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*City of Merced*

**MEMORANDUM**

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**DATE:** September 5, 2018  
**TO:** Planning Commission  
**FROM:** Kim Espinosa, Planning Manager  
**SUBJECT:** Availability of Commercial Cannabis Business Permit Applications for  
Dispensaries/Retail Sales

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The City has recently released the rankings for the Commercial Cannabis Business Permits for Dispensaries/Retail Sales, including the top four applications which will have public hearings before the Planning Commission on Tuesday, September 18, and Wednesday, September 19, 2018 (Attachment A). There were 22 complete applications that were considered by the City's Selection Committee (see map at Attachment B).

Prior to the Planning Commission public hearings, the City is making redacted copies of all 22 dispensary applications available to the Planning Commission and the public. City Staff is strongly recommending that all the Planning Commission members review all the applications prior to the public hearings on September 18 and 19, 2018. Personal, sensitive information, such as social security numbers, home addresses and phone numbers, bank account numbers and information, Live Scan forms, Driver's Licenses, etc., have been redacted from the copies by City Staff.

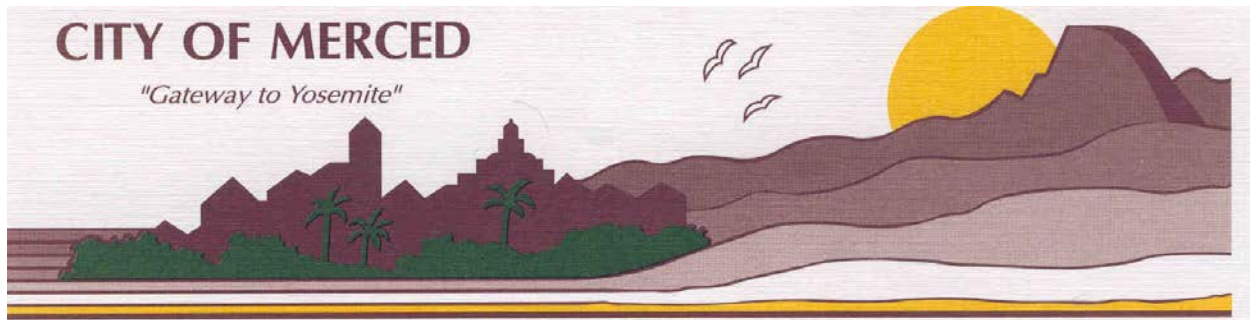
Only 1 printed copy of each application is available, so the applications must be reviewed at the Planning Department offices on the 2<sup>nd</sup> floor of the Merced Civic Center. To review the printed copies, you must call our office at 209-385-6858 and arrange a time to view them during our regular business hours. We have set aside a private area where the copies can be reviewed. These copies will be available starting on Thursday, September 6, 2018.

We realize that it is inconvenient for Planning Commission members and members of the public to have to come to our offices to review these documents, so Planning staff is working diligently to scan all the redacted copies so we can make them available on CD-ROM. However, these CD's may not be available by September 6. Once these CD's are available, each Planning Commission member will receive a CD. Members of the public will be able to purchase a CD for a nominal cost, generally \$5.

At the public hearings on September 18 and 19, the Planning Commission will receive detailed staff reports and presentations on the top 4 recommended applications as well as a brief summary of the other applications received.

Attachments

- A) Announcement regarding Cannabis Dispensary Application Rankings
- B) Map of Dispensary Application Locations



August 30, 2018

**Subject: City Announces Cannabis Dispensary Application Rankings**

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Dear Commercial Cannabis Business Permit Applicant,

Thank you all for submitting an application for a Commercial Cannabis Business Permit for a Dispensary (Retail Sales). The City Selection Committee has completed its review of all applications and the following announcement was released to the media today:

“The City of Merced received 22 complete applications for retail cannabis dispensaries in March 2018. Only four dispensaries may be approved under the City’s cannabis ordinance. The Planning Commission has already approved 10 cannabis business permits for manufacturing, cultivation, and distribution operations.

A Selection Committee of City Manager Steve Carrigan, Police Chief Chris Goodman and Director of Development Services Scott McBride reviewed the applications and scored them based on criteria established by the City Council.

All the proposed business owners were subject to a detailed background check by the Police Department.

A total score of 100 points was possible for each application. Points were awarded based on non-discretionary facts, such as public/neighborhood outreach programs, parking, business hours, previous experience and qualifications of the owners, access to capital, inclusion of certain safety features and local residency. There were 29 points awarded at the discretion of the Selection Committee based on enhanced security measures, community benefits, and other outstanding features above the minimum requirements of the applications.

The total scores of the reviewers were divided by three for an average score. The applications were ranked based on that average score.

The top four applications will be scheduled for public hearings before the Planning Commission at 7 p.m. on Tuesday, Sept. 18 and Wednesday, Sept. 19 in the Council Chambers on the second floor of the Merced Civic Center (City Hall), 678 W. 18<sup>th</sup> St.

For more information about this announcement, please contact the City Planning Division at 209-385-6858.

