

Communication from Public

Name: Siatech Los Angeles
Date Submitted: 04/29/2021 05:23 PM
Council File No: 21-0420-S15
Comments for Public Posting: I respectfully request that the City of Los Angeles deny the approval of the PCN requested by Green Qween (1051 S Broadway) located near the Siatech Los Angeles campus.



April 26, 2021

Councilmember Kevin de Leon
City of Los Angeles
200 N Spring Street
Los Angeles, CA 90012

RE: Planning Case No: LA-C-20-310916-APP

Project Address: 1051 S Broadway (Green Qween)

Applicant: Andres Rigal, Green Qween

Project Description: A finding of public convenience or necessity to allow the further processing of a Type 10 cannabis retail license by the City of Los Angeles and State of California

Dear Councilmember Kevin de Leon,

As the Superintendent and Chief Educational Officer of School for Integrated Academics and Technologies (SIATech), I am writing in opposition to Green Qween's cannabis retail license application at 1051 S. Broadway Ave, Los Angeles, CA 90015, with the City of Los Angeles. If approved, this business would be in direct violation of L.A. City Ordinance 185,345, Section 105.02 which specifies that a commercial cannabis retailer must operate "outside of a 700-foot radius of a School, Public Park, Public Library, Alcoholism or Drug Abuse Recovery or Treatment Facility, Day Care Center, and Permanent Supportive Housing." SIATech, a public charter high school, is located within the Job Corps facilities, at 221 W. 11th Street, Los Angeles, CA 90015, a mere 551 feet (as measured by Google Maps) from the proposed business location for Green Qween.

SIATech is a network of fully accredited public charter re-engagement high schools providing personalized, technology-rich learning options to highest risk students to prepare them for college, career and beyond. SIATech has been an accredited high school program since 1998, and our Los Angeles Job Corps program has been in operation for over 20 years at the same location (221 W. 11th Street). Our schools, including the one located at the Los Angeles Job Corps, serve students from low-income, marginalized communities; students of color; and vulnerable youth from the community. Most of these students face challenging life circumstances. As a consequence, they form a young population in greatest need of a safe and positive environment.

As mentioned earlier, while the applicable ordinance [Section 105.02] provides that

no cannabis dispensary may be closer than 700 feet from a school, the proposed location of the dispensary is only 551 feet from our school, on a regular thoroughfare which will require that many of our students walk past the proposed dispensary going to and coming from school. In addition, there are safety concerns with respect to crimes that target dispensaries which could end up harming our students if such crimes occur while our students are in the vicinity. The proposed location therefore does not conform to the public policy intent of the law which is to keep students safe from such establishments, and more importantly, in direct violation of its location requirements.

Based on the foregoing, we would respectfully request that you deny Green Qween's retail license application for this dispensary.

The undersigned represents the leadership of SIATech, including its governing board. Thank you greatly for considering our request.

Sincerely yours,

Terrance Mims

Terrance Mims, Ed.D.
SIATech
Superintendent & CEO

Communication from Public

Name: Jessica Yang

Date Submitted: 04/29/2021 05:40 PM

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Comments for Public Posting: As a long-time DTLA resident, I would like to ask Councilmember de Leon & the PLUM Committee oppose this application for a cannabis retail license. This location (1051 S Broadway) is within 700ft of two schools.

April 29th, 2021

Jessica Yang

Concerned Downtown Los Angeles Stakeholder

As a concerned Downtown Los Angeles stakeholder, I respectfully request that the City of Los Angeles deny the approval of the PCN requested by Green Queen (1051 S. Broadway). At present, I seek to demonstrate the justification for denial of the aforementioned PCN application of Green Queen.

