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Department of Regional Planning

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*Planning for the Challenges Ahead*



Richard J. Bruckner  
Director

**DATE:** September 9, 2010

**TO:** Wayne Rew, Chair  
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Esther L. Valadez, Commissioner  
Leslie G. Bellamy, Commissioner  
Harold V. Helsley, Commissioner

**FROM:** Phillip Estes, AICP, Principal Regional Planner 

**SUBJECT:** Project No. R2009-02108-(5), Conditional Use Permit No. 200900161  
4332 E. Live Oak Avenue, South Arcadia Zoned District  
August 4, 2010 – Agenda Item 5

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Attached are 23 opposition letters that were received after the staff report was prepared.  
Thank you.

I am  
opposed  
To

Pot Shop

Karla  
Kaulys

**AUG 19 2010**



# CITY OF EL MONTE



POLICE DEPARTMENT

September 8, 2010



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Phillip Estes  
Department of Regional Planning  
320 W. Temple Street, RM#1346  
Los Angeles, CA 90012

Dear Mr. Estes:

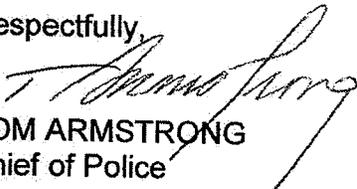
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Respectfully,

  
TOM ARMSTRONG  
Chief of Police

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**LETTER IN OPPOSITION TO THE PROPOSED MEDICAL MARIJUANA DISPENSARY IN ARCADIA**

Name: Jacqueline L. Wickstrom  
Address: 11438 Miloann St.  
City, State, Zip: Arcadia, CA 91006  
Total number in household: 2 Total children (minors) in household: 0

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*Allowing an MMD in any community is just an easy way to get pot users to get what they want but don't need. There are other ways to solve these medical problems than using marijuana. My husband and I raised three children at this address. Their children, our grandchildren, stop by often to visit. I don't want my grandchildren coming for a visit where there is "pot shop" near by. Do not allow it!*

Signed: Jacqueline L. Wickstrom Date: Aug. 28, 2010



**LETTER IN OPPOSITION TO THE PROPOSED MEDICAL MARIJUANA DISPENSARY IN ARCADIA**

Name:

Mary C. Henderson

Address:

11302 Arrowood St.

City, State, Zip:

Arcadia, CA 91006

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1

Total children (minors) in household:

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Date: \_\_\_\_\_

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Name: Lois Hopkins  
Address: 4225 Rio Hondo Ave.  
City, State, Zip: Rosemead, Calif. 91770  
Total number in household: 3 Total children (minors) in household: 0

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If people need medical marijuana, it should be dispensed from a regular pharmacy by a regular Dr. & pharmacist, or not @ all.  
So much abuse & lying goes on when it comes to these MMDs. People that abuse marijuana waste those days of their lives that can never be redeemed.  
It sucks motivation out of people & they later regret it. This happened very sadly in my

Signed: Lois Hopkins (RN) Date: Aug. 8, 2010 family.

LETTER IN OPPOSITION TO THE PROPOSED MEDICAL MARIJUANA DISPENSARY IN ARCADIA

Name:

Robert J. Wang

Address:

908 Othello St.

City, State, Zip:

Arcadia, CA 91006

Total number in household:

4

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I am opposed to the MMD and would like to see the denial for the conditional use permit for such a business. The subject business would be a conflict with existing land uses such as the library (Live Oak Library), the Montessori Day Care next to Live Oak Library, the community church on Live Oak & Foss and Longden & 10th Street. The MMD puts our community at risk as it attracts high risk individuals who have committed crime.

Signed:

Robert J. Wang

Date:

August 27, 2010

**LETTER IN OPPOSITION TO THE PROPOSED MEDICAL MARIJUANA DISPENSARY IN ARCADIA**

Name: Catherine Evans

Address: 1849 8th Avenue

City, State, Zip: Monrovia, CA 91016

Total number in household: 1 Total children (minors) in household: 0

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MMD has been known to filter down to teenagers!

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Signed: Catherine Evans

Date: 8-16-10

LETTER IN OPPOSITION TO THE PROPOSED MEDICAL MARIJUANA DISPENSARY IN ARCADIA

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Address: 2133 7th AVENUE  
City, State, Zip: ARCADIA CALIFORNIA 91006  
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I RETIRED AFTER SERVING AS  
A DEPUTY SHERIFF FOR 33 1/2 YEARS.  
I SPENT THE LAST 18 YEARS AS  
A HOMICIDE SERGEANT. I KNOW  
A MEDICAL MARIJUANA DISPENSARY  
IS MAGNET FOR ALL TYPE AND  
MANNER OF CRIMINAL ACTIVITY.  
KEEP THEM OUT OF OUR NEIGHBORHOOD

Signed: JKurcell Date: 08-17-10

**LETTER IN OPPOSITION TO THE PROPOSED MEDICAL MARIJUANA DISPENSARY IN ARCADIA**

Name: Roland S. Sun

Address: 2435 Lee Ave

City, State, Zip: Arcadia CA 91006

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Signed: Phillip Sun

Date: 8-17-10

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Name: Betty Spear  
Address: 10 W. Longden Ave.  
City, State, Zip: Arcadia CA 91007

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Yes - Crime does follow MMD's - Please do not  
bring these things out here in our area of  
schools + neighborhoods. It will cause nothing  
but trouble - in fact, I don't think MMD's should  
be had - much more trouble happens than good.

