

TO: Mayor and Council Members
Marlene Best, City Manager
Shawn Hagerty, City Attorney

FROM: Annette Ortiz, CMC, City Clerk

DATE: August 11, 2021

SUBJ: Updated Council Meeting Materials – August 11, 2021

CONTINUED BUSINESS:

(12) Cannabis Workshop #2 (City Manager – Best)

The attached correspondence relating to the above-mentioned Item was received is being provided for your consideration.



From: [Barbara Gordon](#)
To: [John Minto](#); [Rob McNelis](#); [Laura Koval](#); [Ronn Hall](#); [Dustin Trotter](#)
Subject: Re: City Council Meeting Agenda Item 12
Date: Wednesday, August 11, 2021 12:45:37 PM

Dear City Council Members,

As you look at commercialized marijuana in the city, you will be normalizing its use for young people who start to think this drug is safe with no risks. You are promoting an industry that needs to addict its customers to increase their bottom line.

Marijuana is often the first drug youth try but often not the last. Protecting our teens from the consequences of marijuana addiction is paramount. Marijuana products contain enormous amounts of THC that completely rewire adolescents' developing brains and potentially leading to years of further addiction.

It is your duty and responsibility as the City Council to protect our community. Public safety and health need to be your priority and not promoting the marijuana industry's predatory practices.

Thank you,

Barbara Gordon

From: [Carol Green](#)
To: [John Minto](#); [Rob McNelis](#); [Laura Koval](#); [Ronn Hall](#); [Dustin Trotter](#)
Subject: oppose item #12
Date: Wednesday, August 11, 2021 1:56:10 PM

Dear Honorable Mayor and Santee City Council members: I am strongly opposed to marijuana businesses in Santee. As a parent leader and advocate for children, I strongly oppose more exposure to marijuana businesses. This exposure is detrimental to the mental health of your young people.

The brain continues to grow until the mid 20s, 25 or even 27. The youthful brain is busy developing myelin to coat brain nerve cells to they conduct faster. It is also involved in synaptic pruning, selecting the best pathways and habits for the brain. During this susceptible time, exposure to any addictive drug can stunt brain development. Youth marijuana use can have long term consequences.

- 2) Marijuana is associated with psychosis and schizophrenia.
- 3) Marijuana is associated with depression and suicidal ideations.

Please consider this as you make these decisions.

Carol Green

From: dgrace50@aol.com
To: [John Minto](#); [Rob McNelis](#); [Laura Koval](#); [Ronn Hall](#); [Dustin Trotter](#)
Subject: SANTEE CC - COMMENT ON ITEM 12 for TONIGHT'S MEETING
Date: Wednesday, August 11, 2021 12:52:30 PM

Good evening City Council

My name is Diane Grace, and am a mother and grandmother who is extremely disappointed that Santee is considering allowing marijuana businesses within the city. In your staff report, it is mentioned one of the areas you are considering is "Marijuana Distribution" which you state plays a pivotal role in the supply chain. Are you aware that trucks will be in and out of distribution locations, transporting marijuana and marijuana products as well as representatives of retailers, distributors, cultivators, manufacturers who will be coming and going.

This could result in a significant number of daily trips, contributing to profound and unexpected safety issues for surrounding businesses and residents. I would hope that traffic safety data be collected for distribution sites and that any applicant fees for distribution would be high enough to include the costs of the analyses.

Also please monitor any regulations regarding hours of operation. I am sure that the City Council members could imagine what large trucks coming and going at any time during the night would be like for neighboring establishments, residences and neighborhoods.

Buyer Beware - distribution sites have had huge impacts on traffic safety wherever they have located.

From: Erik Wiese <[REDACTED]>
Sent: Tuesday, August 10, 2021 8:47 AM
To: John Minto <[REDACTED]>
Cc: [REDACTED]; Rob McNelis <[REDACTED]>;
[REDACTED]
Subject: Cannabis Workshop # 2; Item 12



WIESE & ASSOCIATES
Real Estate Brokerage & Management

Hi John, Laura, Ronn, Rob and Dustin,

I love Santee. I love this community. I am happy with the leadership that you have shown in the past by preventing pot shops in Santee. I would like to see our community preserved as a family friendly location free from the scourge of potshops.

I also love that we don't have as severe a homeless problem as El Cajon and the County.

A lot of the homelessness situation is caused by Proposition 47 which makes Marijuana use a misdemeanor. Without the threat of a felony arrest, police officers can not force the homeless to enter rehab and perhaps wean themselves off their drug addictions. Also, Proposition 47 allows them to steal up to \$950 per day from local retailers without threat of jail time. This last weekend, I was in Lowes and they told me of shoplifters stealing generators out the front door. The misdemeanors these criminals receive, if caught, are used as toilet paper. There is no deterrence and the problem gets bigger, as more homeless people gravitate to crime to support their drug habit.

I know that you are not in a position to invalidate Proposition 47, but you are in a position to use your moral and civic authority to prevent more pot shops from opening up in East County. The homelessness problem is just the tip of the iceberg. But, they are the most visible manifestation of the loss of freedom that comes from the self imposed chains of addiction. Help them to save themselves, by "Just Saying No" to additional sources of cheap, convenient Marijuana.

Pot shops bring crime, car accidents, dependency, homelessness, broken marriages, loss of motivation amongst our youth, and an addiction to pleasure that prevents many from pursuing the American dream of accumulating a down payment, buying a house, getting married and raising their own family. You are in a position to "Just Say No." You have the authority to do what IS good for the community, and not just what FEELS good to those who want to get stoned.

The existing pot shops are creating a nightmare for businesses that want motivated employees that actually show up to work on time. Many labor problems are aggravated by employees who would rather be high than safe. Or, on-time. Absenteeism is a chronic problem that is getting worse. Absenteeism prevents businesses from growing, hiring more and paying more sales taxes.

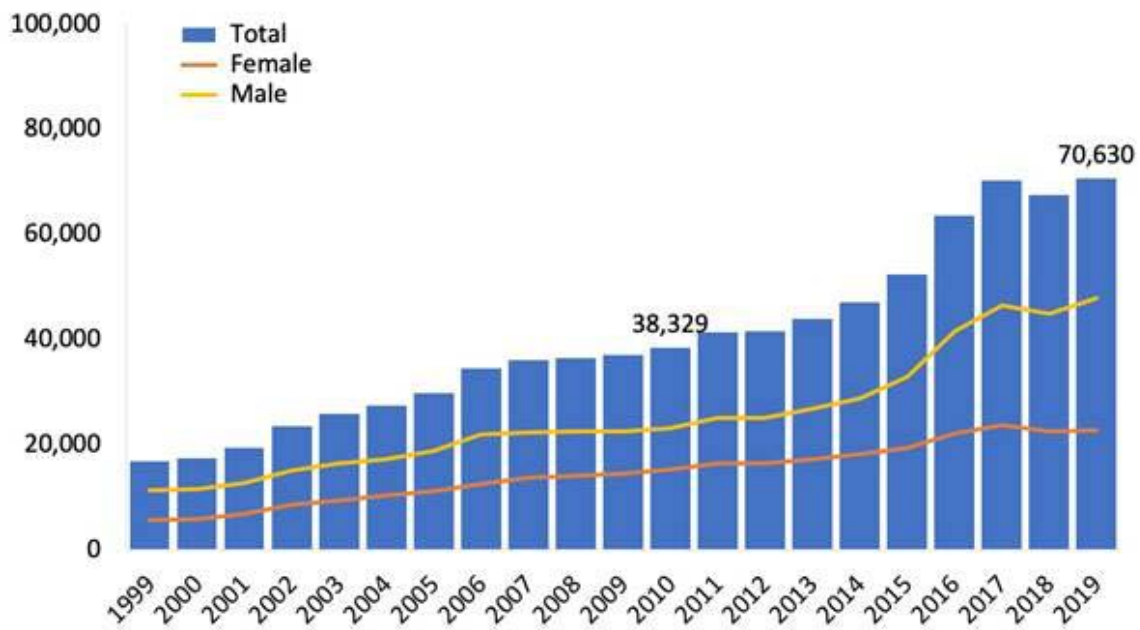
Employers are also demotivated when they work hard to make a dime and watch cannabis drug dealers making record profits poisoning our community. The costs of treating addiction are far higher than any profit that the city might make by taxing pot sales.

- Marijuana tax revenue represent approximately nine-tenths of one percent of Colorado’s FY 2018 budget. (See Section V: Societal Impact of attachment Colorado Legalization Effects.docx.)

Attached is a list of Marijuana facts and supporting links documenting them. Of particular interest is a study in New Zealand where 1037 people were monitored over 38 years. The study by Madeline H. Meyer, found that **Marijuana use causes memory loss, impaired thinking and interferes with a person’s ability to learn and perform complicated tasks. The loss can be as high as 6-8 permanently lost IQ points for persistent cannabis users.** Granted, East County is known as an ivory tower of intellectualism, and has plenty of IQ points to spare, but shouldn’t we deter the weak and the vulnerable from permanently damaging themselves?

If we love our community, we should be doing our best to prevent more of our weakest and most vulnerable from going down the rabbit hole of dependency. Marijuana is a gateway drug for many other drugs. How many of us know people who have lost their sons or daughters to drug overdoses? **I know three of my friends with dead children from drug overdoses.** Why compromise with evil, when we can “Just Say No!” See the horrible graph below.

**Figure 1. National Drug-Involved Overdose Deaths*
Number Among All Ages, by Gender, 1999-2019**



*Includes deaths with underlying causes of unintentional drug poisoning (X40–X44), suicide drug poisoning (X60–X64), homicide drug poisoning (X85), or drug poisoning of undetermined intent (Y10–Y14), as coded in the International Classification of Diseases, 10th Revision. Source: Centers for Disease Control and Prevention, National Center for Health Statistics. Multiple Cause of Death 1999-2019 on CDC WONDER Online Database, released 12/2020.

And personally, I was almost killed by a driver under the influence about 3 years ago who rammed his car into my rear bumper as he was speeding at about 100 miles per hour on I-67. If I was driving a Prius I would currently be Spam. Thankfully, I drive an American Battle Tank SUV. But, if you look at the statistics in Colorado (Colorado Legalization Effects.docx) , others have not been as fortunate.

