

WRITTEN EXHIBITS FROM THE PUBLIC SUBMITTED TO PLAN COMMISSION

From: Kathy Spencer [<mailto:kathyspencer1211@gmail.com>]
Sent: Monday, August 26, 2019 10:01 PM
To: Conti, Tracey
Subject: Vote NO for Retail Cannabis in St. Charles

Dear City Administration,
Please forward this email to the individuals involved in voting on retail cannabis in St. Charles.
Thank you!

Dear Planning Commission, Planning and Development Committee, City Council, and Mayor Rogina,

Thank you for your service to the citizens of St. Charles. It is greatly appreciated.

When my husband and I moved to the beautiful city of St. Charles seventeen years ago, it was because of the environment in which to raise our children. We always felt that St. Charles put families first in this community. Imagine our surprise to learn that the City Council is actually considering allowing the sale of retail cannabis. We realize that as of January 2020 cannabis will be legal in Illinois. That does not mean that our fine city has to allow the sale of recreational pot in our community. We have a choice. Many cities including Geneva and Batavia are saying “no” to retail cannabis stores.

My husband and I are willing to pay higher taxes if necessary in order to prevent retail cannabis stores in St. Charles. Do the right thing for the citizens, families, and teens of this community. Put safety and families above getting some additional tax money.

Thank you,
Kathy and Kent Spencer

BRIAN P. DOYLE

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September 16, 2019

Plan Commission
City of St. Charles
2 E. Main St.
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Dear Commissioners:

I understand that the Plan Commission will be holding a public hearing tomorrow evening on recreational cannabis. To aid in your work of determining findings of fact, I wish to present for your consideration a link to a recently published article on the CNN Health website:

Howard, J. (2019, July 8) *Recreational marijuana legalization tied to decline in teens using pot, study says*. Retrieved from <https://www.cnn.com/2019/07/08/health/recreational-marijuana-laws-teens-study/index.html>.

The article reports on a study recently published in the journal, *JAMA Pediatrics*, which analyzed the impacts of the legalization of recreational cannabis on adolescent use of marijuana. The study found that such laws are associated with an 8 % decrease in the odds of marijuana use and a 9 % decrease in the odds of frequent marijuana use among youth. As explained in the CNN article, a possible explanation could be that in states where recreational marijuana is legal, "it is more difficult for teenagers to obtain marijuana as drug dealers are replaced by licensed dispensaries that require proof of age."

I believe this study has a direct bearing on the questions that the Plan Commission is charged to examine. I hope to attend tomorrow night's public hearing in person. I look forward to discussing and hearing your thoughts on these matters.

Best regards,

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read 'BPD', with a stylized flourish at the end.

Brian P. Doyle

From: Daniel Tsouloufis [<mailto:dmtsouloufis@sbcglobal.net>]

Sent: Tuesday, September 17, 2019 12:48 PM

To: Moreira, Meagan

Subject: Public hearing tonight regarding marijuana

To the Mayor of St. Charles,

My name is Dan Tsouloufis and I've been a resident of St. Charles since 2005. My understanding is there's a public hearing tonight regarding the issue of recreational marijuana.

I'd like to formally state that I am against the legalization of recreational marijuana, based on what I hear and read that is occurring in states where it has already been legalized. I understand that many local and state governments are looking at this issue from a tax revenue generating standpoint, but I think the health risks clearly outweigh the tax revenue benefits.

Note, I am not opposed to medical marijuana, as long as it's being prescribed by a certified physician. My understanding is there are situations where marijuana may be helpful for reducing pain and for limiting seizures.

However, regarding recreational marijuana, I don't think the people pushing this are truly aware of the long-term health effects, yet they seem to be willing to roll the dice anyway. We already see a similar scenario playing out with the harmful health effects of vaping. Moreover, I believe that for some people at least, using marijuana for recreational purposes will lead them to experiment with even harder drugs, thus becoming a gateway drug. This is just common sense. For those who assert that marijuana would not become a gateway drug (for anyone) are simply not telling the truth.

In summary, the health of our community should take precedence over the financial ambitions of those wanting to sell recreational marijuana. Thus, we need to push back on those who continue to assert that there are no (or only minor) health risks associated with using marijuana. Personally, I don't think the risks are worth it.

Thank you for your consideration of this matter.

Sincerely,

Dan Tsouloufis
St. Charles, IL

From: Kathleen Rosa [<mailto:kathleenrosalaw@gmail.com>]
Sent: Tuesday, September 17, 2019 4:27 PM
To: Moreira, Meagan
Cc: John Rosa
Subject: Hearing on the he authorization of marijuana in St. Charles

Mayor Rogina, et. al.:

We are residents of St. Charles. We live on the east side. We have three children, one of which attends St. Charles East High School.