According to LAMC Section 105.02 (a)(1), a school is defined as an institution of learning for minors, whether public or private, which offers instruction in grades K through 12 in those courses of study required by the California Education Code or which is maintained pursuant to standards set by the State Board of Education. This definition includes kindergarten, elementary, junior high, senior high or any special institution of learning under the jurisdiction of the State Department of Education but excludes a vocational or professional institution or an institution of higher education, including a community or junior college, college, or university. The following institutions of learning for minors provide study requirements in accordance with the California Education Code:

SIATech Los Angeles

221 W. 11th Street
Los Angeles, CA 90015
www.siatech.org

Job Corps

1031 S. Hill Street and 1049 S. Hill Street
Los Angeles, CA 90015
www.jobcorps.gov

Both SIATech Los Angeles and Job Corps hold classroom High School Diploma courses for students aged 16-24. SIATech Los Angeles has provided a premier high school reengagement program for students at the 221 W. 11th Street location for the past five years. In addition to being accredited by the Accrediting Commission for Schools, SIATech Los Angeles is also registered with the California State Board of Education, which has been officially confirmed by the State of California Superintendent. Moreover, Job Corps—which is managed and funded by the Federal Department of Labor—has

directed its multiple locations on Hill Street for years, offering High School Diploma courses for students aged 16 to 24 and dormitory housing for enrollees to live onsite throughout its operation.