- Since recreational marijuana was legalized, traffic deaths involving drivers who tested positive for marijuana more than doubled from 55 in 2013 to 115 people killed in 2018.

Why let more of our loved ones die in car accidents, when we can "Just Say NO!"? In "It's a Wonderful Life" each year at Christmas, we witness what Bedford Falls would become if George Bailey was not available to spearhead the fight against Henry Potter. We get a vision of what life would look like when every person is addicted to vice rather than a Christian love for their fellow man. Pottersville is a glitzy façade filled with broken marriages, barren spinsters, loose women being carted off to jail, angry addicts and crazy uncles in hospitals. Perhaps this vision of hell on earth is an exaggeration, but unfortunately it reminds me of Mexico, where the drug Cartels own the country. If we don't start now to solve the problem of dependency, the slippery slope leads straight to Mexico. Too many of our children, will gladly follow a Pied Piper handing out joints. I love Santee just the way it is! Please, just Say No to Pottersville! In love, we would like to keep our children and our loved ones from travelling down the road of dependency. We would like them to have higher IQs rather than lower IQs, (if possible. Please work on that. Ha ha) We want to keep them from crime or car accidents. We would like more marriages free from the pain of substance abuse. We want the freedom that comes from self control rather than the chains of dependency. Please persist in "Just Saying No" to the drug pushers who want to victimize our city. I will see you on Wednesday with others who feel the same way, to encourage you to continue to "Just Say No!" to the scourge of drugs.
Best Regards,

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1. Marijuana usage as measured in roadside testing shows Marijuana is in the blood stream of 12.6% of weekend nighttime drivers aged 16 and over.

The use and co-use of alcohol and drugs has been associated with impairment of psychomotor and cognitive functions while driving.

A national roadside survey using biochemical specimens among drivers aged ≥ 16 years found that during 2013–2014, the percentages of weekend nighttime drivers who tested positive for alcohol, marijuana and illicit drugs were 8.3%, 12.6%, and 15.1%, respectively.

https://www.cdc.gov/mmwr/volumes/68/wr/mm6850a1.htm?s_cid=mm6850a1_w

2. Those with the chemical THC, from Marijuana, in their blood streams are 3-7 times more likely to be responsible for a crash than those who are clean and sober.

Surveys that established recent use of cannabis by directly measuring THC in blood showed that THC positives, particularly at higher doses, are about three to seven times more likely to be responsible for their crash as compared to drivers that had not used drugs or alcohol.

Ramaekers JG, Berghaus G, van Laar M, Drummer OH. Dose related risk of motor vehicle crashes after cannabis use. *Drug Alcohol Depend.* 2004;73(2):109-119.

3. Marijuana is addictive to 9% of adults and 17% of teens.

Marijuana use disorder becomes addiction when the person cannot stop using the drug even though it interferes with many aspects of his or her life. Studies suggest that 9 percent of people who use marijuana will become dependent on it, rising to about 17 percent in those who start using in their teens.

Anthony JC, Warner LA, Kessler RC. Comparative epidemiology of dependence on tobacco, alcohol, controlled substances, and inhalants: Basic findings from the National Comorbidity Survey. *Exp Clin Psychopharmacol.* 1994;2(3):244-268. doi:10.1037/1064-1297.2.3.2444.

4. 4 million people in the United States are considered dependent or addicted.

In 2015, about 4.0 million people in the United States met the diagnostic criteria for a marijuana use disorder; 138,000 voluntarily sought treatment for their marijuana use.

Lopez-Quintero C, Pérez de los Cobos J, Hasin DS, et al. Probability and predictors of transition from first use to dependence on nicotine, alcohol, cannabis, and cocaine: results of the National Epidemiologic Survey on Alcohol and Related Conditions (NESARC). *Drug Alcohol Depend.* 2011;115(1-2):120-130. doi:10.1016/j.drugaldep.2010.11.004

5. Marijuana use among teenagers is growing steadily.

In 2016, 9.4 percent of 8th graders reported marijuana use in the past year and 5.4 percent in the past month (current use). Among 10th graders, 23.9 percent had used marijuana in the past year and 14.0 percent in the past month. Rates of use among 12th graders were higher still: 35.6 percent had used marijuana during the year prior to the survey and 22.5 percent used in the past month; 6.0 percent said they used marijuana daily or near-daily

Johnston L, O'Malley P, Miech R, Bachman J, Schulenberg J. *Monitoring the Future National Survey Results on Drug Use: 1975-2018: Overview: Key Findings on Adolescent Drug Use*. Ann Arbor, MI: Institute for Social Research, The University of Michigan; 2018.

6. Medical emergencies related to Marijuana have also increased.

The Drug Abuse Warning Network (DAWN), a system for monitoring the health impact of drugs, estimated that in 2011, there were nearly 456,000 drug-related emergency department visits in the United States in which marijuana use was mentioned in the medical record (a 21 percent increase over 2009). About two-thirds of patients were male and 13 percent were between the ages of 12 and 17.

Center for Behavioral Health Statistics and Quality (CBHSQ). *Drug Abuse Warning Network: 2011: Selected Tables of National Estimates of Drug-Related Emergency Department Visits*. Rockville, MD: Substance Abuse and Mental Health Services Administration; 2013.

7. Perhaps, Medical emergencies are increasing because the THC content in Marijuana is increasing.

In the early 1990s, the average THC content in confiscated marijuana samples was roughly 3.8 percent.

In 2014, it was 12.2 percent.

Now, the average marijuana extract contains more than 50 percent THC, with some samples exceeding 80 percent.

Mehmedic Z, Chandra S, Slade D, et al. Potency trends of Δ^9 -THC and other cannabinoids in confiscated cannabis preparations from 1993 to 2008. *J Forensic Sci.* 2010;55(5):1209-1217. doi:10.1111/j.1556-4029.2010.01441.x

8. Marijuana use causes memory loss, impaired thinking and interferes with a person's ability to learn and perform complicated tasks. The loss can be as high as 6-8 permanently lost IQ points for persistent cannabis users.

In a study of 1,037 individuals followed from birth (1972/1973) to age 38, cannabis usage was ascertained in interviews at ages 18, 21, 26, 32 and 38 years old. IQ testing was conducted at each of these stages.

Persistent cannabis use was associated with neuropsychological decline broadly across domains of functioning, even after controlling for years of education. Informants also reported noticing more cognitive problems for persistent

cannabis users. Impairment was concentrated among adolescent-onset cannabis users, with more persistent use associated with greater decline. Further, cessation of cannabis use did not fully restore neuropsychological functioning among adolescent-onset cannabis users.

Study members with more persistent cannabis dependence showed greater IQ decline. For example, study members who never used cannabis experienced a slight increase in IQ, whereas those who diagnosed with cannabis dependence at one, two, or three or more study waves experienced IQ declines of -0.11 , -0.17 , and -0.38 Standard Deviation units, respectively. An IQ decline of -0.38 Standard Deviation units corresponds to a loss of ~ 6 IQ points, from 99.68 to 93.93.

Madeline H. Meier, Avshalom Caspi, Antony Ambler, HonaLee Harrington, Renate Houts, Richard S. E. Keefe, Kay McDonald, Aimee Ward, Richie Poulton, and Terrie E. Moffitt PNAS October 2, 2012 109 (40) E2657-E2664; <https://doi.org/10.1073/pnas.1206820109>

9. 48 Studies in New Zealand suggests that students who smoke marijuana have poorer educational outcomes than their nonsmoking peers.

For example, a review of 48 relevant studies found marijuana use to be associated with reduced educational attainment (i.e., reduced chances of graduating). A recent analysis using data from three large studies in Australia and New Zealand found that adolescents who used marijuana regularly were 1.5 to 2 times more likely than their non-using peers to drop out of high school and/or college.

They also had a much higher chance of developing dependence, using other drugs, and attempting suicide.

Silins E, Horwood LJ, Patton GC, et al. Young adult sequelae of adolescent cannabis use: an integrative analysis. *Lancet Psychiatry*. 2014;1(4):286-293. doi:10.1016/S2215-0366(14)70307-4

10. Several studies have also linked heavy marijuana use to lower income, greater welfare dependence, unemployment, criminal behavior, violence being inflicted on the user and lower life satisfaction.

Brook JS, Lee JY, Finch SJ, Seltzer N, Brook DW. Adult work commitment, financial stability, and social environment as related to trajectories of marijuana use beginning in adolescence. *Subst Abuse*. 2013;34(3):298-305. doi:10.1080/08897077.2013.775092

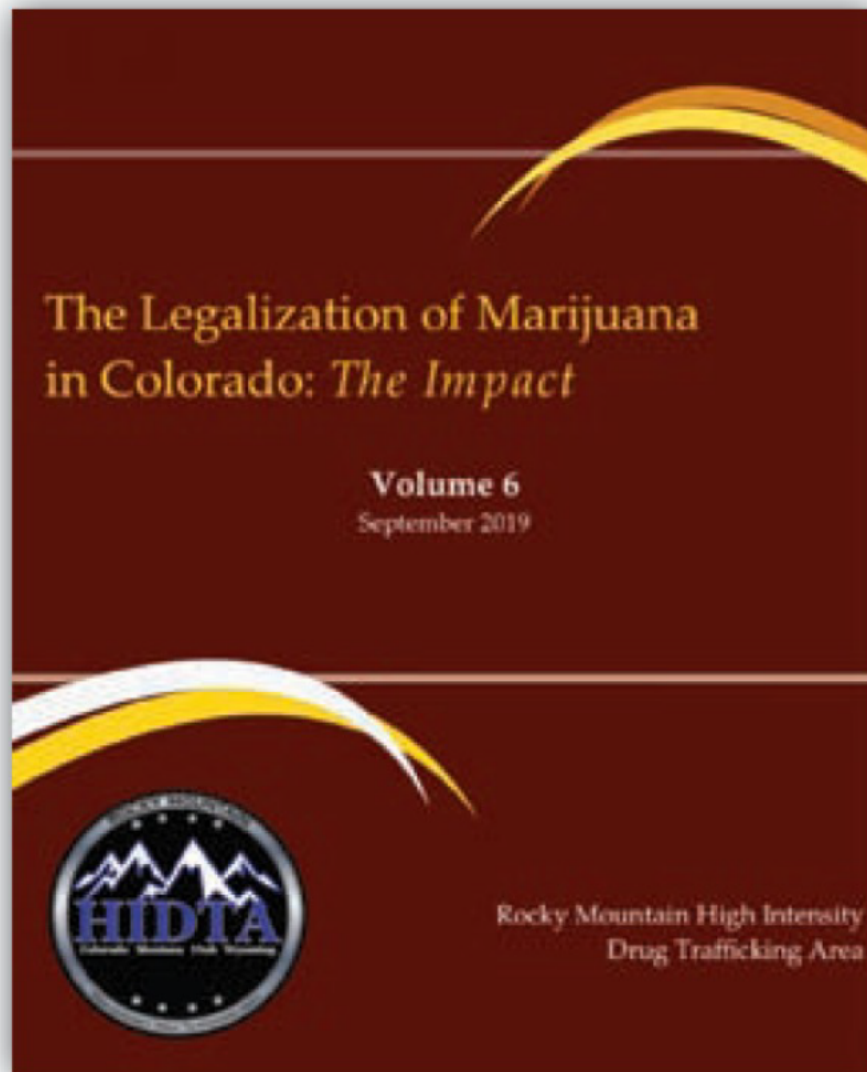
McCaffrey DF, Pacula RL, Han B, Ellickson P. Marijuana Use and High School Dropout: The Influence of Unobservables. *Health Econ*. 2010;19(11):1281-1299. doi:10.1002/hec.1561

