

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

FROM: Annette Ortiz, CMC, City Clerk

DATE: February 9, 2022

SUBJ: Updated Council Meeting Materials – February 9, 2022

NON-AGENDA PUBLIC COMMENT:

The attached correspondence for Non-Agenda Public Comment was received and is provided for your consideration.



From: [Rebecca Rapp](#)
To: [Clerk Info](#)
Subject: Non-Agenda Public Comment
Date: Wednesday, February 9, 2022 2:27:52 PM

Good evening, mayor Minto and Santee city council, I'm writing to you as I cannot attend in person tonight, my name is Becky Rapp, I'm a parent and public health educator. I wanted to share with you some information from IASIC, The international Academy on the Science and Impact of Cannabis. IASIC is an organization of international experts on cannabis who are guided by medicine and science to provide accurate and honest information. Dr. Shannon Murphy presented on marijuana and the pediatric patient.

She explains how the psychosocial screening is an essential part of the adolescent medical visit. Recent changes in marijuana laws around the country have impacted adolescent views on marijuana. Teens' perception of harm regarding marijuana use has decreased. Marijuana now surpasses tobacco use for many young people.

It's crucial health experts and Health departments understand the negative effects marijuana use can have on the adolescent and know what topics to address during a medical visit.

I recently purchased cookies at local cookie shop called Cookie Plug that my family visits frequently. I noticed they had smaller cookies of popular flavors for sale. I was shocked to learn they were CBD infused. Being advertised as the "therapeutic" cookie in 12 flavors baked fresh daily. Medical claims were also listed as possible benefits, pain relief, inflammation relief, anxiety relief, depression relief and more.

This prime example of normalization of marijuana products not only decreases the perception of harm to adolescents but to young children. Elementary aged children who are curious of flavors when buying cookies at a local cookie shop.

I urge you to listen to Dr. Shannon Murphy as our children are in trouble. Prevention messaging is needed more now than ever before. CBD infused cookies at a local family frequented cookie store is sending the message of normalcy and decreasing the perception of harm. Please help educate families in our city making them your number one priority.

Thank you