OBJECTIONS

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I Sutton homeowner, Tyann Payne object to license 12635, Hilltop Premium Green, to be located at 13856 N. Glen Hwy, Sutton, AK. I fear for my realestate value, as my only retirement funds are my residence. Sutton already struggles with problems on Jonesville Rd state land. I fear this will only add to the problems and destruction of that land, and disruption to the homes in Sutton.

The many concerns surrounding dispensaries

Areas with dispensaries fear that there will be increased marijuana use. Some residents **complain of odor**. Community leaders worry that neighborhoods significantly impacted by **drugs and the war on drugs** are now being asked to shoulder the burden and risk of having dispensaries on their streets. Some see the location of these stores as a way to circumvent resistance to placing dispensaries in wealthier areas.

These fears are well-founded. While a wide range of individuals from many different socio-economic status groups utilize the dispensaries, many of the **areas with dispensaries are economically disadvantaged** and lack the political and economic power to discourage the placement of these stores in their communities. The dispensaries are also often **placed in locations with alcohol outlets nearby**. Hence, the fears associated with dispensaries are an added worry to the many challenges disadvantaged communities already face. Data show that the neighborhoods with dispensaries bear the brunt of the industry's presence in their communities: the more marijuana dispensaries a neighborhood has, the greater the number of **marijuana-related hospitalizations**.

Another concern is that children and adolescents will be at heightened risk of using the marijuana sold at these dispensaries, as the drug becomes far more accessible. And youth in disadvantaged neighborhoods are known to be at even higher risk. Regulations to prevent adolescent use have done little to ease concerns. Sometimes, laws that are applied to tobacco and alcohol retail outlets **aren't enforced in the same way for marijuana**, particularly zoning laws. Indeed, anti-marijuana activists are increasingly concerned about these stores being located near schools.

Residents of economically disadvantaged neighborhoods who were assured that the taxes from the dispensaries would be put back into the community aren't seeing the benefits. In **one working class Denver neighborhood**, there hasn't been any sign of revitalization, despite the promises of city politicians.

Thank you for your time and consideration, Tyann Payne

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