The Legalization of Marijuana in Colorado: The Impact

Volume 6, September 2019

Rocky Mountain High Intensity Drug Trafficking Area program

Medical and recreational marijuana are destroying the health and social fabric of Colorado the Centennial State. Efforts are already underway to introduce recreational marijuana into law in Missouri via public referendum.



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The Rocky Mountain High Intensity Drug Trafficking Area (RMHIDTA) program has published annual reports every year since 2013 tracking the impact of legalizing recreational marijuana in Colorado. The purpose is to provide data and information so that policy makers and citizens can make informed decisions on the issue of marijuana legalization.[1](#)

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Section I: Traffic Fatalities & Impaired Driving

- Since recreational marijuana was legalized, traffic deaths in which drivers tested positive for marijuana increased 109 percent while all Colorado traffic deaths increased 31 percent.
- Since recreational marijuana was legalized, traffic deaths involving drivers who tested positive for marijuana more than doubled from 55 in 2013 to 115 people killed in 2018.
- This equates to one person killed every 3 days in 2018 compared to one person killed every 6½ days in 2013.
- Since recreational marijuana was legalized, the percentage of all Colorado traffic deaths that were marijuana-related increased from 15 percent in 2013 to 23 percent in 2018.

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Section II: Marijuana Use

Since recreational marijuana was legalized:

- Past month marijuana use for ages 12 and older increased 58 percent and is 78 percent higher than the national average, currently ranked 4th in the nation.
- Adult marijuana use increased 94 percent and is 96 percent higher than the national average, currently ranked 4th in the nation.
- College age marijuana use increased 18 percent and is 48 percent higher than the national average, currently ranked 6th in the nation.
- Youth marijuana use decreased 14 percent and is 40 percent higher than the national average, currently ranked 6th in the nation.

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Section III: Public Health

- The yearly number of emergency department visits related to marijuana increased 54 percent after the legalization of recreational marijuana (2013 compared to 2017).
- The yearly number of marijuana-related hospitalizations increased 101 percent after the legalization of recreational marijuana (2013 compared to 2017).

- Marijuana-only exposures more than quadrupled in the six-year average (2013–2018) since recreational marijuana was legalized compared to the six-year average (2007–2012) prior to legalization.
- The percent of suicide incidents in which toxicology results were positive for marijuana has increased from 14 percent in 2013 to 23 percent in 2017.

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Section IV: Black Market

- RMHIDTA Colorado Drug Task Forces (10) conducted 257 investigations of black market marijuana in Colorado resulting in:
 - ○ 192 felony arrests
 - ○ 6.08 tons of marijuana seized
 - ○ 60,091 marijuana plants seized
 - ○ 25 different states the marijuana was destined
- Seizures of Colorado marijuana in the U.S. mail system has increased 1,042 percent from an average of 52 parcels (2009–2012) to an average of 594 parcels (2013–2017) during the time recreational marijuana has been legal.

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Section V: Societal Impact

- Marijuana tax revenue represent approximately nine-tenths of one percent of Colorado's FY 2018 budget.
- 64 percent of local jurisdictions in Colorado have banned medical and recreational marijuana businesses.

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References

1. <https://rmhidta.org/files/D2DF/FINAL-Volume6.pdf>

Marijuana Farm Killing Ground: 7 Found Shot Dead North of Palomar Mountain

by [Chris Jennewein](#) September 8, 2020

<https://timesofsandiego.com/crime/2020/09/08/marijuana-farm-killing-ground-7-found-shot-dead-north-of-palomar-mountain/>

Seven people were shot to death at an illegal marijuana growing operation in the unincorporated community of Aguanga, 18 miles east of Temecula, and authorities were searching for clues and suspects Tuesday.

[Riverside County Sheriff](#)'s deputies responded at 12:33 a.m. Monday to a report of an assault with a deadly weapon at a residence in the 45000 block of Highway 371, north of Palomar Mountain.

Sheriff Chad Bianco said six victims were found dead in and around a single dwelling on the sprawling property. A seventh victim, a woman still alive when deputies arrived, died later at a local hospital, Bianco told a news conference.

As of Tuesday afternoon, sheriff's detectives assisted by federal agents were still combing the site for evidence and interviewing witnesses.

"We believe at this time that there were multiple suspects," he said.

More than 20 people lived at property, a "major organized crime-type operation" consisting of multiple homes and other buildings, including a cannabis nursery and facilities for drying and processing marijuana plants, the sheriff said.

"All of the people that were on the site, that were potential witnesses or the victims, were Laotian," he added, without elaborating on their ethnicity or immigration status.

Investigators seized more than 1,000 pounds of processed marijuana with a street value of \$1 million to \$5 million, along with a couple hundred live cannabis plants and a lab for extracting cannabis oil from them, he said.

California in 2018 legalized possession and use of marijuana by adults for recreational purposes, as well as commercial cultivation and distribution by businesses specially licensed and regulated by the state. But a marijuana black market still thrives, posing what law enforcement considers an ongoing public safety threat.

Bianco said the slayings in Aguanga marked the eighth homicide case — totaling 14 victims — related to his county's illicit marijuana trade this year.

"Marijuana is not a victimless crime," he said.

Anyone with information was asked to contact the sheriff's Central Homicide Unit at 951-955-2777.

From: [Jason Baker](#)
To: [John Minto](#); [Dustin Trotter](#); [Rob McNelis](#); lkoval@cithofsanteeca.gov; [Ronn Hall](#)
Subject: Agenda Item 12 marijuana workshop
Date: Wednesday, August 11, 2021 2:09:27 PM
Attachments: [Santee MJ letter 8-11-21 \(1\).pdf](#)

Dear Mayor and Council Members,

The San Diego Board of Supervisors promised in 2010 that regulating pot shops would put an end to illegal operations. But that has never happened.

Instead, illegal operations continue to drain the resources of the San Diego Sheriff's Department, put residents at risk, and contribute to blight in our neighborhoods. The Council's consideration to allow licensed pot shops to operate in Santee is a recipe for disaster.

If you think that these pot shop owners have any good intentions for Santee residents, you are kidding yourselves. They will claim that their businesses are magic solutions to City budget shortfalls and will fill the coffers with tax revenue. Don't kid yourselves.

Owners of these shops operate for one purpose and one purpose only: making money from an industry that leads to increases in crime, impaired drivers, armed robberies and arrests.

I have lived in Spring Valley since 2000. Since the advent of illegal pot shops in our community, we have experienced everything from drive-by shootings to armed robbery and deaths.

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Santee is a thriving community that is home to many hardworking families who want the best for themselves and their children. Allowing pot shops to operate here and put these people in harm's way is a risk that is not worth taking.

Thank You,
Jason Baker


Spring Valley 91978

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Spring Valley 91978

From: [Judi Strang](#)
To: [John Minto](#); [Rob McNelis](#); [Laura Koval](#); [Ronn Hall](#); [Dustin Trotter](#)
Subject: Santee CC re Item 12 & AB1034
Date: Wednesday, August 11, 2021 12:43:09 PM
Attachments: [AB 1034 Consumption Lounge @Sen Business, Professions & Economic Dev 7.13.21.pdf](#)

Good evening Mayor and City Council members.

As a public health advocate and parent/parent group member, I find the idea of bringing marijuana businesses to Santee an abhorrence, and will set back the health of our citizens, at the worst possible time.

50% of all marijuana products sold are for smoking and vaping.

The only people who benefit from this idea are Big Marijuana who are every bit as predatory as Big Tobacco.

Of particular concern are consumption lounges where drunk driving is an immediate consequence, and voiding the hard fought for smoke free workplace regulations are a long term consequence. Attached is legislation AB 1034 that would have allowed consumption lounges. The legislation has been tabled for now because of these problems.

Postpone your decision making.

Warm Regards, Judi Strang,
San Diego County Tobacco Countol Coalition

- 7) Requires the BCC to convene an advisory committee to advise state licensing authorities on the development of standards and regulations for legal cannabis, including best practices and guidelines that protect public health and safety while ensuring a regulated environment for commercial cannabis activity that does not impose such barriers so as to perpetuate, rather than reduce and eliminate, the illicit market for cannabis. (BPC § 26014)
- 8) Specifies that a licensed retailer may sell only cannabis accessories, the licensee's branded merchandise, and cannabis goods. (BPC § 26140 *et seq.*)
- 9) States that MAUCRSA does not supersede or limit the authority of a local jurisdiction to adopt and enforce local ordinances to regulate commercial cannabis businesses within that local jurisdiction. (BPC § 26200(a))
- 10) Authorizes a local jurisdiction to allow for the smoking, vaporizing, and ingesting of cannabis or cannabis products on the premises of a licensed retailer or microbusiness, subject to specified restrictions. (BPC § 26200 (g))
- 11) Subjects cannabis businesses operating without a license to civil penalties of up to three times the amount of the license fee for each violation in addition to any criminal penalties. (BPC § 26038)

This bill:

- 1) Authorizes a local jurisdiction to allow smoking, vaporizing, and ingesting of cannabis or cannabis products on the premises of a licensed retailer or microbusiness licensed under this division and to allow a licensed retailer or microbusiness to prepare or sell noncannabis food or beverage products in the area where the consumption of cannabis is allowed.
- 2) Specifies that the activities in 1) above are only authorized if access to the area where cannabis consumption is allowed is restricted to persons 21 years of age or older, if cannabis consumption is not visible from any public place or nonage-restricted area, and if the sale or consumption of alcohol or tobacco is not allowed on the premises.

