



**TOWN OF LOS GATOS
COUNCIL AGENDA REPORT**

MEETING DATE: 06/21/2022

ITEM NO: 23

ADDENDUM B

DATE: June 20, 2022
TO: Mayor and Town Council
FROM: Laurel Prevetti, Town Manager
SUBJECT: Maintain a Ban on Cannabis Businesses in Los Gatos and Consider a Ballot Measure to Tax Cannabis Businesses

REMARKS:

Attachment 5 contains public comments received beginning at 11:00 a.m., Friday, June 17, 2022, through 11:00 a.m., Monday, June 20, 2022.

Attachments Previously Received with the Staff Report:

1. Consultant Study
2. Map of State Buffer Areas
3. Public Comment

Attachments Received with Previous Addendum:

4. Public comment received between 11:00 a.m., Thursday, June 16, 2022, and 11:01 a.m., Friday, June 17, 2022.

Attachments Received with this Addendum B:

5. Public comment received beginning at 11:00 a.m., Friday, June 17, 2022, through 11:00 a.m., Monday, June 20, 2022.

Reviewed by: Town Manager, Assistant Town Manager, Town Attorney, and Finance Director

From: Jack Balletto <[REDACTED]>
Sent: Friday, June 17, 2022 4:29 PM
To: Council <Council@losgatosca.gov>
Subject: Legalize Cannabis

EXTERNAL SENDER

Dear Los Gatos Town Council,

I have heard the arguments regarding the pros and cons of allowing commercial cannabis in Los Gatos. I want you to know that I support the commercial cannabis grows and dispensaries and a proposed general or special sales tax. It is the only way we can control the sale of cannabis and it would help Los Gatos' financial problems. Please continue moving forward on this issue.

John (Jack) Balletto
[REDACTED] Peralta Ave
Los Gatos,ca

From: William Bowman <[REDACTED]>
Sent: Friday, June 17, 2022 10:05 PM
To: Town Manager <Manager@losgatosca.gov>
Subject: Cannabis dispensary in Los Gatos

EXTERNAL SENDER

Town Council of Los Gatos:

I believe that it is in the best interests of the citizens of the town to approve the application for cannabis dispensaries in our town.

It make fiscal sense and does not pose a threat to public safety; in fact, objective analysis shows the opposite.

Thank You

William Bowman
[REDACTED] Kennedy Rd
95032

From: Yahoo <[REDACTED]>
Sent: Saturday, June 18, 2022 1:01 PM
To: Council <Council@losgatosca.gov>
Cc: Town Manager <Manager@losgatosca.gov>
Subject: Cannabis

EXTERNAL SENDER

Dear Los Gatos town council I am writing in support of allowing retail cannabis in our town and feel that it is entirely long past due that the town move towards having safe and reliable access to cannabis.
Thank you Sent from my iPhone

From: Esther Kruse <[REDACTED]>
Sent: Saturday, June 18, 2022 4:34 PM
To: Council <Council@losgatosca.gov>; Town Manager <Manager@losgatosca.gov>
Subject: Fwd: Cannabis

EXTERNAL SENDER

Cannabis

Dear Los Gatos town council I am writing in support of allowing retail cannabis in our town and feel that it is entirely long past due that the town move towards having safe and reliable access to cannabis. Thank you

Thank you,
Esther Kruse

From: Kristina Taroni <[REDACTED]>
Sent: Saturday, June 18, 2022 1:10 PM
To: Council <Council@losgatosca.gov>
Subject: Cannabis tax

EXTERNAL SENDER

Dear Los Gatos Town Council
I would like to express my support for the decision to allow Cannabis related businesses to operate locally. Adding tax revenue, providing safe access and eliminating the black market by allowing legitimate business seems like an obvious choice. I realize that some uninformed people may disagree.

Sent from my iPhone

From: Kathy Mlinarich <[REDACTED]>
Sent: Sunday, June 19, 2022 9:20 AM
To: Council <Council@losgatosca.gov>; Town Manager <Manager@losgatosca.gov>
Subject: Cannabis dispensary in LG

EXTERNAL SENDER

I have heard the arguments regarding the pros and cons of allowing commercial cannabis in Los Gatos. I support the commercial cannabis growers and dispensaries and a proposed general or special sales tax. I know many seniors that rely on cannabis for medical reasons, such as helping with nausea during chemo. The location of the shop is important as we have traffic issues. On the outer areas of LG would be preferable.

Sent from my iPad

From: Jess B. Guy <[REDACTED]>
Sent: Saturday, June 18, 2022 8:57 AM
To: Cannabis <cannabis@losgatosca.gov>
Subject: Marijuana Dispensary

EXTERNAL SENDER

Not a good idea. Los Gatos is surrounded by cities selling marijuana. A simple observation of the numerous outlets already in existence begs the question, why?

If this proposal is only to gain tax revenue it seems shortsighted to establish licensing, fees, locations (zoning), code enforcement, etc., for the taxes collected.

There's enough pot for users to get elsewhere. Lets keep Los Gatos smoke free!

Jess B. Guy
[REDACTED]

From: Scott Cooley <[REDACTED]>
Sent: Saturday, June 18, 2022 1:06 PM
To: Cannabis <cannabis@losgatosca.gov>
Subject: No on Cannabis

EXTERNAL SENDER

My biggest reasons to not support cannabis sales in Los Gatos:

1. Every addicted drug user, which causes homelessness, started their addiction with cannabis. It is a gateway drug.
2. New evidence shows use of cannabis, over longer periods of time, do decrease brain function and reduces intelligence.
3. My own personal experience is that every young adult involved with cannabis has significant motivation issues. Ambition is the first casualty.

I urge the town to not allow the selling of such an awful product.

Scott Cooley
[REDACTED] Kennedy Rd.
Los Gatos, CA 95032
Cell/Text: [REDACTED]