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TO: Office of the City Clerk
Council and Public Services Division
Room 395, City Hall, Mail Stop No. 160

RE: APPLICATION FOR PUBLIC CONVENIENCE OR NECESSITY RELATED TO A CANNABIS BUSINESS. COUNCIL FILE NO. 21-0420-S41; CD 2

Greetings:

The Los Angeles Police Department (LAPD) was recently notified regarding the pending application for a commercial cannabis license at 7570 N San Fernando Rd. Please be advised that the LAPD, Foothill Area, is adamantly opposed to the granting of this license at this location.

- *On 05/06/2019, LAPD along with LADWP responded to the location to disconnect utilities to the property due to illegal cannabis activity. The property obtained a generator to power the premise and resumed illegal cannabis activity.*
- *On 05/21/2019, a search warrant was served where an unsecured firearm was found. LADBS and LAFD found numerous code violations.*
- *This property had been subject to years of efforts to close the prior business known as Bonafide. That business owner is the current property owner under 7570 San Fernando Road LLC (Oncore Ventures LLC). Years of non-compliance by this property owner should raise concern.*
- *URB CO LLC has application in process for 7505 San Fernando Road (LA-C-20-001501-APP)*
- *Medical Cure Compassionate has PCN hearing for 7674 San Fernando Road (LA-P-19-310784-R-APP). Foothill Area Narcotics Enforcement Detail are unopposed to that location. If approved, would be in close proximity to 7570 San Fernando Road and in an already saturated area of commercial cannabis licensed locations.*

An additional basis for this opposition is the over-saturation of existing cannabis licensed locations within the Sun Valley-La Tuna Canyon Community Plan Area (CPA). A review indicates that 9 cannabis business premises are allowed within this CPA. Currently, there are 10 existing licensed cannabis business locations, indicating that the Sun Valley-La Tuna Cyn CPA is beyond its undue concentration limit. The closest licensed retail cannabis business to the

proposed location is located at 7648 Clybourn Ave; that is approximately 1.3 miles away, a three minute drive. If this license is granted, it places an undue hardship on the community and should be of significant consideration in the justification to deny the license.

Should this license be issued despite our objections, it is reasonable to assume that the licensee will be encouraged to take a proactive role in protecting the welfare of its patronage and the public.

The LAPD invested considerable time and resources to bring about the closure of illegal cannabis businesses throughout the City. The removal of these locations has significantly enhanced the quality of life in the surrounding communities. We would not like to see our efforts be invalidated with the approval of another cannabis location in an area that already is oversaturated with this type of business. Should you have any questions, please contact Detective Travis Coyle, OIC, Foothill Area Narcotics Enforcement Detail) at (818) 834-3137.

Attached is a printout of Area Crime Analysis showing crimes and calls for service that were generated in the vicinity of this location.

Very truly yours,

MICHEL R. MOORE
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JOHNNY SMITH, Captain
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Foothill Area

Attachment

CRIME ANALYSIS SUMMARY
7570 San Fernando Road
03-31-2020 through 03-31-2021
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A run was conducted for the above period, involving Reporting District 1698. As a result, it was discovered there had been 964 calls for service in this area. 42 Arrests had been made and there had been 123 crime reports made.

ARREST SUMMARY

Narcotics	7
Weapons	1
Violence	8
Property	6
Other	20

CRIME REPORTS

Aggravated	4
Robbery	3
Burglary	14
GTA	26
Theft/BFMV	29
Sex	2
Other	45

Although this location is a commercial property, it is in a predominately residential neighborhood with the rear of the property backing up to a residential lot. This location was subject to multiple investigations involving illegal cannabis activity. A search warrant was served at the location on 05/21/2019. For the period of 05/21/2018 through 05/21/2019, There were 762 Calls for service. 32 arrests were made and 121 crime reports made.

ARREST SUMMARY

Narcotics	8
Weapons	3
Violence	7
Property	2
Other	12

CRIME REPORTS

Aggravated	5
Robbery	1
Burglary	20
GTA	24
Theft/BFMV	19
Sex	3
Other	49