Firstly, LAMC Section 105.02 affirms the following regarding the location and other requirements for Commercial Cannabis Activity 7(c)(5) near a public school:

If the public school (a) first opened for use by students before the Commercial Cannabis Activity received licenses by the State and City for its location, even if the public school firsts opens without a permit, authorization or approval for a public School or (b) first received a permit, authorization or approval by the Office of Public School Construction or California Department of Education or Division of the State Architect, before the Commercial Cannabis Activity received licenses by the State and City for its location, then the Commercial Cannabis Activity shall be required to meet the 700-foot distance and sensitive use restrictions.

SIATech Los Angeles and Job Corps have been open and operating long before the proposed PCN applications for Green Queen were submitted. Given that Council File #21-0420-015—which pertains to the authorization of Commercial Cannabis Activity at Green Queen—is within the 700 feet sensitive-use zone of a school, it is abundantly evident that the proposed PCN applications lack compliance with requirements outlined in LAMC Section 105.02, demonstrating viable grounds for revocation.

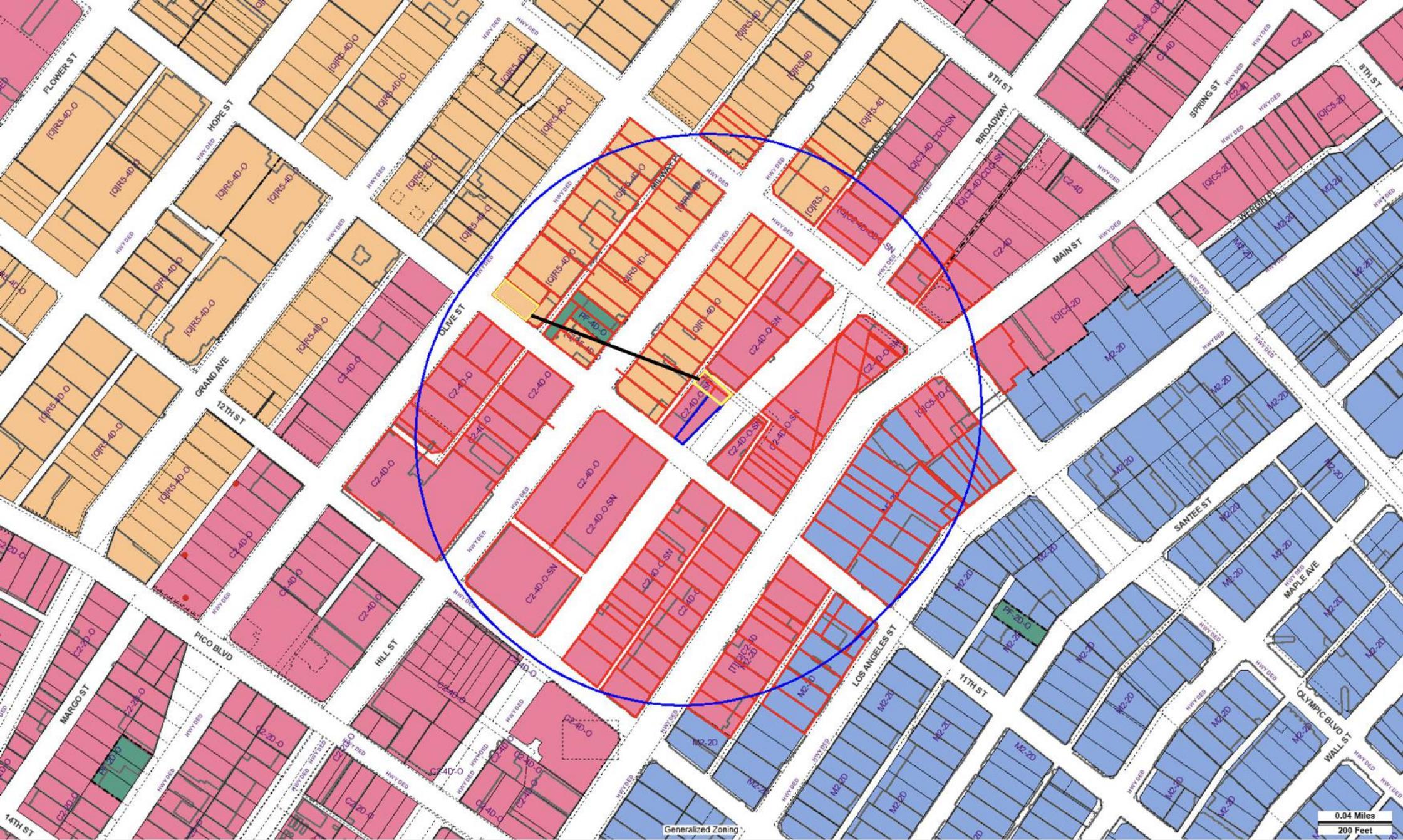
Furthermore, LAMC Section 105.08 states that the City is not intended to conflict with Federal Law or stand as an obstacle or conflict with any efforts by the Federal Government. However, approval of Commercial Cannabis Activity within 700 feet of this institution does intend to conflict with a federally owned and operated institution, thereby engendering issues of legality upon its authorization by the City of Los Angeles.