We strongly object to the sale of marijuana in St. Charles. The sale of marijuana will have a negative impact on the City both in the near and distant future. The sale of marijuana in St. Charles will,

1. Increase drug use among both adults and minors because of easy access.
2. Increase traffic violations and accidents because of increased use of the drug.
3. Increase crime, including domestic violence, theft, assault and battery, robbery, to name a few.
4. Increase violence both on the streets and in our schools.
5. Increase homelessness on our streets
6. Draw undesirables and transients to our City
7. Reduce academic performance in our schools because of a higher incidence of drug use due to easy access. Selling the drug legally to adults will not stop unsavory adults from selling to kids.
8. Increase resident's taxes to enlarge the police force, State's Attorneys, Public Defenders and Sheriff's Police to handle the increase in crime the sale will invite to this area.
9. Increase resident's taxes to pay for social programs to provide assistance to those addicted
10. Reduce property values and the quality of life and safety of residents.
11. Reduce the incentive for law abiding citizens and families to move to St. Charles. This will affect the incomes of many professionals in the area such as realtors, lenders and attorneys.

It is a very, very bad idea for everyone. As an side, I do not pay much attention to local politics, but if you allow the sale of marijuana in St. Charles, we and others of like mind will definitely remember Mayor Rogina and the members that caused the destruction of this City.

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From: Timothy Rainey [<mailto:t.rainey8390@att.net>]
Sent: Tuesday, September 17, 2019 4:30 PM
To: Moreira, Meagan
Subject: Sales of Recreational Marijuana

To Whom it may Concern:

We wish to register our emphatic opposition to the sale of recreational marijuana, in any form, within the jurisdiction of St Charles, St Charles Township, and Kane County.

For professional insight regarding the disastrous consequences in the state of Colorado resulting from the sale of recreational marijuana, further complicated by the legal sales of medical marijuana, please contact:

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VP Emergency Medical Case Management
Southern Colorado Emergency Medical Associates
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Doctor Randall and her associates have 6 plus years of experience within a legalized system of recreational marijuana sales that has yielded \$4.50 in marijuana related public health expenditures for every \$1.00 in marijuana related state tax income.

Respectfully,

Tim Rainey & Susan van Duyne, ED
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From: James Cowell [<mailto:jtcowell49@gmail.com>]

Sent: Tuesday, September 17, 2019 5:19 PM

To: Moreira, Meagan

Subject: September 17th Meeting: Ban Cannabis sales and Zoning changes to Chapter #17 in St. Charles, Il.

To the Attention of the Honorable Raymond Rogina and Ms. Meagan Moreina of the Community and Economic Development Dept. of St, Charles. Il.

We are James and Vicki Cowell, 30 year residents of the Davis School area of St. Charles. On August 19th, 2019 a 6-3 vote was taken to amend the Zoning process to Chapter #17 which would allow the Sales of Cannabis at one East and one West side location for the sales of this "mental impairment substance".

We **STRONGLY** advise against this recommendation vote for sales of Cannabis and are against any Zoning changes to any portion to Chapter #17 or any Legislation that would allow Cannabis sales or any Public use in St. Charles.

The St. Charles downtown area is mainly liquor sales for recreation and with this addition of a "mental impairment substance" our community of both young and old are at risk for public safety in health and in transportation issue's.

BAN ZONING CHANGE for CHAPTER #17 REGARDING CANNABIS SALES in St. Charles, Il.

Regards,

James and Vicki Cowell

Please forward this notice to ALL Whom It May Concern !

Thank You.

From: Xiaosong Wu [mailto:xiaoswu@hotmail.com]
Sent: Tuesday, October 08, 2019 3:33 PM
To: Tungare, Rita; Moreira, Meagan; Colby, Russell
Subject: Please vote NO to Marijuana Legalization in St Charles

Dear Officials in Community and Economic Development Dept, City of St Charles:

I am a resident in beautiful subdivision of Charlemagne, East side of St Charles. I am writing to you to encourage you to vote opt-out regarding retail recreational Marijuana sales in St Charles.

There is medical and scientific evidence that Marijuana use increases the chance of moving to addictive drug use, as well as auto collision accident rate increase, among other negative impacts.

Many neighbors showed their concern about the kids and teenagers being exposed to marijuana if it becomes easier for public to access the weeds.

To keep St Charles a safe place to raise family, please say NO to recreational marijuana dispensaries in St Charles.

The revenue from the weeds is not worthy of risking our children's health and community brand name.

It is even make no sense financially for having this business. Someone will make big money, but our city won't.

The recent research in Colorado, which is one of the earliest states legalized the weeds, indicated "For every dollar gained in tax revenue, Coloradans spent approximately \$4.50 to mitigate the effects of legalization" <http://www.ccu.edu/centennial/policy-briefs/marijuana-costs/>

If opt-in now, it's hard to remove it and the damage might be done to our children and the community.

If opt-out, let's keep an eye on this issue and see the impact in other cities that have opt-in. When more research come out, we may have a better chance to get a right decision.

Please vote NO this time. It's not a decision to add a restaurant franchise in our city. We need more time to watch how other marijuana cities go. We need to make a careful decision. We care about our children, our community, and our future!

St Charles was once voted to be the Best City to Live in the nation. We don't want to ruin such reputation by making careless and rushing decision.

Thank you for your attention.

Sincerely,

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