COMMENTS:

1. **Purpose.** The City of West Hollywood is the Sponsor of this bill. According to the Author, "Currently, cannabis consumption cafes/lounges have to have food and beverage (non-alcoholic) delivered in from an adjacent business if they want to offer their patrons food and beverages. This is an overly complicated business model that is hindering the ability of these businesses to operate and be profitable. The only reason that this prohibition exists is because the businesses are required to obtain a state retail license for a consumption lounge, which is the case because a consumption lounge license does not exist at the state level. This is problematic because not all of the retail regulations are appropriate for consumption lounges, specifically the prohibition on selling any non-cannabis food or beverages. This prohibition makes sense for retail cannabis businesses, because these businesses

are intended to only sell cannabis products, but a cannabis consumption lounge will operate as a hospitality businesses, so the sale and preparation of non-cannabis food and beverages would in aligned with and is an integral part of this business model. Authorizing cities to permit this activity will allow these businesses to operate as intended and does not force any cities to permit the activity that do not desire to have it.

A number of cities, in addition to the City of West Hollywood that have consumption lounges and would benefit from the state authorization.

San Francisco,
Oakland,
Alameda
Palm Springs.
Cathedral City
Sacramento
Ukiah
Cloverdale
Arcata
Fortuna
Ft. Bragg
Unincorporated area of Humboldt County.”

2. **Background.**

State Regulation of Cannabis. In 1996, California first legalized cannabis for medical consumption via Proposition 215, also known as the Compassionate Use Act (the Act). Proposition 215 protected qualified patients and primary caregivers from prosecution related to the possession and cultivation of cannabis for medicinal purposes. In 2003, the Legislature authorized the formation of medical marijuana cooperatives—nonprofit organizations that cultivate and distribute marijuana for medical uses to their members through dispensaries.

In 2015, the Legislature passed the Medical Cannabis Regulation and Safety Act (MCRSA). For the first time, MCRSA established a comprehensive, statewide licensing and regulatory framework for the cultivation, manufacture, transportation, testing, distribution, and sale of medicinal cannabis to be administered by the Bureau within Department of Consumer Affairs, DPH, and CDFA. Shortly following the passage of MCRSA in November 2016, California voters passed Proposition 64, the "Control, Regulate and Tax Adult Use of Marijuana Act" (Proposition 64), which legalized adult-use cannabis. Less than a year later in June 2017, the California State Legislature passed a budget trailer bill, SB 94 (Committee on Budget and Fiscal Review, Chapter 27, Statutes of 2017), that integrated MCRSA with Prop 64 to create MAUCRSA, the current regulatory structure for both medicinal and adult-use cannabis. Beginning in 2018, Proposition 64 permitted adults 21 years of age or older can legally grow, possess, and use cannabis for nonmedical purposes, with certain restrictions.

Cannabis Consolidation Efforts. In an effort to improve access to licensing and simplify regulatory oversight of commercial cannabis activity, the Governor’s 2021

Budget includes a proposal to consolidate the three cannabis licensing entities that are currently housed at the Bureau, the Department of Food and Agriculture, and the Department of Public Health into a single Department of Cannabis Control by July 2021. Establishment of a standalone department with an enforcement arm is designed to centralize and align critical areas to build a successful legal cannabis market, by creating a single point of contact for cannabis licensees and local governments. The goal is to ultimately simplify and centralize State regulatory efforts; improve coordination, including enforcement; reduce barriers to participation in the legal market; and incentivize greater local participation.

AB 2020. In 2018, AB 2020 (Quirk, Chapter 749, Statutes of 2018) was signed into law, which expanded the venue options for the site of a temporary cannabis event to any location expressly approved by a local jurisdiction. Specifically, the bill authorized a local jurisdiction to allow for the smoking, vaporizing, and ingesting of cannabis or cannabis products on the premises of a licensed retailer or microbusiness, under the following circumstances: a) access to the area where cannabis consumption is allowed is restricted to persons 21 years of age or older; b) cannabis consumption is not visible from any public place or nonage-restricted area; c) sale or consumption of alcohol or tobacco is not allowed on the premises.

The Problem and the Impact of This Bill. As the Author explains, “Currently, cannabis consumption cafes/lounges have to have food and beverage (non-alcoholic) delivered in from an adjacent business if they want to offer their patrons food and beverages. This is an overly complicated business model that is hindering the ability of these businesses to operate and be profitable. The only reason that this prohibition exists is because the businesses are required to obtain a state retail license for a consumption lounge, which is the case because a consumption lounge license does not exist at the state level. This is problematic because not all of the retail regulations are appropriate for consumption lounges, specifically the prohibition on selling any non-cannabis food or beverages. This prohibition makes sense for retail cannabis businesses, because these businesses are intended to only sell cannabis products, but a cannabis consumption lounge will operate as a hospitality businesses, so the sale and preparation of non-cannabis food and beverages would in aligned with and is an integral part of this business model. Authorizing cities to permit this activity will allow these businesses to operate as intended and does not force any cities to permit the activity that do not desire to have it.”

This bill would authorize a local jurisdiction to allow for the preparation or sale of noncannabis food or beverage products, as specified, by a licensed retailer or microbusiness in the area where the consumption of cannabis is allowed, subject to specified restrictions.

- 3. Arguments in Support.** The City of West Hollywood writes in support and sponsorship: “Current state law allows local jurisdictions to permit cannabis consumption lounges, However, there is no comparable consumption lounge license at the state level, so local lounges must receive a state retail license. However, cannabis consumption lounges operate as hospitality businesses, like bars and restaurants, not retail outlets. The most critical difference is that most

cannabis consumption lounge business models include the sale of non-cannabis food and beverages (non-alcoholic), similar to how bars and restaurants operate.

Under AB 1034 local jurisdictions would be able to permit the sale and preparation of non-cannabis food and beverages (non-alcoholic) in cannabis consumption lounges. This would be a completely local decision and no city would be required to permit it.

The food and beverages prepared and sold on-site would not be infused with cannabis, and the beverages would be non-alcoholic.”

Americans for Safe Access writes in support: “Consumption lounges are essential for medical cannabis patients. Those who rent, typically have rental agreements which ban the smoking of cannabis. As cannabis cannot be consumed in public areas, consumption lounges provide a safe, clean environment and are operated in a manner that does not impede the general public.

Allowing food sales in these establishments provides patients with an enhanced experience and is especially valuable for patients who use cannabis to stimulate appetite. AB 1034 mandates such establishments will have the same oversight as any other business which serves food, ensuring the safety of all.”

CMG/Caliva writes in support: “Many consumers are limited in terms of where they can smoke or vape cannabis products. Current law all but eliminates any legal space to consumer cannabis outside the home. And in many cases, even the home is not available because many apartments and condo buildings have strict no smoking policies. The consequence is that many Californians are legally allowed to purchase cannabis products but are severely limited in places where they can be enjoyed.

Cannabis lounges can provide an alternative for consumers. However, current law does not allow food and beverages to be offered in the cannabis lounge. This is an impediment to the viability of cannabis lounges. AB 1034 responds to this weakness by allowing a licensed space to provide more customer services.”

NorCal Cannabis Company writes in support: “Currently, legal cannabis retailers are rigidly limited to selling only cannabis goods, accessories, and the licensee’s branded merchandise. By expanding the retail experience to include food and beverages legal cannabis businesses will have the opportunity to readily explore creative retail concepts and enhance the customer experience.”

The California Cannabis Industry Association (CCIA) writes in support: “AB 1034 furthers Proposition 64’s promise of local control by authorizing local jurisdictions to allow cannabis retailers to prepare and sell noncannabis food or beverages in areas where cannabis is consumed. Cannabis retailers would be required to comply with all applicable provisions of the California Retail Food Code, and no alcohol or tobacco could be sold or consumed.

This authorization will grant local jurisdictions the freedom to fully allow commercial cannabis activities in ways that work best for their local economy, and will provide new entrepreneurial opportunities for cannabis retailers.”

The United Cannabis Business Association (UCBA) writes in support: “The current state adult-use cannabis retail regulations do not allow for the onsite sale or preparation of non-cannabis food or beverages (non-alcoholic) at cannabis businesses. This is problematic for cannabis consumption lounges because these businesses are more aligned with hospitality-based businesses, a very different business model than cannabis retail businesses. Requiring consumption lounges to conform to all retail regulations significantly hampers their business model. Cities are already allowed to permit cannabis consumption lounges if they wish, and this change would simply allow cities to also permit those lounges to prepare and sell non-cannabis food and beverages (non-alcoholic) as well. Currently, cannabis consumption cafes/lounges have to have food and beverage (non-alcoholic) delivered in from an adjacent business if they want to offer their patrons food and beverages. Allowing a local jurisdiction to permit a cannabis consumption lounge to sell and prepare non-cannabis food and beverages (non-alcoholic) will allow cannabis consumption lounges to operate like other hospitality businesses and will help develop this new industry.”

4. **Arguments in Opposition.** Getting It Right From the Start writes in opposition: “AB-1034 will impact public health by exposing patrons and employees of these businesses to the harms of secondhand cannabis smoke and vapor; rooms filled with cannabis smoke/vapor pose significant threats to anyone in that environment. Researchers have compared the pollution levels when a user smokes a Marlboro tobacco cigarette to the pollution levels that occur when the user smokes cannabis in a joint, bong, and pipe, as well as when they vaporize cannabis. They found that all the methods of cannabis consumption produced as much or more pollution than the tobacco cigarette; cannabis joints were the most polluting, producing 3.5 times more particulate matter than the tobacco cigarette. Cannabis smoke was found to have 20 times higher levels of ammonia and 3-5 times more hydrogen cyanide, some aromatic amines, nitrogen dioxide and nitric oxide than tobacco smoke. A second study assessed the effects of on-site consumption of cannabis on PM2:5 (particulate matter) concentration in the retail and consumption space of a cannabis store where smoking was banned, but vaporizing and dabbing were permitted found that the average PM2:5 concentration when the business was open was 28 times higher than when the business was closed. The concentrations found just from vaping cannabis in this study were similar to those observed in indoor spaces where smoking is permitted.