Thus, I respectfully reiterate my request that the proposed cannabis PCN application for Green Queen be denied on the preceding bases. If you have any questions regarding this request, please feel free to contact me at EMAIL ADDRESS. Thank you for your time and consideration.

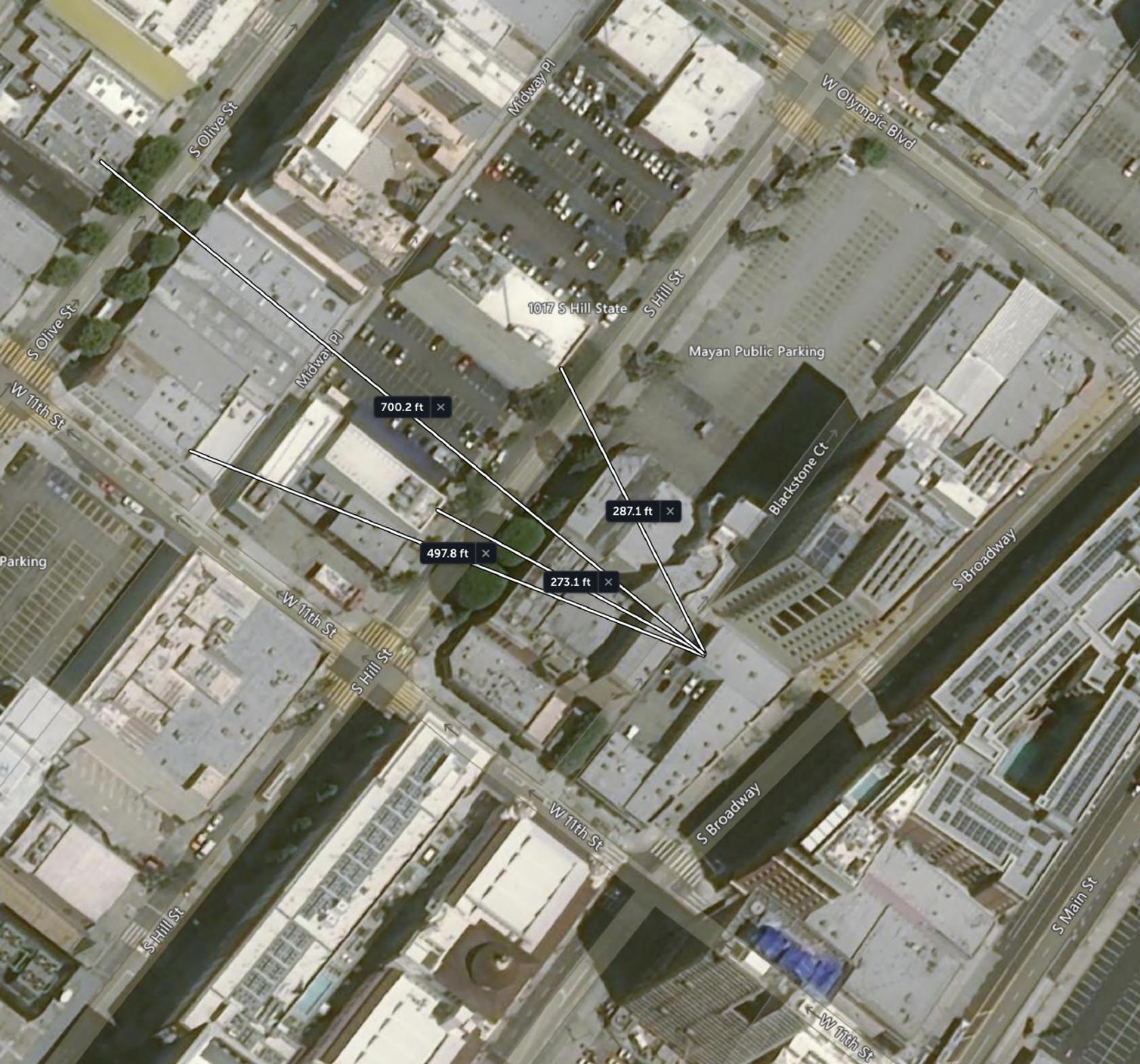
Sincerely,



Jessica Yang



-ZIMAS- 700ft Sensitive Use Buffer



S Olive St

Midway Pl

W Olympic Blvd

S Olive St

1017 S Hill State

S Hill St

Mayan Public Parking

W 11th St

Midway Pl

700.2 ft ×

287.1 ft ×

Blackstone Ct

Parking

497.8 ft ×

273.1 ft ×

S Broadway

W 11th St

S Hill St

W 11th St

S Broadway

S Hill St

S Main St

W 11th St

Communication from Public

Name: Judith

Date Submitted: 04/29/2021 05:50 PM

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Comments for Public Posting: I'm a parent and have a student at SIATech Los Angeles campus. Parents are aware of this cannabis business is seeking for approval. The business at 1051 S Broadway is within walking distance to my son's campus on 11th St. I am opposed to this business opening so close to the campus and Job Corps and ask the City to oppose. This business does not benefit from opening in the neighborhood near the campus and will have a huge impact on the students. The neighborhood is already plagued with high traffic and this business will create more foot traffic and put our youth at risk. If this license is granted it places an undue hardship on the parents, community and our youth. Please do not force me to remove my son from his school. My concerns should be of significant consideration in preventing this business from opening near the campus. Thank you for your time.

Communication from Public

Name: Terrance Jones

Date Submitted: 04/29/2021 06:00 PM

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Comments for Public Posting: Being a stakeholder in the area I felt the need for my voice to be heard. I am opposed to the licensing of the retail Cannabis business Green Qween at 1051 S Broadway. The location is not zoned for this use being near two schools, Siatech Los Angeles & Job Corps. As you know, daily we have families moving into downtown that have children of all ages and teenagers. There is a law that was put in place to protect children and schools from being close to a business of this nature. Stakeholders are asking you Councilmember de Leon to protect our community and prevent this operator from moving into the neighborhood.

Communication from Public

Name: Sebastian

Date Submitted: 04/29/2021 06:13 PM

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Comments for Public Posting: I am a parent of a student enrolled at Siatech Los Angeles campus. A dispensary does not belong next to us and I am hoping the City Council does not approve the permit and ask them to go elsewhere. There are plenty of other locations in Los Angeles.