

LOS ANGELES POLICE DEPARTMENT

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April 15, 2021

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-S40; CD 2**

Greetings:

The Los Angeles Police Department (LAPD) was recently notified regarding the pending application for a commercial cannabis license at 7235 Clybourn Avenue. Please be advised that the LAPD, North Hollywood Division, is adamantly opposed to the granting of this license at this location.

Factors which were taken into consideration include, but are not limited to, public safety and the availability of LAPD resources. The reasons for the opposition are as follows:

Public Safety

Commercial Cannabis Businesses (CCB) engaging in the retail sale of cannabis and products containing cannabis are "cash-only" entities. These locations are attractive targets for the criminal element, not only for the large amounts of cash they generate, but also for the actual cannabis products that are sold and stored on the premises.

From calendar years 2019, 2020, and 2021 to present, the below number of Robberies, Aggravated Assaults, Burglaries, and Thefts were reported to have taken place at retail CCB locations.

- (3) Robberies
- (3) Aggravated Assaults
- (15) Burglarics
- (1) Theft

Additionally, there were (3) Burglaries and (1) Theft which were reported at non-retail CCBs (e.g. cannabis cultivation sites) during the same time period.

These numbers reflect only those crimes which were reported with the actual numbers undoubtedly being higher.

Such crimes not only place employees and patrons of the CCBs at risk, but the surrounding community as well. Due to the increased propensity for crime, many CCBs have resorted to hiring armed security. Although this step will serve as a deterrent, it will not prevent all criminal acts from occurring at these locations. The need for armed security is self-evident of the elevated risks involved in operating a CCB.

CCBs also place a tremendous burden on the already limited resources of the LAPD. Response to such incidents involves, but is not limited to, dispatching officers to respond to the calls for service, conducting the preliminary and follow-up investigations, collection and processing of evidence, arresting any identified suspect(s), presenting cases for criminal filing to the District or City Attorney's Office, and personnel subpoenaed to testify during court proceedings. This translates into dozens of hours expended for such activities.

Resources

Currently, 184 licensed retail CCBs operate within the City of Los Angeles. The LAPD is divided into 21 geographic divisions within the City. If evenly distributed, each division would have approximately nine (9) licensed retail CCBs. At this time, the North Hollywood Division has 21 licensed retail CCBs which accounts for over 11% of the licensed locations throughout the City of Los Angeles. At approximately 25 square miles, the North Hollywood Division accounts for approximately 5% of the 503 square miles the City of Los Angeles covers. With over 220,000 residents, the area makes up approximately 5% of the total population of the City of Los Angeles (nearly 4 million residents). Either way, the North Hollywood Division encompasses a disproportionate number of licensed retail CCBs at a rate of more than double of what would be expected by area or population.

Aside from resources utilized for criminal investigations, the LAPD will have to devote additional hours to conduct outreach, tracking, and monitoring at licensed retail CCB locations. This comes at a time when the Department faces severe budgetary cuts and the reassignment of personnel to focus on the rising level of violent crime in the City. Adding additional responsibilities will only place an undue burden on the finite resources available to perform these tasks.

An additional basis for this opposition is the over-saturation of existing cannabis licensed locations within the Sherman Oaks-Studio City-Toluca Lake-Cahuenga Pass Community Plan Area (CPA). A review indicates that nine (9) cannabis business premises are allowed within this CPA. Currently, there are 12 existing licensed cannabis business locations, indicating that this particular CPA is beyond its undue concentration limit. The closest licensed retail cannabis

business to the proposed location is located at 10745 Riverside Drive; that is approximately .7 miles away or a two-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.

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

Should you have any questions, please contact Detective K. Hoover, Officer in Charge, North Hollywood Division Narcotics Enforcement Detail, at (818) 754-8342.

Respectfully,

MICHEL R. MOORE
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RAFAEL RAMIREZ, Captain
Area Commanding Officer
North Hollywood Community Police Station

Attachment

LOS ANGELES POLICE DEPARTMENT
COMMUNICATIONS DIVISION - PROJECTS UNIT
MCDC (213) 978-6570 / Fax (213) 978-6575
VCDC (818) 778-4783 / Fax (818) 778-4775
REQUEST FOR RECORDS

DATE: 04/09/2021 TIME: 1300

DUE DATE: 04/13/2021

REQUESTOR NAME: OFCR BENITEZ

SERIAL # 42616

DIVISION: NHWD

TELEPHONE: 818/754-8373

EMAIL:

SUPERVISOR APPROVAL: DET HOOVER 35644

MAIL STOP:

