OBJECTIONS

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To Whom It May Concern:

This is a notice of objection to the applicant for a license for L&A Cannabis, LLC to open a marijuana store in Kotzebue. I object for the following reasons.

AVAILABILITY: We don't need to make it easier than it already is to get drugs of any sort into Kotzebue and surrounding villages. Prior to the legalization of marijuana in Alaska there was plenty of it already in the community. It also opens the door for opportunists to bring illegal drugs such as meth and heroin into the region.

EMPLOYMENT: Kotzebue already has a limited number of employment opportunities and many of these jobs require drug testing. We don't need to make it easier for job-seekers to fail the drug tests when applying for employment.

SOCIETAL ISSUES: A marijuana store would increase and promote drug use in a community that is already overburdened with the social issues related to drug and alcohol use. A marijuana store in Kotzebue would increase the availability of marijuana into the surrounding eleven villages, adding to the problems they already have with unemployment, crime, a lack of healthy activities for youth, and drug and alcohol abuse.

HEALTH: In spite of all the hype surrounding medical marijuana, a marijuana store in Kotzebue is not going to improve the health of the local community. The majority of the users are going to be the same segment of the population that don't eat well, don't exercise and don't have enough money to provide for their children because they already spend what they have on alcohol and other drugs.

A marijuana store in Kotzebue will in no way benefit the community. It will add to the problems that the health and social service organizations, the schools and the police and justice systems are trying so hard to deal with in a time of increasingly limited financial resources. We have enough problems with poverty, domestic violence, unemployment, homelessness, alcohol abuse, poor education, ill health, limited activities for youth, and crime without adding a marijuana store that will be attractive to youth, addicts, peddlers, criminals and irresponsible parents. A marijuana store in Kotzebue will benefit only personal greed.

Sincerely,

Cushla Thompson

From:	Cushla Thompson
To:	Marijuana Licensing (CED sponsored)
Subject:	Re: L&A Cannabis, LLC Kotzebue license 17120
Date:	Friday, April 27, 2018 5:23:57 AM
Attachments:	2018Marijuanastore.docx

Please find attached an amended objection. I will send tracking number when I get to the PO to mail the letter to the applicant.
Thank you.

On Thu, Apr 26, 2018 at 8:51 AM, Marijuana Licensing (CED sponsored) <marijuana.licensing@alaska.gov> wrote:

> Good morning, Cushla,
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> Are you lodging an objection under 3 AAC 306.065 which states:
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> **3 AAC 306.065. Public participation**
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> (a) A person may object to an application for a new license,
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> renewal of a license, or transfer of a license to another person by
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> submitting a written statement of reasons for the objection to the board
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> and the applicant not later than 30 days after the director has
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> determined that the application is complete and has given written notice
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> to the local government in accordance with 3 AAC 306.025. The objection
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> must be sent to the applicant at the mailing address or electronic mail
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> address provided in the notice of application and also to the board. If
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> the board determines to conduct a public hearing under this section, an
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> interested person may give oral testimony at the public hearing.
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> If you are objecting to the application, please reply to this email specifically stating so, and with proof that you have notified the applicant of your objection.

Thank you

Jane Sawyer

Occupational Licensing Examiner

Alcohol and Marijuana Control Office

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From: Cushla Thompson <cushla.t@gmail.com>
Sent: Wednesday, April 25, 2018 8:26 AM
To: Marijuana Licensing (CED sponsored) <marijuana.licensing@alaska.gov>
Subject: L&A Cannabis, LLC Kotzebue

To whom it may concern:
My opposition letter.

Cushla Thompson