Signed: Betty Spear

Date: Sept. 30, 2010

LETTER IN OPPOSITION TO THE PROPOSED MEDICAL MARIJUANA DISPENSARY IN ARCADIA

Name:

 Mr. Frank H. Klein  
5155 Marshburn Ave  
Arcadia, CA 91006-5965

Address:

City, State, Zip:

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Total children (minors) in household: \_\_\_\_\_

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Pot stores attract crime  
and criminals,

Signed: Frank H. Klein

Date: Sept 4 10

**LETTER IN OPPOSITION TO THE PROPOSED MEDICAL MARIJUANA DISPENSARY IN ARCADIA**

Name: Candice

Address: 11222 La ROSA DR

City, State, Zip: Arcadia, CA 91006

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NOT GOOD! SLEEZY! Dont want around here!

Signed: Candice Grandley

Date: 9/3/10

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Name: Rafael Velazquez  
Address: 160 E. Longden Ave.  
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I believe that it should not be allowed for a marijuana shop to open due to the following reasons:

- 1.) our neighborhood would be at risk for a higher crime rate.
- 2.) Our family members safety could suffer from this since this shop can open way ~~to~~ <sup>more illegal</sup> ~~the~~ <sup>drugs</sup> to come in.
- 3.) Children in the area shoul not be exposed to this type of dangers.

Signed: Rafael Velazquez Date: 08-19-10

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Name: William & Sorraine Maus  
Address: 511 E. Live Oak Ave Unit 1  
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Care given to grandchildren

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we are extremely concerned for the safety of not just ourselves but for our grandchildren.

Signed: William H. Maus  
Sorraine J. Maus

Date: 8/18/10  
8/18/10

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Name: TAMMY THALT  
Address: 668 W. NORMAN AVENUE  
City, State, Zip: ARCADIA, CA 91007  
Total number in household: 2 Total children (minors) in household: 1

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Signed: Tammy Thalt Date: August 20, 2010

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Name:

*Johnny Suarez, Jr.*

Address:

*1909 South Seventh Ave.*

City, State, Zip:

*Arcadia, CA 91006*

Total number in household: \_\_\_\_\_

Total children (minors) in household: 7

*We provide child care for  
our grandchildren*

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*We are strongly opposed to the MMD  
doing business in our neighborhood.  
Do not approve permit!*

Signed:

*Johnny P. Suarez Jr.*

Date:

*8-23-10*

**LETTER IN OPPOSITION TO THE PROPOSED MEDICAL MARIJUANA DISPENSARY IN ARCADIA**

Name: Pi Hsien Tsai

Address: 2813 Fairgreen Ave

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Signed: *Phillip Estes*

Date: 8/22/10

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Name: MILDRED J. WILFERTH

Address: 2419 LEE AVE

City, State, Zip: ARCADIA, CAL 91006

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Signed: Mildred Jean Wilferth

Date: 8/16/10

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Address: 457 W. LONGDEN AVE.  
City, State, Zip: ARCADIA, CA 91007  
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*Dear Mr. Estes*

*I'm horrified to think there could be such a shadowy enterprise, as a marijuana dispensary in Arcadia. I firmly believe what I've heard that the use of marijuana often leads to the addiction of harder and lethal drug use. Please prohibit such a weed from taking root in our community. Thank you for your consideration.*

Signed: Bruce Patnou Date: 8/21/10

LETTER IN OPPOSITION TO THE PROPOSED MEDICAL MARIJUANA DISPENSARY IN ARCADIA

Name: Sheree Powers  
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To whom it may concern, I live in Highland Park where a marijuana dispensary open up and they shut it down because of robbery. I am not sure but I think they open other one. I am checking. Echo Park area robbery + murder occurred at the marijuana dispensary this year. Please show me where it benefit the community. The dispensary have brought a more crime. Who mean of these lands. I hope it not all about money instead of life.

Signed: [Signature] Date: 8/1/10

Name: Mariya Wilson  
Address: 5700 Lenore Ave.  
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Total number in household: 5 Total children (minors) in household: 1

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As a recent high school graduate (2010) with friends who have been on marijuana and friends who are still on marijuana, I can personally say that I've seen first hand the devastating effects of the unsupervised use of this drug. Please... there must be another answer to this gentleman's medical needs, besides allowing him to force us all into his own little, distorted mold. You have been placed in a position of authority; I only ask that you make the right decision for my community and its continuous safety. Thank you!

Signed: Mariya Wilson

Date: 8/28/10

PLEASE STOP POT SHOP = PROTECT US!

**LETTER IN OPPOSITION TO THE PROPOSED MEDICAL MARIJUANA DISPENSARY IN ARCADIA**

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Jeanne Fasana

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Monrovia, CA 91016

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Medical Marijuana often ends up in hands of young people.

Signed:

Jeanne Fasana

Date:

7/27/10