CATEGORICAL USE OF FORCE

DO NOT MAIL - CALL FOR PICKUP

INCIDENT NUMBER: _____

DATE OF INCIDENT: 01/2019 TO PRESENT

TIME OF CRIME: _____

LOCATION: 7235 CLYBOURN

REPORTING DISTRICT: _____

TYPE OF CRIME: _____

PRIMARY UNIT: _____

TELEPHONE NUMBER: _____

DA'S/CA NAME/CASE #: DA/CA: _____ CASE# _____

DR/CF NUMBER: DR# _____ CF# _____

DATA REQUESTED: _____ SHOP OR SERIAL# _____ UNIT # _____

Print Out CD MDC _____

ADDITIONAL COMMENTS: REQUEST CFS AT LOC

COMPLETED BY: PSR II ALAS, KIMBERLEE N1882

CALLS FOR SERVICE - INQUIRY RESULTS

From 01/01/2019 00:00 To 01/01/2020 00:00
Addr 7235 - 7235 Str CLYBOURN Apt
Area RD
Console : Comment
No data found. Please check search criteria

INC#
Location
Unit
 CFS Comments

Type
Phone :
Officer

Priority
MTA
Operator :
Created By : # N1882 Alas, Kimberlee

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Operator

Comments N1882 Alas, Kimberlee

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Area	▼	RD	Unit	Officer	Operator	MC 						
Console :	Comment	<input type="checkbox"/> Comments N1882 Alas, Kimberlee										
<input type="checkbox"/> INC#	Create Time	Dur(Min)	Address	Geo	RD	Type	Dispo	Prt	PR	Info	Unit	Officers
<input type="checkbox"/> PD20110200002150	11/02/2020 14:04		0 7235 CLYBOURN AV		1509	100 - OTHER RPT	0					

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Operator

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Date: 4/9/2021 1:48:36 PM User: N1882

PD20110200002150

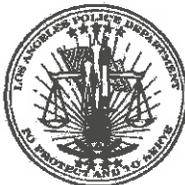
INCIDENT RECALL

Incident	Time	Type	Pri	Dispo	Address Location BEAT TEAM/Dist AREA	Bldg Apt Address Phone	Caller Name	P-Unit	Close Date/ Time	Operator
PD20110200002150	14:04	100	0		7235 CLYBOURN AV 1509 15			PD/-	11/02/20 14:04	ACC15
Contact Complainant: No										

Date	Trans Type	Cons	Operator
11/2/20 14:04:42	INC CREATE	ACC15	ACC15
11/2/20 14:04:42	Jurisdiction: Area: 15, Beat: 1509, Sector: NH02	ACC15	ACC15
11/2/20 14:04:42	Incident Status: IncStatName: Closed (NULL)	ACC15	ACC15
11/2/20 14:04:42	Disposition: DispoFields: RPT, UnitIDFields:	ACC15	ACC15
11/2/20 14:04:42	Prem/Haz Check Title:1509 Auth.Empl:SGT KAMMERT Type:SPECIAL INSTRUCTIONS Description:Special Instructions Proximity:Outer Location:10709 SHERMAN PL Comment:SUBJ "CYNTHIA JENSEN/DENISE" POSS 5150 GENERATING NUMEROUS CALLS TO LOC REPORTING NEIGHBOR DISPUTE/POSS BOMB THREAT. LAST INC RESULTED IN A BOMB SQUAD CALL OUT. CLOSING THE BURBANK AIRPORT DUE TO CLOSE PROXIMITY - **CONTACT NHWD W/C PRIOR TO SENDING**	ACC15	ACC15

Unit Summary

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AFFIDAVIT

I state that I Kimberlee Alas, Serial No. N1882, am a duly authorized Custodian of Taped Records of Communications Division and have authority to certify the attached records.

The accompanying attachments are true copies of all records described in your request.

The records were prepared by personnel of the City of Los Angeles in the ordinary scope and course of business at or near the time of the acts or events.

I attest the above to be true under penalty of perjury.