Secondhand cannabis smoke and vapor pollutes the air as much or more than tobacco. Suggestions that exposure to secondhand cannabis smoke or vapor is safe are misleading. California’s smoke-free air laws should consistently protect Californians against the harms of secondhand smoke; cannabis should not be an exception, especially when the data say secondhand cannabis smoke and vapor pollutes the air as much or more than tobacco.

These new social environments for eating and drinking while consuming cannabis will also exacerbate drugged driving, already a major problem. A recent study by the

Insurance Institute for Highway Safety found a significant 6% increase in car crashes after adult-use legalization with marijuana and alcohol co-use being particularly important. According to the US Department of Transportation, 10,142 people lost their lives in an alcohol impaired driving accident in 2019. At that rate, 27-28 people in the United States die in drunk-driving car crashes every day, which is about one person every 52 minutes. According to the National Institute on Drug Abuse, after alcohol, cannabis is the drug most often found in the blood of drivers involved in crashes. There is evidence that cannabis impairs reaction time and other factors involved with driving ability.”

The American Heart Association and Campaign for Tobacco Free Kids writes in opposition: “Secondhand smoke is toxic and dangerous. We have long known that breathing in secondhand smoke causes heart disease, lung disease and cancer. California responded to this public health crisis in 1995 by implementing a statewide smoke-free law in restaurants; then extended those workplace protections to workers in bars in 1998. As a result, anybody who works indoors can be assured they will not be forced to work in an environment that will negatively impact their health as a result of secondhand smoke. Secondhand marijuana smoke contains many of the same toxins and carcinogens found in directly-inhaled marijuana smoke, in similar amounts if not more. Marijuana smoke has been shown to injure the cell linings of the large airways, and can lead to symptoms such as chronic cough, phlegm production, wheeze and acute bronchitis. Additionally, a recent study found that one minute of marijuana secondhand smoke impairs vascular endothelial function.

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California has fought hard to protect workers and ensure a safe, healthy, smoke free work environment. AB 1034 will undo that by re-creating the harmful work environments of the past.”

The California Dental Association writes in opposition: “Secondhand cannabis smoke is toxic and contains many of the same carcinogens as tobacco smoke, according to the Centers for Disease Control and Prevention. Cannabis smoke is on California’s Proposition 65 list, and the state Office of Environmental Health Hazard Assessment reports that at least 33 individual constituents present in both marijuana smoke and tobacco smoke are Proposition 65 carcinogens. According to the National Institute on Drug Abuse, cannabis smoke contains carcinogenic combustion products, including about 50% more benzopyrene and 75% more benzoanthracene (and more phenols, vinyl chlorides, nitrosamines and reactive oxygen species) than cigarette smoke. Additionally, recent scientific studies performed at UC San Diego show that THC (the main psychoactive compound in cannabis) accelerates the growth of HPV-related head and neck cancers.

Smoking combustible tobacco in restaurants has been banned in California since 1995, and the same policy reasons apply to cannabis smoke exposure.”

SUPPORT AND OPPOSITION:

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The City of West Hollywood (Sponsor)
Americans for Safe Access
California Cannabis Industry Association
CMG/Caliva
Osiris Ventures Db a Norcal Cannabis
United Cannabis Business Association

Opposition:

American Cancer Society Cancer Action Network INC.
American Heart Association
California Dental Association
Getting It Right From the Start
Tobacco - Free Kids Action Fund

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From: [Katie Poponyak](#)
To: [John Minto](#)
Cc: [Laura Koval](#); [Ronn Hall](#); [Dustin Trotter](#); [Rob McNelis](#)
Subject: City Council should not pursue allowing Marijuana businesses in Santee
Date: Wednesday, August 11, 2021 12:55:51 PM

Dear Mayor Minto and council members-

City of Santee should not pursue allowing Marijuana businesses for many reasons. Local and national Pot Shops called "Cookies" display signage that resembles Sesame Street characters and sell child friendly gummies and t-shirts seen on Jr. High students. Please protect our youth's mental health during this uncertain time from the harm of thinking drugs are an answer.

Katie Poponyak
Youth Mental Health Advocate

Sent from my iPad

From: [Kelly McCormick](#)
To: [John Minto](#); [Rob McNelis](#); [Laura Koval](#); [Ronn Hall](#); [Dustin Trotter](#)
Subject: Santee Cannabis Regulation
Date: Wednesday, August 11, 2021 12:43:16 PM

Dear Council Members,

I am writing to you as a Public Health Educator and director of a youth mentoring program.

California voters will sold on the idea that regulated marijuana businesses would end the black market but that has not been the outcome. In fact, a recent Los Angeles Times report put it like this, “Things haven’t quite worked out that way. Today the pot industry is struggling and as much as 80% of pot sold in CA comes from the black market.”

The head of the DEA’s Los Angeles field division said, “there’s more black-market MJ than ever before, **much more** than **prior** to Prop 64.”

The Times also points out that tax revenues are not anywhere close to the levels officials had expected. And things are going so badly for the industry, the state is considering a \$100-million-dollar bailout.

I am sharing this, because it’s more evident every day that this experiment is not working. The black-market continues to grow, despite what people were told when they voted five years ago.

Meanwhile, cities with “regulated pot” have aggressive advertising for high THC-MJ products, attracting new users to a drug that is more addictive and more dangerous than ever before.

Sincerely,
Kelly McCormick

From: Matthew Nathaniel [REDACTED]
Sent: Monday, August 9, 2021 3:20 PM
To: John Minto <JMinto@CityofSanteeCa.gov>
Subject: Ordinance Inquiry (Santee)

Good afternoon Mayor Minto.

I hope your summer is going well. With many cities now considering legal regulated cannabis as part of their economic development, I wanted to connect with you to find out if Santee would be bringing this up for discussion in the near future. The Shryne Group is potentially interested in making a home in the city, and I want to ensure that we don't miss any important dates. If you're not familiar with the Shryne Group, please review the attached information and link below of our downtown Los Angeles location to get a better idea of our operations.

- [DTLA Video Tour](#) (PW: sgvideotour)

As you will see, our stores are visually striking, creating an immersive experience. Our retail pod system enables us to serve consumers in a highly efficient manner, while still having the time to answer any questions and provide education on products. Shryne's operational experience is why our stores average nearly 6 times the revenue of the typical cannabis retail store in the state of California. I'm also confident that proven operators can make a significant impact with regard to job creation and revenue to the city. The Shryne Group has grown our employee base from approximately 600 to over 1,500 throughout the state in the last eighteen months alone, and offers educational opportunities with our Workforce Development program.

I appreciate any insight you might be able to provide about the potential process, and to learn more about the city's priorities from your perspective. Let me know if you have some time in the next couple of weeks, and I'll be happy to schedule a video or phone call at your convenience. You can also select a date from my [calendar](#), if you prefer. I look forward to hearing from you.

Cheers...



Matthew Nathaniel
Director: Retail Expansion



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COMMUNITY ENGAGEMENT



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WE ENGAGE OTHERS

Community matters. It's what brought us here and helped build our brand. It's why giving back is just as important as growth. It's who we are. Shryne Group continues to be one of the most engaged cannabis companies in the industry. In both major giving efforts and in ongoing local support, Shryne Group is committed to helping individuals and organizations who are most in need. From hosting food drives to making targeted cash donations, here are some examples of our commitment to our communities.



**IT'S NOT ABOUT WHAT YOU SAY,
IT'S ABOUT WHAT YOU DO.**

ACTIONS SPEAK LOUDER THAN WORDS.

CARE FOR SAN FRANCISCO'S SENIORS

UNITED PLAYAZ FOOD BANK

Day-to-day life has dramatically changed with COVID-19, especially for our seniors who are unable to leave their homes for household essentials. For three months, during the first wave of the pandemic in 2020, Shryne Group assisted community-based organization United Playaz in San Francisco with the packaging and distribution of more than 22,000 meals and other consumable goods for the city's senior citizen community. Our combined teams prepared and delivered fresh meats and produce, ready-to-eat foods, and everyday essentials like toilet paper, cooking supplies, and much more.

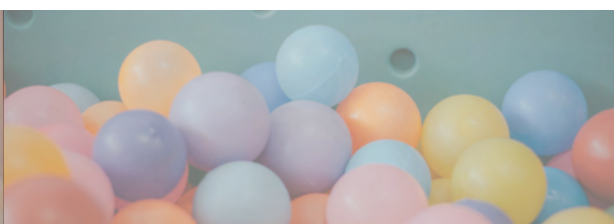
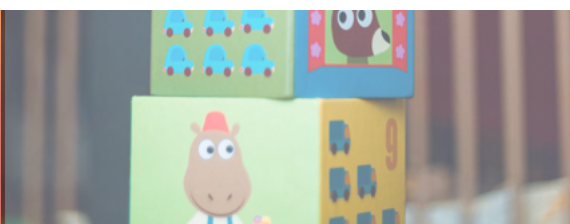
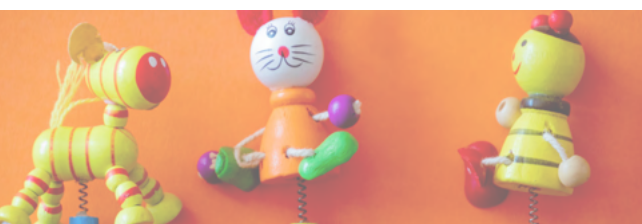
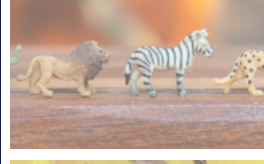


THANKSGIVING FOOD DRIVE

TRINA'S KIDS THANKSGIVING

To uplift the community during Thanksgiving, Shryne Group partnered with Trina's Kids, an organization dedicated to empowering underprivileged youth. We donated a holiday feast of turkey dinners to those in attendance as well as provided both perishable and non-perishable food items to families at the event. After the 250 attendees received their Thanksgiving essentials, they were then surprised with a prepared traditional Thanksgiving meal, complete with Honeybaked Ham, green beans, mashed potatoes, and apple pie made by the Trina's Kids Foundation team.





