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Re: Opposing CCBP #22-02R

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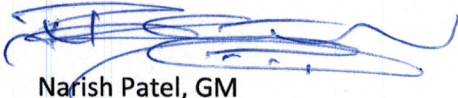
We are the undersigned residents/property owner here to oppose the location of the Cannabis Dispensary in our neighborhood and respectfully request the Merced Planning Commission and City Council to consider not allowing any Cannabis Dispensaries to open within a 1-mile radius of any public or private school in Merced. Furthermore, we vehemently oppose the proposal to open a Cannabis Dispensary at 1111 Motel drive Merced as hundreds of Golden Valley HS students pass through this area to and from school.

Opening the new dispensary in our neighborhood area may cause rising gang activity, public substance abuse violations involving marijuana usage as well along with other incidents of serious crime activity provide challenges for many of our neighborhoods and our young people. We are opposed to cannabis dispensary being considered near our neighborhood as they would undermine the safety and wellbeing of our young generation and their families.

The new dispensary will bring unwanted high traffic to the area which will create new headache for our lodging customers due to lack of infrastructure on the Motel drive there is no side walk, no street light and ADA none compliance sidewalk and streets, no Block wall in between the motel drive and highway so it will be very dangerous for the pedestrians to walk the street and such business could draw more attention from the Law enforcement which is not something our tourists like to see when visiting Merced. It makes them feel unsafe.

At the closing we urge the Merced City planning commission not to consider such permit CCBP#22-02R at 1111 Motel drive in Merced currently.

Thank you!



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