From: Samantha N. Kohler [mailto:kohler.samantha92@gmail.com]

Sent: Tuesday, June 15, 2021 10:13 AM **To:** CityClerk < CityClerk@longbeach.gov>

Subject: I Support Agenda 19

-EXTERNAL-

Please approve agenda 19 to go through city council tonight and allow conditional use of a cannabis dispensary in a mixed-use building in Downtown Long Beach. I am a resident in District 3 and I believe Catalyst will bring the following benefits to the city:

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- 4. Local accessibility to cannabis products for patients & residents.
- 5. Supported by neighborhood and local business owners.

I fully support the approval of this project.

Thank you, Samantha Kohler -----Original Message-----

From: Sam Barrad [mailto:sam_barrad@me.com]

Sent: Tuesday, June 15, 2021 11:45 AM To: CityClerk < CityClerk@longbeach.gov>

Subject: Agenda 19

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#weedforthepeople

Sent from my iPhone

From: Natasha Brahmbhatt [mailto:natasha@heybudcannabis.com]

Sent: Tuesday, June 15, 2021 10:45 AM **To:** CityClerk < CityClerk@longbeach.gov>

Subject: Letter Submission for Agenda #19 on JUNE 15 2021 City Council meeting

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Hello Councilmember,

My name is Natasha Brahmbhatt. I work in district 7 in Long Beach. I am an operator/employee/social equity candidate in the Long Beach cannabis industry.

I am calling about tonight's agenda item 19 regarding cannabis zoning changes to mixed-use buildings.

We ask the council to consider a comprehensive citywide policy or study that will allow mix-use buildings for cannabis business in all districts

Having consistent zoning policies city wide helps take steps to avoid unintended consequences. Having a completed study on zoning impacts is important for the continued growth of the local industry.

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We ask to keep the integrity of the current comprehensive policy and pass a citywide policy to benefit the city in more tax revenue, more jobs and opportunities in the cannabis industry

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Sent: Monday, June 14, 2021 7:14 PM **To:** CityClerk < CityClerk@longbeach.gov>

Subject: RE: Letter Submission for Agenda #19 on JUNE 15 2021 City Council meeting

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Dear City Clerk, Please provide city council and staff with the attached 18 letters for agenda number 19 on June 15th 2021

19. 21-0547:

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Gratefully,

Pam Chotiswatdi, MPH

Admin | Community Education Director

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-EXTERNAL-

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From: Romeo Garcia [mailto:romeo@romeochocolates.com]

Sent: Monday, June 14, 2021 12:16 PM **To:** CityClerk < CityClerk@longbeach.gov>

Subject: Support of Agenda 19 - CATALYST - public comment for tomorrow's City Council meeting

-EXTERNAL-

Hello City Clerk's Office: Can you please include my written message below in public comment for tomorrow's City Council meeting? Thank you.

Hello Mayor Garcia and Council members,

I write to express my support of Catalyst, your agenda 19 item.

- Catalyst will be an anchor to drive additional foot traffic to Historic Pine Ave, a corridor that needs continued activation and support for local small businesses.
- Catalyst will bring in 20-30 full time union jobs for our local Long Beach workforce.
- Catalyst will generate additional tax revenue for the City.
- Catalyst will provide local accessibility to cannabis products for patients and residents.

Amongst other neighborhood organizations and local small business owners, we at Romeo Chocolates encourage the City to support Catalyst to open and operate on Historic Pine Ave. Thank you!

Romeo O. Garcia, CEO & Certified Master Chocolatier (he/him/his/siya)

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5097 romeo@romeochocolates.com www.romeochocolates.com

From: Jennifer Herren [mailto:jenherren.la@gmail.com]

Sent: Tuesday, June 15, 2021 2:55 PM **To:** CityClerk < CityClerk@longbeach.gov>

Subject: I Support Agenda 19

-EXTERNAL-

To whom it may concern,

I moved to Long Beach from the Valley because I see something special here. It's unique and diverse. A place like this needs money from local businesses to maintain it's culture and grow without pushing people out. I believe with appropriate planning and the edition of jobs, especially union jobs, equitable growth will be supported.

Additionally, I support the use of cannabis as an alternative, less harmful, medicinal substance than alternative such as prescription pills. In my experience, with the legalization of cannabis products, people are discussing their options with their medical providers more openly and making more informed decisions.

I've seen Catalyst go to great lengths to support the community. Catalyst would drive tax revenue, jobs, and foot traffic to the Historic Pine Avenue and, in doing so, they will be supporting the entire community.

Jennifer Herren Local Long Beach Resident From: Stacy Loucks [mailto:sloucks100@gmail.com]

Sent: Friday, June 11, 2021 10:31 AM **To:** CityClerk < CityClerk@longbeach.gov>

Subject: Fwd: Letter Submission for Agenda #19 on JUNE 15 2021 City Council meeting

-EXTERNAL-

(Resending with correct attachment)

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Thank you!

Stacy Loucks

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Sent: Tuesday, June 15, 2021 11:45 AM
To: CityClerk < CityClerk@longbeach.gov>
Subject: City Council Meeting 6/15

-EXTERNAL-

Opposition for Item #19.

I oppose having another dispensary in the downtown LB area. There are already enough as it is. The city has already allowed 32 dispensaries, so why do we need more? The kids traveling to school see enough. This is a terrible idea. Also, how did this dispensary get this item on the agenda? Makes you wonder whose pockets are a little thicker...

Regards, Steven Blanco -----Original Message-----

From: Amanda Rosas [mailto:amandaleilarosas@icloud.com]

Sent: Tuesday, June 15, 2021 10:09 AM To: CityClerk < CityClerk@longbeach.gov>

Subject: In support of Agenda 19

-EXTERNAL-

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Passing Agenda 19 will further allow Catalyst to give back and spread the message of giving back and educating the community.

Best,

Amanda Leila Rosas

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Subject: In support for agenda 19

-EXTERNAL-

Hello! I live in district one in downtown Long Beach. Lived here for almost 4 years now and I fully support a Catalyst Cannabis Co on the historic Pine Avenue. Here are 5 talking points.

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Thanks! Long Beach resident, Jordan Wilbert

Sent from my iPhone

----Original Message-----

From: Carlos Zepeda [mailto:czepeda228@gmail.com]

Sent: Tuesday, June 15, 2021 2:10 PM To: CityClerk < CityClerk@longbeach.gov> Subject: Bring Catalyst to DTW Long Beach

-EXTERNAL-

Dear Major and City Council,

Catalyst is consistently contributing to the community. The only cannabis company to develop and execute an incubation program. Their incubation plan has created the first minority own cannabis delivery service in Long Beach. For this reason and many more you can count on Catalyst to do the following:

Be an anchor to drive additional foot traffic to historic Pine Ave.

Bring 20-30 full time union jobs.

Generate additional tax revenue for the city.

Provide much needed cannabis access to products for patients and residents.

Catalyst is supported by neighborhood and business owners.

Lastly, Catalyst will continue to be a positive influence in the city of Long Beach.

Cordially, Carlos Zepeda