

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

FROM: Annette Ortiz, CMC, City Clerk

DATE: May 25, 2022

SUBJ: Updated Council Meeting Materials – May 25, 2022

NON-AGENDA PUBLIC COMMENT:

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



From: Barbara Gordon

Sent: Wednesday, May 25, 2022 7:33 AM

To: John Minto; Rob McNelis; Laura Koval; Ronn Hall; Dustin Trotter

Subject: Non-agenda Public Comment

Dear City Council Members,

As the California legal cannabis market matures and expands, there is an urgent need for more clear, accurate and comprehensive health information for California cannabis consumers.

CA SB 1097 The Cannabis Right to Know Act was just passed by the Senate Appropriations Committee and moved to the Senate Floor.

This bill requires labels that effectively communicate key health warning messages on mental health, edible absorption, driving, use during pregnancy, and other clearly established risks by requiring that they be clearly visible and appear on the front of pack and on any advertisements.

If passed the bill will provide accurate, visible, and science-based health and safer-use information. 83% of Americans think that where cannabis is legal, labels should help them identify safe, legal products.

Awareness of the harms of cannabis is already low and continues to decline. Lack of public awareness of the health risks by CA teens age 12 to 17 has increased significantly.

Use during adolescence is especially risky to the developing brain, and particularly use of higher THC content products.

I would encourage the city to write a letter of support for SB 1097 for the health, safety and welfare of all residents.

Thank you,

Barbara Gordon

From: [Rebecca Rapp](#)
To: [Clerk Info](#); [Dustin Trotter](#); [John Minto](#); [Laura Koval](#); [Ronn Hall](#); [Rob McNelis](#)
Subject: Public Comment 5-25-22 - May is Mental Health Awareness Month
Date: Wednesday, May 25, 2022 4:41:31 PM

Good evening, Mayor Minto and council members, I'm writing as I cannot attend in person tonight. My name is Becky Rapp, I'm a parent to three teens and a youth group mentor. With May being Mental Health Awareness Month, I'd like to bring to your attention the unprecedented number of youth facing mental health challenges. According to the American Academy of Child & Adolescent Psychology, over 5,200 young people commit suicide each year.

We as adults have to ask ourselves why the staggering numbers, and what we can do to prevent them from rising?

It's been shown that marijuana use among teens and young adults doubles their risk of developing depression and anxiety.

Marijuana has been marketed to young people as an acceptable option for treating anxiety when in fact credible scientific journals show the exact opposite. This type of misinformation is showing life and death results among our young people. Statistics show that daily marijuana users reported having frequent suicidal thoughts. Other negative effects include impaired thinking, lower life satisfaction, poor school performance, and anti-social behavior associated with major depressive disorder.

A recent article in the wall street journal titled "Talking to Teens About Cannabis Gummies as Use Booms" discusses the excessive levels of THC in edible products. According to the article, Candy like marijuana products have become the main way of getting high for teens. Schools and doctors say that teens are getting high at school on these candies as well as cookies containing THC. Products such as these are significantly compounding mental health challenges.

Please recognize your responsibility to protect youth from the realities of marijuana use and its significant negative effect on mental health.

Thank you