PROVIDING TOYS AND CHEER TO FAMILIES DURING THE HOLIDAYS

PARTY IN THE PROJECTS

STIIIZY supported the 15th Annual Party in the Projects event, a holiday toy drive hosted by two Los Angeles philanthropic organizations Red Eye Inc. and Engage the Vision. Both organizations place an emphasis on uplifting inner-city youth. The organizations set their goal of distributing 10,000 toys to children living in the Watts Housing Projects, but with Shryne Group's involvement, the event grew into something much larger. More than 15,000 toys were distributed to Watts children in one night. Shryne Group donated 300 chicken dinner meals to all in attendance, marking the first time the children received a hosted dinner for the entire family. Within the Shryne Group network, regional event partners also responded to the call for collaboration and helped to further pitch in by providing additional food and refreshments, children's apparel and accessories, and holiday cheer with a surprise guest appearance by a local hip-hop artist!

SHRYNE GROUP PARTNERS WITH NONPROFIT TO FURNISH HOME FOR FAMILY

MAKING A HOUSE A HOME WITH HUMBLE DESIGN

Shryne Group partnered with the nonprofit Humble Design in San Diego, an organization that works to ensure families emerging from homelessness and transitioning to permanent housing can live comfortably and with the dignity they deserve. Nearly half of those who enter housing return to shelters within the year. These home makeovers, like the one funded by Shryne Group for this family in the San Diego area, help to change an entire mindset and generate an immediate focus on self-empowerment and stability. We are delighted to support efforts to help stop the revolving door of homelessness by creating homes where families can find hope and live with dignity and peace. It is a challenge for our unhoused neighbors to find housing, but once they do, making that housing into a home should be a pleasure everyone deserves to experience!



**THANK YOU TO OUR SPONSOR
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UNITED PLAYAZ GUN BUY-BACK

SHRYNE GROUP SUPPORTS ANNUAL GUN BUY-BACK EVENT HOSTED BY UNITED PLAYAZ

Joining the efforts of the family of George Floyd, Shryne group helped to support the United Playaz 2020 annual gun buy-back event hosted in partnership with the San Francisco Police Department and the San Francisco Mayor's Office of Violence Prevention Services. Although the pandemic has helped to quell violent crime in San Francisco, gun violence and domestic violence remain a large problem in the city and throughout the Bay Area. Past iterations of the event have seen hundreds of firearms surrendered, and the event in 2020 proved to be successful as well with a total of 228 firearms collected. By taking these guns off the streets and out of homes, this event acted as a major effort to help thwart more episodic gun violence.



GUN BUY-BACK

Help end the pollution and be the solution to gun violence

No questions asked!

**SATURDAY,
DECEMBER 14, 2019
8:00 AM - 12:00 PM**

**UNITED PLAYAZ
1038 HOWARD ST.
SAN FRANCISCO**



**Handguns
= \$100**

**Assault Weapons
= \$200**

- 1 in 3 homes with children have guns, many left unlocked or loaded
- On an average day 100 Americans are killed with guns
- The presence of a gun in a domestic violence situation increases the risk of the woman being killed by **FIVE TIMES**
- 62% of firearm related deaths in the US are suicides



For more information, contact Rudy Corpuz Jr., 415-573-6219

SHRYNE GROUP VALUES AMERICA'S VETERANS

STIIIZY X WEED FOR WARRIORS X BLACKLIST

Shryne Group holds military veterans close to our heart. We're incredibly proud that Shryne Group's co-founder and STIIIZY's creator James Kim is an honorably discharged combat veteran from the U.S. Army's 101st Airborne Division. As a company deeply committed to veterans and their needs, STIIIZY used the power of our brand to team up with Weed for Warriors and The Blacklist to raise money and awareness for veterans. The collaboration resulted in the release of a limited edition STIIIZY x W4W x Blacklist branded battery with 100% of the proceeds going to Weed For Warriors. Under James Kim's leadership, the battery sold out within the first month, resulting in \$16,000 to address local veterans' issues.



The Blacklist is a project run by a team of cannabis activists and advocates who curate news stories that could impact legalization's trajectory. The Blacklist aims to bridge the gap of information between the traditional and regulatory markets and help politicians, law makers, and business owners hear the voice of the consumer and further establish the industry standard. Education through discussion is our philosophy, by promoting only clean medicine, good business practices, and transparency in the industry.

theblacklist.xyz



Weed For Warriors Project is a social justice lifestyle brand supporting holistic rehabilitation for veterans through community-based projects, proactive care advocacy, cannabis education, and compassion. Based in Sacramento, California, WFWP urges change for the empowerment of the people.

www.wfwproject.org



HELPING OUR UNHOUSED NEIGHBORS STAY COOL

ONE OF LA'S HOTTEST SUMMERS

To top off an active pandemic and civil unrest, Los Angeles experienced a record-breaking heatwave during the summer of 2020. On September 6, 2020, the county recorded its highest temperature ever at 121°F. Relief was desperately needed across the board, and the city's homeless were struggling most with the aggressive heat and harsh conditions on the street. To make matters worse, local businesses which typically provided free water or food were now closed.

STIIIZY and OXIGEN Water teamed up to distribute nearly 500 1L bottles of water on Skid Row in Downtown Los Angeles. We also donated an additional 400 bottles of water to the homeless shelter at Los Angeles's Midnight Mission. This shelter has been serving the community since 1914 and offers a path to self-sufficiency for men, women, and children experiencing homelessness.



SHRYNE GROUP SUPPORTS SMALL BUSINESSES

PANDEMIC RELIEF: SPOTLIGHT & HELP

As the pandemic raged in 2020, cannabis was deemed essential. In response, Shryne Group created the "Surprise & Delight" campaign which focused on supporting essential workers in the cannabis industry with food, PPE, and other essentials. Our team safely delivered support to more than 100 cannabis retail locations. This campaign prioritized purchasing from small restaurant businesses like Blues Tacos and Market Deli & Cafe, as well as Black-owned businesses such as The Sanniche Shoppe, Pugs Pantry, and Fixins Soul Kitchen, just to name a few.





“You gotta be a champion in every aspect of life.”

BRINGING THE FIGHTING SPIRIT BACK TO SAN FRANCISCO’S YOUTH

PROFESSIONAL BOXER & SHRYNE GROUP SOCIAL EQUITY PARTNER KARIM MAYFIELD LAUNCHES PROGRAM TO FOSTER YOUTH DEVELOPMENT

Professional Boxer, Community Ambassador & Shryne Group Social Equity Partner Karim “Hard Hitta” Mayfield brings the fighting spirit back to San Francisco along with a positive change to his hometown. SoulChamp, Karim’s boxing and life skills mentorship program, is designed to boost esteem, build confidence, and instill championship-caliber work ethic in low-income youth. Mayfield aspires to excite the city’s youth to focus on their dreams and never slack on the hard work required to fulfill them. “You gotta be a champion in every aspect of life,” the boxer asserts. Shryne Group continues to support this champion-building effort by donating funds to provide equipment, supplies, and boxing gear to the program. Karim believes that being a champion-level athlete isn’t just about being strong physically, but also mentally – which includes having a good sense of when to be strong and aggressive or serene and poised. Mayfield’s SoulChamp boxing gym is dedicated to providing transformative youth mentorship very similar to that which he received as a teenager. Amidst national calls for social equality and to confront historical racial injustices, this full circle journey proves to be a poignant milestone representing the potential for cannabis to be used as a vessel for equality and empowerment.

SHRYNE GROUP PARTNERS WITH GOLDEN HEART LA FOR LOCAL BLOOD DRIVE

HELPING CHILDREN IN PEDIATRIC HOSPITALS WITH ONE DRIVE AT A TIME

In May 2021, STIIIZY teamed up with Golden Heart LA for a Sunday blood drive that was located walking distance from our DTLA retail location. Donors who participated in the amazing cause were able to receive coupon incentives to the STIIIZY online shop where they could purchase exclusive STIIIZY apparel, accessories, and other unique items. Golden Heart LA is a local non-profit organization that is dedicated to helping children in pediatric hospitals that suffer from a disability and/or life threatening disease. Donations from this drive went to the Children’s Hospital Los Angeles.



STIIZY'S "BLESSED BY LIIT" LINE OF PRODUCTS CREATED TO SERVE THE COMMUNITY

BLESSED HELPS TO INSPIRE YOUNG WOMEN & FEED FAMILIES IN WATTS NEIGHBORHOOD

BLESSED by LIIT is our commitment back to the community that raised us. We invest a portion of the proceeds we earn from this line into causes that support underserved communities—like military veterans and people experiencing homelessness—as well as to respond to emergencies these communities may face. Cannabis has tremendous transformative power and the potential to bring positive change to people that have been unduly suffering for too long.

In partnership with Red Eye Inc and with the proceeds from our last product drop, we have decided to uplift young girls during Women's History Month by inviting renowned graffiti artist and muralist Muck Rock to provide a hands-on art lesson. Muck Rock, inspired by the children and in collaboration with community leaders, designed and painted a mural at the Watts Empowerment Center that reflects the spirit, pride, and promise of the Imperial Courts community. The mural was painted on the brand-new refrigeration unit that will store donated food items for the newly established Watts Empowerment Center's weekly farmer's market events—where food and clothing items will be donated to families living in the area, the first ongoing effort of its kind in Watts.

These types of cultural projects shouldn't be viewed as a luxury because they play a fundamental role in reviving the fortunes and boosting the prospects of our communities. The impact of looking up and seeing someone that looks like you, someone that represents your community—or in this case with this Muck Rock mural—seeing themselves directly, is immeasurable.



SHRYNE GROUP BUILDS UNITY IN THE COMMUNITY

SHRYNE GROUP IS DEDICATED TO PROVIDING CONFIDENCE AND RESTORING DIGNITY TO OUR UNHOUSED NEIGHBORS IN LOS ANGELES, CALIFORNIA

The homeless crisis in Skid Row has grown exponentially over the past few years. When you throw a pandemic and housing evictions into the mix, it could leave little to no room for those unhoused or experiencing homelessness to enjoy the little things they once did—their only focus being to survive.

