

CITY OF VENTURA  
**CITY COUNCIL AGENDA**

# **Supplemental Information Packet**

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February 25, 2021.**

**Meeting of February 24, 2021  
(continued from February 22, 2021  
due to a lack of quorum/Spectrum internet outage)**

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**AGENDA ITEMS 9I & 9J**

**ORDINANCE FOR SECOND READING – ORDINANCE OF THE CITY COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF SAN BUENAVENTURA, CALIFORNIA, AMENDING CHAPTER 6.420 “CANNABIS DELIVERY SERVICES, OF THE SAN BUENAVENTURA MUNICIPAL CODE TO ALLOW FOR COMMERCIAL CANNABIS BUSINESSES IN THE CITY OF SAN BUENAVENTURA**

**ORDINANCE FOR SECOND READING – ORDINANCE OF THE CITY COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF SAN BUENAVENTURA, CALIFORNIA, AMENDING SECTION 24.105.200 “PROHIBITED AND RESTRICTED CANNABIS ACTIVITIES” OF THE SAN BUENAVENTURA MUNICIPAL CODE TO ALLOW FOR CERTAIN COMMERCIAL CANNABIS ACTIVITIES IN CERTAIN CITY ZONES**

## Tracy Oehler

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Meeting Date	2/24/2021
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Agenda Item Number/Topic	9 I and 9 J
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Written Comments	Field not completed.
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Dear Mayor and Councilmembers,

I am here tonight as a parent, and an engaged community member who believes in promoting policies of health, equity and wellness in my city.

I hope you all read my email about encouraging the city to choose Ventura County Behavior Health as the youth prevention program educator, in lieu of having it “developed” by the Marijuana industry, as stated in the ordinance. Behavioral Health. has already “developed” an excellent prevention program. I would like to recommend amending the ordinance to give the responsibility of the youth prevention program to Behavioral Health.

The main thing I want to highlight tonight is the process of bringing a dispensary into a neighborhood as stated in the ordinance.

Our city manager is always rightfully talking Our city manager frequently talks about engaging the public at the **beginning** of the political process, and rightfully so.

In the ordinance, when a dispensary location is going into a neighborhood, the 300-foot radius notification to the public is done **AFTER** the consultant and staff scored it with criteria that no one has seen yet. I recommend notifying the neighbors at the **beginning** so they can provide input during the initial evaluation -- not afterward.

In addition, I noticed that only the property owners will be notified according to the ordinance and **NOT** the renters or tenants. Wouldn't it be more equitable to add renters to the public notification process?

I believe that a 300 foot radius outreach notification to the public is too small. It needs to be extended into the 600 foot sensitive buffer zone. This would also ensure the school communities i input was not left out of the process.2<sup>nd</sup> -Well-traveled routes to school was voted on at the last meeting as a friendly amendment but I have not seen it noted in the ordinance or the resolution. Having it only as part of the consultant scoring criteria is too ambiguous and subjective.

This new law is going to have social, equity and health implications for years to come. This is not a small item to be voting on but one with many, many long term ramifications for our city and our youth in particular.

I recommend :

1. Using our County's Behavioral Heath's prevention Program.
2. For community outreach and neighborhood consideration extention of the community notification to beyond the 600 foot buffer zone and the inclusion of renters not just property owners, while engaging the public at the beginning of the location process.
3. Since we have minimal buffers, reach out to the school community to develop the criteria for "well traveled routes to school" and note this in the ordinance or the resolution.

Thank you for hearing my concerns.

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Address	
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Select Legislative/Hearing Body	City Council
Meeting Date	2/24/2021
Select a Topic:	Agenda Item Number/Topic
Agenda Item Number/Topic	9 I/J. Cannabis
Recommendation	<i>Field not completed.</i>
Written Comments	I want to voice my concern about the retail cannabis zero distance buffer from preschools. I am incredibly concerned with the fact that there are armed guards working these retail cannabis storefronts that will have large amounts of cash on hand with additional armed guards needed to transport and deliver cash and cannabis. There is clearly a need for armed

guards in these stores or they would not have them. I am concerned about the potential for armed robbery and the use of guns so closely to preschools. There are plenty of locations for these storefronts within the city aside from those so closely situated near preschools. I am asking you all to please amend the resolution and put back in the sensitive use buffers recommended by the state or you are all taking a huge and completely unnecessary gamble with the lives and safety of all of our children.

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Address	
Phone Number	
Email Address	
Select Legislative/Hearing Body	City Council
Meeting Date	2/24/2021
Select a Topic:	Public Comments
Recommendation	Against Recommendation
Written Comments	As a parent of a preschool aged child, I believe it is important that we create a buffer between dispensaries and sensitive areas. Many other cities have a buffer for sensitive areas like preschools and it seems to be effective in preventing harm to children. Please consider incorporating a buffer of 300-600 feet for sensitive areas like preschools. Thank you.
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