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Marijuana Control Board
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Gentlemen:

I rise in opposition to TAB 12, High Tide Cannabis, 39575

Permitting a pot shop adjacent to the Old Barge Road, my residential area, is a very bad idea. You would be creating a terrible precedent if you agree to allow a retail marijuana facility and its associated onsite consumption areas in a long established residential area. This mistake could easily pave the way statewide for future pot shops to degrade residential areas.

My home of 46 years is just a hundred feet or so from this potential site, occupying the adjacent lot. Yes, we are zoned C2, thanks to a mistake by the City, a mistake we tried to correct. In that attempt we were set up, ambushed and denied by the local Planning and Zoning Committee long ago. But there is nothing commercial about the Old Barge Road. Since I moved here in 1979, eleven kids have been raised on our road, many graduating from Sitka High including my two daughters. We are and have been completely residential.

Allowing this Permit would turn the Old Barge Road residential area into a sacrifice zone for the above referenced retail marijuana facility. And, by precedent, it would open the door for marijuana retailers statewide to invade residential areas.

Another consideration concerning this application is the threat to the residential value of my home and the other three homes on the Old Barge Road. One can only imagine the challenge of selling a home to a family with young children a hundred feet from pot shop patrons getting stoned.

Yes, we are mistakenly C2 but are actually R2 and have been for decades. And will be for the foreseeable future. If this application is approved, I will be forced to evaluate my options to be made whole financially by the State.

Make the responsible decision and revoke this Permit.

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