STIIIZY has recognized the struggles of our community, and with the support and funding from BLESSED by LIIT, our charitable model that takes proceeds from the BLESSED line of products and invests it back into the community, our team was able to dedicate time and effort towards

supporting our unhoused neighbors the weekend following cannabis' biggest holiday—April 20th.

STIIIZY partnered up with Beauty 2 The Streetz and Share The Warmth International: two incredible organizations whose dedication revolves around restoring dignity and providing services to the people of Skid Row. We were able to provide over 700 hot meals to those that had been lined up early that morning. Our brand ambassadors alongside Raines' team, and the motorcycle club "Fighters for the World" were also able to provide numerous additional hygiene, health and safety supplies such

as tents, blow up mattresses, portable toilet kits, socks, hand sanitizer, soap and so much more. In addition to receiving donated items, our unhoused neighbors in attendance were able to receive services such as haircuts, trims, dye jobs, and Shirley Raines specialty makeovers.

The following day, STIIIZY teamed up with Share The Warmth International to help support their community giveback. Together we were able to serve an additional 300 folks with deli fresh meals, clothing, and grooming and hair services.





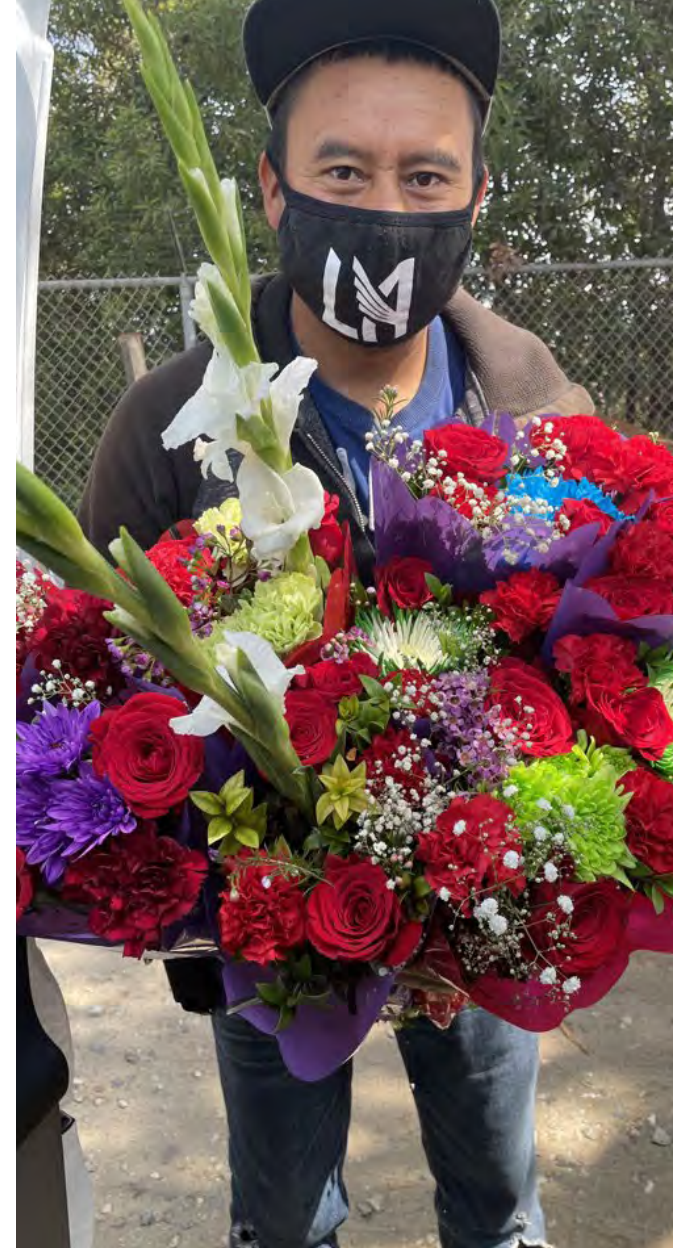
PETALS FOR PARENTS: HOW SHRYNE GROUP CELEBRATED MOTHER'S DAY

IN HONOR OF MOTHER'S DAY, SHRYNE GROUP WENT OUT INTO THE COMMUNITY TO BUY OUT STREET VENDORS' INVENTORY TO GIFT TO MOTHERS AT VARIOUS COMMUNITY CENTERS

On Mother's Day 2021, our team went to the outskirts of Los Angeles where multiple street vendors patiently waited to sell dozens of bouquets that had been freshly made that morning. We were able to visit multiple flower vendors who assumed we wanted to buy just one or two bouquets. Our team surprised each and every one of them by purchasing every last bouquet they had for sale, giving the vendors the opportunity to close shop early and spend the holiday with their own mothers.

Our first stop was to the Los Angeles House of Ruth (LAHR) which offers a safe and secure haven for homeless families, many of whom are homeless due to domestic violence. We were able to drop off a dozen bouquets for the mothers who were currently calling the House of Ruth their home.

Shryne Group also visited the Sakura Gardens at Los Angeles: a Pacifica senior living community where most residents celebrated Mother's Day alone during the pandemic due to COVID protocols. We then made one final visit to the Downtown Women's Center where we gifted the organization with the remaining bouquet of flowers—ensuring no flower was wasted, but given to all of the hardworking, kind-hearted, never forgotten mothers within our Los Angeles community. The STIIIZY team was grateful to experience the gift of giving while being able to bring a little cheer to both patients and mothers alike this Mother's Day—an experience they will never forget.



CONNECTING OUR UNHOUSED NEIGHBORS WITH MOVE-IN ESSENTIALS

SHRYNE GROUP JOINS CITY NET IN DONATING MOVE-IN KITS TO FAMILIES TRANSITIONING INTO PERMANENT HOUSING IN RIVERSIDE COUNTY

Everyone's journey to obtain housing is different.

The City Net Organization's mission is to break the cycle of homelessness in the communities they serve by connecting neighbors who are unhoused to transformative care and innovative housing solutions such as their easy to follow guides on assembly kits that are donated to the unhoused communities that they serve.

Shryne Group believes in transformative initiatives such as this and was able to donate 12 move-in kits and 4 new microwaves to City Net's Orange County headquarters to be distributed to the Riverside County unhoused community. Each move-in kit contained essentials

such as cleaning supplies, hygiene items, and first-home necessities such as pillows, sheets, and laundry baskets to name a few.

In addition to gathering donated assembly kits, City Net also walks side by side with clients to help them with the process of obtaining important documents such as birth certificates, which for most, have been lost while living unhoused. This is just one of many steps they take with their clients who eagerly want to work towards a more consistent and trusting housing option.

City Net works daily to help clients get there through innovation, collaboration methods, and commitment.



MOVE-IN KIT

SHRYNE GROUP PROVIDES TAILS FOR THE TROOPS

SHRYNE GROUP PARTNERS WITH A LOCAL NON-PROFIT TO PROVIDE SERVICE ANIMALS TO THOSE IN NEED

To commemorate Independence Day, Shryne Group has partnered with 4 Paws 4 Patriots to sponsor the training of two service dogs for U.S. Veteran Kimberly and retired first responder Cameron. Both individuals suffer from severe anxiety disorders, PTSD, and other psychological ailments. Looking for assistance that did not come in the form of medication-related solutions, Kimberly and Cameron found 4 Paws 4 Patriots and have had their lives transformed for the better.

Service dogs can cost upwards of thousands of dollars, making it difficult for veterans and first responders who can't afford them. 4 Paws 4 Patriots facilitates this process without asking for a penny in return. The payout: helping to improve their lives.

Since 1979, 4 Paws 4 Patriots has been dedicating time to train medical/psychiatric service dogs to change the lives of disabled U.S. veterans, first responders and their families. LeBlanc, having been a seasoned U.S. veteran himself, has seen first hand the power of what these animals can do in helping those suffering from debilitating physical and mental issues.



SHRYNE GROUP COMMUNITY COVID RESPONSE

SHRYNE GROUP DONATES PPE TO OVER 10 COMMUNITIES ACROSS CALIFORNIA

COVID-19 has had a devastating impact on communities across the Golden State. In early 2020, when the pandemic first started, many municipalities and organizations scrambled to find personal protective equipment (PPE) like masks, gloves, and hand sanitizer. A lot of people panicked. Fortunately, Shryne Group operates a vertically integrated cannabis company that has active farms and manufacturing facilities where PPE is regularly used. Long before the pandemic even began, Shryne Group continuously stocked items like this for our team's protection. Understanding the severity of the situation, Shryne Group proactively donated thousands of masks, gloves, face shields, and more to ten of our city partners to help protect their teams which included first responders and essential workers. The truth is, COVID-19 affects us all. The only way out of this pandemic is together.



COMMUNITY PARTNERS





JOBS & TAX REVENUE

SHRYNE GROUP CREATES LOCAL JOBS AND DRIVES TAX REVENUES

JOBS

- Shryne Group continues to expand as the organization has experienced more than 800% growth in 2020
- Unionized With The United Food And Commercial Workers (UFCW)
- Living Wages, Employer Funded Pension Plan & Best In Industry Benefits
- Local Job Fairs To Hire Local Residents

TAX REVENUE

- \$280m in Total For 2020 Revenue
- \$1.4m in Average City Sales Taxes in 2020 Fiscal Year
- \$9.2m in State Sales Taxes in 2020 Fiscal Year



MODERN AND OPEN FLOOR PLANS

WORLD CLASS SHOPPING EXPERIENCE

MURALS AND OTHER ART FROM LOCAL ARTISTS



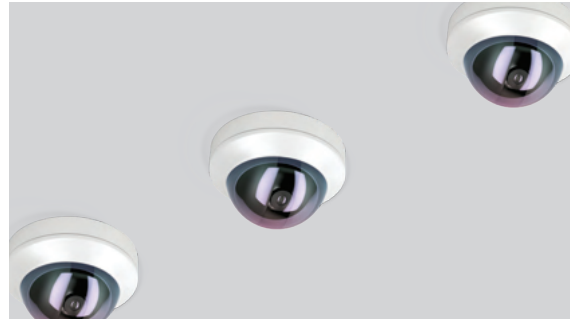
AVERAGE STORE REVENUE OF \$18 MILLION PER YEAR

SECURE ENVIRONMENT

The safety of our employees, customers, and communities is of paramount importance.



