

## Communication from Public

**Name:** John Lucido

**Date Submitted:** 05/10/2021 12:50 PM

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**Comments for Public Posting:** Since Cannabis has been legalized in California, it has created many job opportunities and revenue for the state. The industry has been dominated by huge companies, which has made it harder for independent business owners. I believe it's important for everyone to have the same job and financial opportunities. The LGBTQ Community has been integral in improving DTLA, as it brings more residents, businesses, and events which draw in people who wouldn't have otherwise visited downtown. The Green Qween deserves a seat at the table, and it would be a landmark opportunity for the LGBTQ community.

## Communication from Public

**Name:** Küper Liotta

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**Comments for Public Posting:** it is absolutely critical that we rally around green queen, not only so that we queer people have a safe space to go and get the CBD and THC products that help with anxiety and other mental health related issues in a safe space, but also to know that proceeds will be navigated to the building and support of the dtla proud lgbtqia+ community center is such a breath of fresh air. safe spaces are absolutely necessary in the current political and social climates, i know this project will provide peace of mind, joy and ease for a huge demographic. So many mental health issues are already plaguing our community to have the peace of mind knowing there will be another community of people supporting us means so much more than I can even articulate. this project should be backed as strongly as possible so that we can strengthen our support for all lgbtqia+ in DTLA and surrounding areas.

## Communication from Public

**Name:** LAUSD

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**Comments for Public Posting:** The city has an obligation and must support LAPD and halt this business from opening near two schools. We couldn't agree more with LAPD in the opposition letter of this business located near Siatech and Job Corps.

## Communication from Public

**Name:** Shawn Smith

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**Comments for Public Posting:** Greetings L.A. City Council, I am writing in my personal capacity, I have been a downtown resident since 1990 and part of the LGBTQ community. I have worked in our night life and fashion communities. Locally I created HelpingPlaces.org, WatchDTLA.com and iHeartDTLA.com to be of service to my communities that I love so much. I have also worked with the L.A. Mission, Compass DTLA, property management and served on DLANC (not an active board member and did not vote on the letter of support). I feel that Green Qween's Founder, Andres Rigal, will likely be accountable for any of the socially equitable initiatives that he has offered. Andres is a community builder and unifier in our Los Angeles LGBTQ community. Andres has done many successful projects including the DTLA Proud festival, where a rainbow of people of including people of color, drag and trans were able to celebrate their diversity at the very successful DTLA Proud that had an attendance of tens of thousands and has a board established with key downtown figures. I have found out that Andres is a downtown resident since the early 2000's and seems very committed and I do not believe that he would be a "fly by night" operator that would make claims and not follow through with them. The quality of community building that Mr. Rigal practices is a very rare thing to come by. From the Green Qween website: "Green Qween will honor queer history in cannabis legalization by focusing on giving back through and equity in hiring program, incubating LGBTQ & Women owned brands, and donating 10% percent of all profits to build and then fund the DTLA Proud (501c3) LGBTQ+ Community Center." I feel it is so important to give opportunities to communities who are overlooked or don't have the resources to enter a market place and I love supporting LGBTQ and Women's brands. I was very excited when I first heard of Green Qween using proceeds to help open a DTLA LGBTQ Center, this is so very badly needed in the established and growing LGBTQ area of DTLA. I feel the LGBTQ communities have been migrating from West Hollywood and Silver Lake to DTLA and we now have so many of these residents and small business owners that a LGBTQ Center will help better serve. LGBTQ people cannot exist openly in most part of the city or state, except for in a handful of pockets where they feel safe to express themselves, wear clothing that suits them or

walk down the street holding their partner's hand without being attacked or killed. This is a real struggle that we still live with, we have had some advancements, but there is still so much work to do and an LGBTQ will help advance these issues. The socially equitable condition is an important condition to have, it can be broad and may not always have the impact from an operator that is desired but I believe in the case of Green Qween, they will probably deliver on everything they have put on the table based on Mr. Rigal's history. Thank you for your time, Shawn Smith

## Communication from Public

**Name:** Brett Bailey

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**Comments for Public Posting:** It's important for companies like Green Qween to exist in DtlA. Not only to bring diversity to a primary white, straight industry but will provide resources for the queer community. As a trans person it is hard for us to belong to any space let alone the cannabis industry. I would invest my efforts for a space like this to blossom and bring back opportunities for under privileged communities like the lgbtq and people of color. I look forward to seeing this business blossom!

## Communication from Public

**Name:**

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**Comments for Public Posting:** I am writing in support of the opening of GreenQween in downtown Los Angeles. As a member of the LGBTQ+ community, I prioritize seeking businesses that directly support the needs of individuals in my community. Through my experiences as a cannabis consumer, I can confidently say that I have never felt a sense of community representation within the cannabis industry. After reading the mission of GreenQween, I felt an overall sense of hopefulness that GreenQween could change this. For that reason I am in support. I support the fact that GreenQween would allocate a portion of sales towards the creation of a LGBTQ+ community center. I want to be able to invest in the cannabis industry while also investing in the future of my community. The potential that GreenQween has towards enhancing LGBTQ+, BIPOC and women-owned business is reason in itself to support. Additionally, creating a safe space for members of my community to purchase cannabis products, has the potential to decrease the likelihood that people would purchase these products off the streets. Another reason why I want to advocate my support. The dispensary's mission starts with creating jobs for lower income community members, amplifying the voices of those less heard and enhancing the ever-growing downtown Los Angeles area. I would love the chance to witness what other opportunities this dispensary could create!