las Vegas, Nevada)

I believe that only existing Medicinal Marijuana Dispensaries should be allowed to apply for Adult-Use (Recreational) Marijuana Dispensary licenses and must Coexist (meaning: same location.

I believe that an Adult-Use (Recreational) Marijuana Dispensary needs to initially operate as a Medicinal Marijuana Dispensary. (Note: There are 23 pending Medicinal Dispensaries in Long Beach.) After a six month trial period; then, it may be a Medicinal and/or an Adult-Use Cannabis (Recreational) Dispensary. I feel strongly about a performance period.

I believe that any Medicinal and/or Adult-Use (Recreational) Cannabis Dispensary which violates its permit must lose and forfeit its license to operate in Long Beach.

I believe that any person who lives in Long Beach and who is low income in any District qualifies as being eligible as a local hire in a Medicinal and/or Adult-Use (Recreational) Cannabis Dispensaries.

**OVER**

I believe this Ordinance must include mandatory notification to the public regarding hearings for applicants for a CUP: Conditional Use Permit; particularly, for Adult-Use (Recreational) Cannabis. Surely, Public Opinion is imperative.

A protocol regarding handling youths, less than 21 years in age who are “illegally” using and possessing Medicinal and/or Adult-Use (Recreational) Cannabis is needed.

Smoking Medicinal or Adult-Use (Recreational) Cannabis in The Public needs to cease!

Yes, this Ordinance is “a living document which can be amended anytime.”

Please do not permit this “belief” to prevent you from your profound capability creating and approving an Ordinance that is noteworthy” with accuracy and integrity.

**Approving the Second Reading of this Ordinance, tonight is not time-sensitive; thus,,is not mandatory! We must embrace excellent standards and get this right.**

We have a government to safeguard people!

Thus, City Council Members your vote <sup>does</sup> matter.

Thank you very much for the opportunity to speak.

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