From: Samaniego, Joe P (CED)
To: Thibodeaux, Christina N (CED); Sawyer, Jane Preston (CED)
Subject: FW: Objection letter reference
Date: Friday, October 21, 2016 8:57:15 AM
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The objection letter from yesterday, here is his response with license numbers for two out of three. I reattached the letter in case needed.

Thank you,
Joe

Joe Samaniego

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From: Richard Irwin [mailto:richard@alaskaltc.com]
Sent: Thursday, October 20, 2016 4:39 PM
To: Samaniego, Joe P (CED)
Cc: Sherrie Laurie
Subject: Objection letter reference

Hello Mr. Samaniego,

I hope you are having a good day. I am responding to your email sent to the Downtown Soup Kitchen Hope Center regarding application reference numbers.
I serve as the President of the Downtown Soup Kitchen Hope Center. I wrote the letter to you. I apologize for not putting the reference number(s) on my letter to you.

There are actually three applications that I am aware of.

Satori Retail Store # 10975
AlaskaSense, LLC # 10218
Parallel 64 LLC - I am sorry but i do not have this license number.

I hope this supplies the information that you need. Please free to contact me if you have any questions.

All the best!

Richard Irwin Sr.
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October 7, 2016

To Whom It May Concern:

My name is Richard Irwin Sr., I serve as the president of the Downtown Soup Kitchen Hope Center located at 240 E. 3rd Ave.

The Downtown Soup Kitchen Hope Center (DSK Hope Center) is a nonprofit organization that exists to demonstrate God's heart to the hungry and homeless in Anchorage, Alaska. We have served Anchorage's homeless population for over thirty years; first operating out of a small location on Fourth Avenue before opening our new facility in 2013. In addition to offering hot meals to 350-600 people each day, the DSK Hope Center provides shelter for thirty women every night; showers, clothing, and laundry services; job training services and case management. Next month we will launch a Culinary Arts training program. The, DSK Hope Center is a "homeless and transient shelter" for the purpose of Title 21 of the Anchorage Municipal Code.

Our client base is a vulnerable population, and as board members, we are committed to offering them a safe and sheltered environment in which they can receive the basic human services they so desperately need. There is a reason the Anchorage Assembly included homeless and transient shelters as protected uses. A sizable percentage of the population we serve struggle with issues of substance abuse. The operation of a marijuana retail store within close proximity decreases the chance our clients will be able to maintain sobriety. It also increases the likelihood any marijuana sold will be publicly consumed.

The Public Notice received was sent to residents or property owners within a "five hundred foot area" of the applicants proposed business. We support the denial of a retail license at the location identified by Public Notice. The purpose of the public participation requirement of the licensing process is to ascertain the relation of the public to a new application for a marijuana establishment. An application may be denied under AMC 10.80.080 if issuance of a license "will adversely impact the health, welfare or public safety of the neighborhood in which the marijuana establishment is proposed to be located, or otherwise would not be in the best interest of the public." In our interest, there is a very strong likelihood that the marijuana sold will be consumed in public; both in violation of federal, state, and municipal law. We know that many of our clients mix other illegal drugs, i.e. pep spice, with marijuana; hence, escalating personal harm and dangerous behavior. We frequently call 911 to assist clients and [illegible] near our facility

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because of the use of marijuana and other drugs. These emergency calls cost the city tens of thousands of dollars each year.

The Downtown Partnership and The Downtown Action Group are working very hard to improve the safety and health of this area of our city. Increasing the amount of marijuana dispensaries does not have a positive impact in our community.

It has been stated in the Downtown Community Council Meeting that there is no regulation as to how many marijuana businesses are allowed in a community or area. Please let me know if this is true. If this report is accurate, we implore you to please regulate the number of marijuana related businesses for the health and safety of the people of our city.

On the corner of Barrow and Fourth Avenue is the State of Alaska Office of Children's Services. There are families entering and exiting the building at all hours of operation. These families, including children, are exposed to the inebriated and/or drug impaired people who frequent this area of our city.

The Downtown Hope Center is doing everything in our power to provide a way to help people who are struggling in life because of drug and alcohol problems. Please help us help our city!

For the reasons stated above, the Board of Directors of the Downtown Soup Kitchen Hope Center strongly opposes the licensing and operation of a marijuana establishment in our neighborhood. We appreciate your attention to this matter. Please feel free to contact me in regard to any additional questions you may have.

Thank you for your assistance.

Respectfully Submitted,

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