24 Hour Security Team



24/7 Monitored Video Surveillance



Two Step ID Check - Upon Entrance and Again at Checkout



Exterior Lighting is Installed to Enhance Safety Around the Area



No One Under 21 Admitted, Except 18 and Over Medical Marijuana Patients



Zero Tolerance for Nuisance Activities Such as Loitering, Smoking Or Cannabis Consumption on Our Premises and in the Surrounding Area

QUALITY & SAFETY

Shryne Group employs the most rigorous product testing standards to ensure we provide our customers with the highest quality products. Our products are tested by third-party, state licensed labs and do not contain fillers such as Vitamin E acetates or any other cutting agents.

How our products move through our cultivation and manufacturing facilities to our retail stores.



Cannabis flower from our cultivation facilities is initially tested by a third party testing lab for pesticides, cannabinoid content and more.



Flower is processed into oil at our manufacturing facilities and tested a second time for heavy metals, residual solvents, pesticides, foreign material and cannabinoid content.



The final product is tested a third and final time by a third party testing lab and issued a Certificate of Analysis.

AWARD WINNING



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EXECUTIVE TEAM



Brian Mitchell

Co-Founder & Chief Executive Officer

Brian is an accomplished entrepreneur with a successful track record in the construction and cannabis industries. His businesses currently employ hundreds of people in communities across California. Most recently, Brian led the vertical integration of Shryne Group, a cannabis holding company with roots in the Golden State, and licenses and operations that cover the full span of the largest legal cannabis market in the world. Today, Shryne Group is a profitable enterprise with unlimited potential.



James Kim

Co-Founder & Managing Officer

James is the creator of STIIIZY, one of the most popular and fastest growing vaporizer brands in cannabis today. James is a known innovator in the space, credited with advancements in electronic cannabis oil delivery systems that has put the award winning STIIIZY brand ahead of its competitors. Previously, James helped launch Kilo, an independent vaporizer brand known for its popular flavoring formulas. James is an Army veteran and served a 13-month combat tour in Iraq.



Tak Sato

Chief Development Officer

Tak has extensive experience in acquisitions and licensing in the cannabis industry. Prior to joining Shryne Group, he led retail expansion for one of the leading brands in the industry, acquiring over 40 retail licenses through M&A transactions and competitive processes. Tak has structured and closed over \$700 million in cannabis related transactions. He is a licensed attorney in California and represented numerous Fortune 100 companies at Latham & Watkins in Los Angeles and Morrison & Foerster in Tokyo.



Jennifer Arteaga

Northern California District Manager

Jennifer Arteaga started her career at Shryne Group as an entry-level sales associate in 2018. Today, she is the Head of Retail for Northern California which currently consists of San Francisco, Alameda, Davis and Modesto. Jennifer manages a team of General Store Managers and supervises every aspect of retail operations from human resources, compliance, product offerings, union relationships, community benefits and more.



Darrell Nichols

Security Manager

Darrell Nichols has been in the security industry for over 15 years. Prior to joining Shryne Group, he served as the Director of Security for Queensland Investment Corporation as a member of their Global Real Estate portfolio team. Darrell has also assisted in opening and stepping up the security program of the Meyer and Renee Luskin Conference Center. Darrell is a veteran of the United States Navy, serving as a Military Police Officer, as well as a member of the Nuclear Weapons Security Team, protecting our nation's vital assets.





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Santee School District

SCHOOLS

Cajon Park
Carlton Hills
Carlton Oaks
Chet F. Harritt STEAM
Hill Creek
Pepper Drive
PRIDE Academy
at Prospect Avenue
Rio Seco
Sycamore Canyon
Alternative
Success Program

July 1, 2021

The Honorable Mayor Minto and City Council
10601 Magnolia Avenue
Santee, California 92071

Subject: Cannabis Businesses in Santee

Dear Mayor Minto and City Council:

On behalf of the nearly 7,000 Santee School District students we serve, and their families, we are requesting Santee City Council involve our district and the Santee Collaborative prior to making any decisions on future local ballot measures regarding cannabis-related businesses in Santee.

We recognize that AB 1356 threatens local control and decision-making. We also understand there is a slight majority in favor of legalized marijuana based on voter turnout for Proposition 64. However, there is ample access to cannabis in surrounding cities and we ask you to take this into consideration.

As you are aware, your actions will greatly impact our community, especially our youth. As educators, we are concerned about our students having increased accessibility to cannabis and would like to have a voice to share our perspective.

Thank you for your consideration. We look forward to partnering with you to keep our students and city safe.

Sincerely,

Barbara Ryan
President

Elana Levens-Craig
Vice President

Dianne El-Hajj
Clerk

Ken Fox
Member

Dustin Burns
Member

Dr. Kristin Baranski
District Superintendent

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CITY OF SANTEE

From: [Peggy Walker](#)
To: [John Minto](#); [Rob McNelis](#); [Laura Koval](#); [Ronn Hall](#); [Dustin Trotter](#)
Subject: Please vote NO
Date: Wednesday, August 11, 2021 3:55:16 PM

Dear Councilmen:

As stewards of this land, how it's used, and how we live, I urge you to vote no tonight on allowing marijuana businesses in Santee. Please maintain the quality of life residents now enjoy and avoid the negative issues confronting by cities that have approved these businesses, and are trying to pull back.

Among the most critical reasons for a no vote is to avoid the sale of edibles and drinkables with alarmingly high THC potency, which is unregulated, misunderstood and used without caution or appropriate consideration of the effects. Today's cannabis is engineered to produce unprecedented THC levels, creating havoc in states like Colorado where elected officials are desperately calling for caps on THC potency.

Today's high potency products are resulting in alarming rises in ER admissions, addiction, psychotic episodes, paranoia, psychosis and related violent crime, suicide, respiratory depression, and heart problems among other illnesses that are taxing the medical and treatment communities.

UCSD School of Medicine, AAA, and the CA Department of Traffic Control warn that high potency products are driving increased DUIs, injuries and traffic fatalities.

At the very least, approving sales **without any potency limits** is reckless and against public interest.

Please see the item below from the American Addiction Centers. It is just one explanation of the risks of high potency THC use.

Regards,
Peggy Walker
Analyst and Public Health Advocate,
Friends for Crime Free Streets

[The Real Risks & Side Effects of Edibles](#)/ American Addiction Centers

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Unknown Potency

The amount of THC is difficult to measure and is often unknown in many edibles. Regulations and quality assurance regarding the determination of THC content and product labeling are generally lacking, and as a result the dosage estimation for many edibles is often inaccurate.³ Consequently, many products contain significantly more THC than labeled and people who consume these edibles can be caught off-guard by their strength and [long-lasting effects](#).⁴

Long-Lasting Effects

The effects of marijuana edibles last much longer than smoking, usually up to several hours depending on the amount of THC consumed, the amount and types of the last food eaten, and other drugs or alcohol used at the same time.²

Delayed Onset and High Potential for Overdose

Perhaps the most prominent difference between smoking marijuana and eating edibles is the delayed onset of effects associated with edibles. Whereas the [effects of marijuana](#) usually occur within minutes of smoking, it can take between 30 minutes to 2 hours to experience the effects from edibles.⁵ This delay can result in some people consuming a greater than intended amount of drug before it has taken effect. Marijuana overdose is also referred to as acute marijuana intoxication.⁶ Research has shown that edibles are the form of marijuana consumption most likely to lead to emergency room visits for marijuana overdose, and the authors of at least one study believe that this is due to the failure of users to fully understand the delayed effects of these products.⁷

Serious Negative Side Effects

The symptoms associated with eating highly potent edibles are often much more severe than the symptoms experienced after smoking marijuana. According to Dr. Nora Volkow, the current director of the National Institute on Drug Abuse, edibles are now being associated with “medical complications that we never knew were associated with marijuana”.⁸ Some of the more adverse effects associated with the consumption of edibles include:^{1,9}

- Drowsiness.
- Confusion.
- Vomiting.
- Anxiety and panic attacks.
- Agitation.
- Psychotic episodes.
- Hallucinations.
- Paranoia.
- Impaired motor ability.
- Respiratory depression.
- Heart problems (ranging from irregular heartbeat to heart attack).

Increased Likelihood to Cause Self-Harm or Hurt Others

Due to the delayed onset and uncertain potency of edibles, many people who use these products may unintentionally consume excessively high amounts of THC. One of the consequences of taking in too much of the drug too quickly is users can become violent or unaware of their actions. These individuals may exhibit self-harming behaviors or hurt others while in this state, behaviors that they likely never would have engaged in while sober. There have been several tragic incidents caused by unusual and risky behaviors stemming from the consumption of edibles. One man, while on a family ski trip, shot himself in the head hours after ingesting a number of marijuana-laced candies.¹⁰ Another man, while on a spring break trip with college friends, plummeted to his death after jumping off his 4th floor hotel room balcony mere hours after consuming a marijuana cookie.¹¹ Another man was recently sentenced to 30 years in prison for the fatal shooting of his wife.¹² Prior to her death, the wife had called 911 out of concern for the erratic behavior and hallucinations that her husband was experiencing after eating marijuana-laced candies.

From: [Rebecca Rapp](#)
To: [John Minto](#); [Rob McNelis](#); [Laura Koval](#); [Ronn Hall](#); [Dustin Trotter](#)
Subject: Regarding item 12 on tonight's Agenda
Date: Wednesday, August 11, 2021 3:45:19 PM

Good evening Mayor Minto and city council representatives. I write to you today because I'm unable to appear in person at tonight's meeting but would like to voice my deep concern with item #12. In California, people with vaping-related lung disease are admitted to the hospital because of their breathing problems, and 30% of those people are treated with a mechanical ventilator, or "life support," in the intensive care unit (ICU).

Teenagers and young adults make up almost half of the people hospitalized with breathing problems from vaping in California.

In California marijuana vaping products are supposed to be tested before being sold, however there are very few testing facilities in CA due to the lack of profit potential. It's estimated that only between 7-10% of marijuana vaping products are tested. Testing when it occurs includes a variety of chemicals, pesticides, microbial impurities, and heavy metals.

Almost all people with lung damage from vaping say that they vaped or "dabbed" the cannabis products THC and CBD in cartridges, waxes, oils, and other forms.

Expanding manufacturing facilities when there is not adequate testing is a mistake especially when there is life saving research going on. A delay would allow the City Council to proceed with abundance of caution for their citizens.

Thank you.

Becky Rapp