Date: April 9, 2021

Kimberlee Alas

Signature

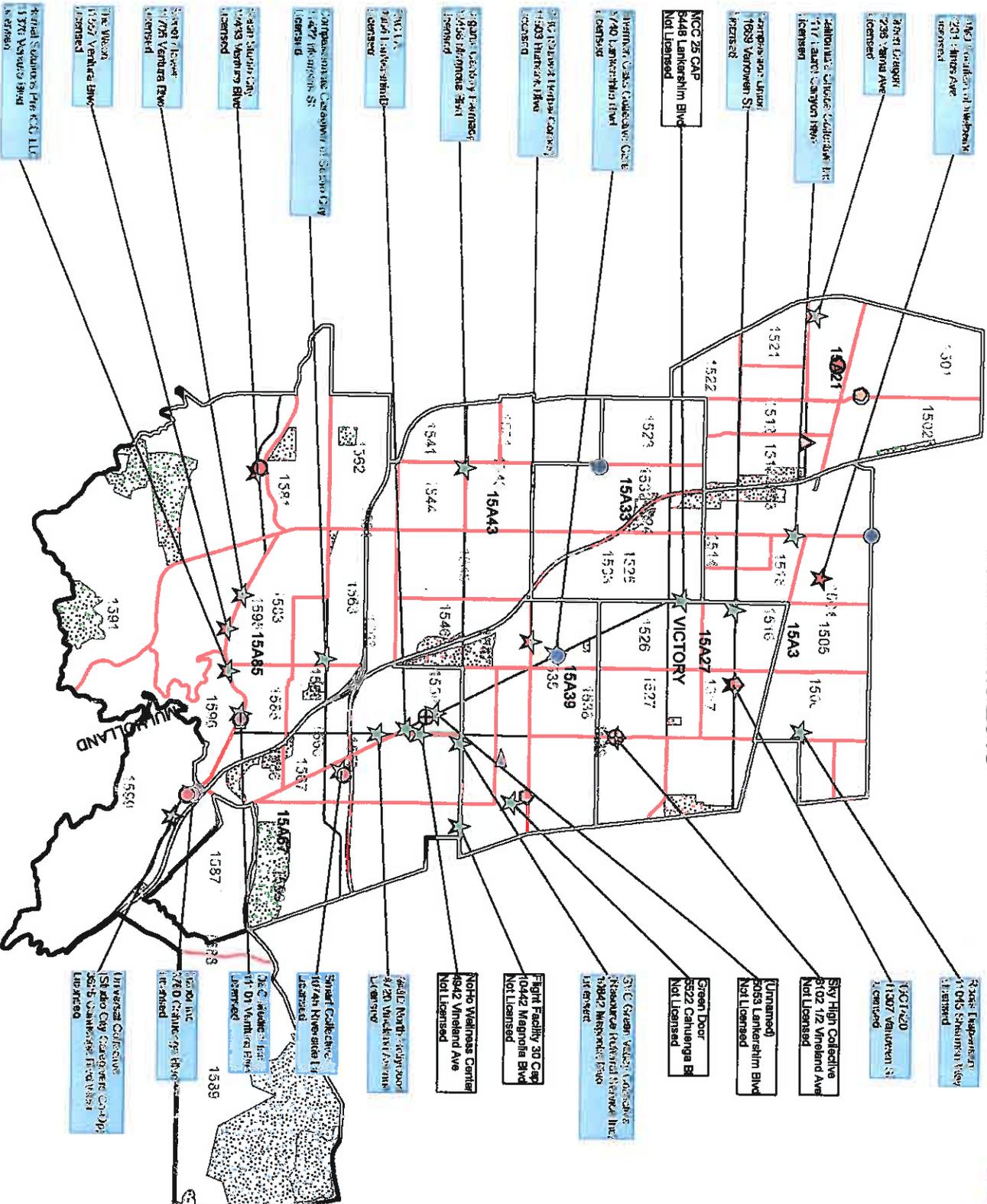
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ALEJANDRO VARGAS, Captain
Commanding Officer
Communications Division

Attachments

North Hollywood Area - Cannabis Dispensaries

Part I Crime 2019



DCR Licensed Location

Legend	
▲	ROBB AM2 (1)
●	BURGM AM1 (6)
●	BURGM AM2 (1)
●	BURGM PM2 (1)
▲	THEFT AM1 (1)
▲	THEFT PM2 (2)
●	VAND AM1 (2)
●	VAND AM2 (1)
●	NON AM2 (2)
●	NON PM2 (2)

1501 Location of Dispensary
201 - 1000 Ave
Not Licensed

3000 Location
200 - 1000 Ave
Not Licensed

1171 Location
1171 - 1000 Ave
Not Licensed

1000 Location
1000 - 1000 Ave
Not Licensed

North Hollywood Area - Cannabis Dispensaries

Part I Crime YTD 2021

DCR Licensed Location

- Legend**
- ▲ ROBB PM2 (2)
 - AGG AM1 (1)
 - BURG AM1 (1)
 - BURG PM1 (1)
 - ⊕ NON PM1 (1)