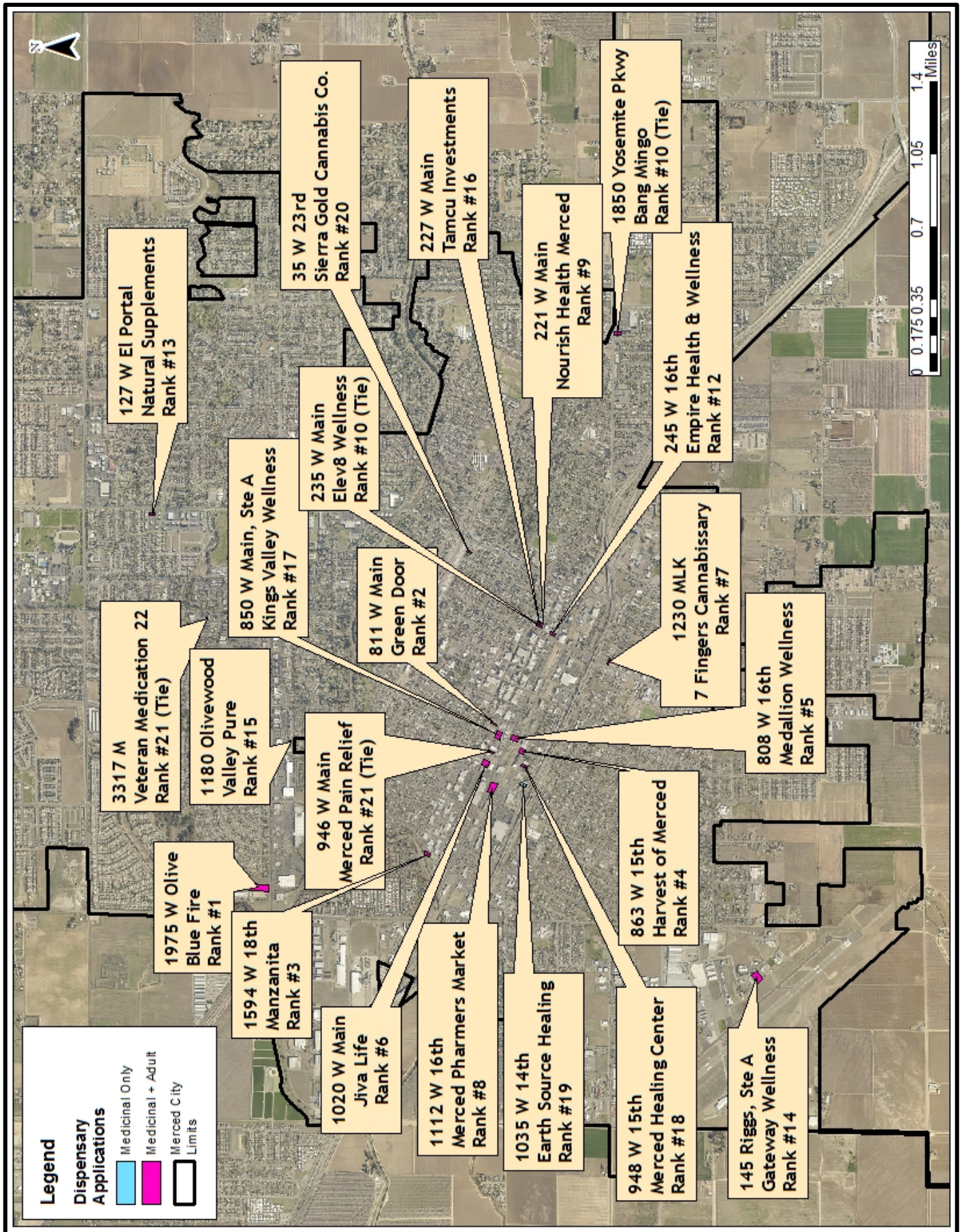


The scores and rankings are as follows:

<u>Commercial Cannabis Business Permit Applications for Dispensaries</u>	<u>TOTAL SCORE</u>	<u>AVERAGE SCORE</u>	<u>RANKING</u>
CCBP #18-06R ("Blue Fire") at 1975 W Olive Ave	295	98.333	1
CCBP #18-10R ("Green Door") at 811 W Main St	292	97.333	2
CCBP #18-17R ("Manzanita") at 1594 W 18 <sup>th</sup> St	289	96.333	3
CCBP #18-14R ("Harvest of Merced") at 863 W 15 <sup>th</sup> St	285	95.000	4
CCBP #18-21R ("Medallion Wellness") at 808 W 16th St	269	89.667	5
CCBP #18-30R ("Jiva Life") at 1020 W Main St	255	85.000	6
CCBP #18-22R ("7 Fingers Cannabissary") at 1220-30 Martin Luther King Jr Wy	254	84.667	7
CCBP #18-11R ("Merced Pharms Market") at 1112 W 16th St	246	82.000	8
CCBP #18-29R ("Nourish Health Merced") at 221 W Main St	244	81.333	9
CCBP #18-08R ("Bang Mingo") at 1850 Yosemite Pkwy	240	80.000	10 (Tie)
CCBP #18-05R ("Elev8 Wellness") at 235 W Main St	240	80.000	10 (Tie)
CCBP #18-13R ("Empire Health & Wellness") at 245 W 16th St	224	74.667	12
CCBP #18-09R ("Natural Supplements") at 127 W El Portal Dr	216	72.000	13
CCBP #18-07R ("Gateway Wellness") at 145 Riggs, Ste A	213	71.000	14
CCBP #18-25R ("Valley Pure") at 1180 Olivewood Ave	202	67.333	15
CCBP #18-26R ("Tamcu Investments") at 227 W Main St	201	67.000	16
CCBP #18-23R ("Kings Valley Wellness") at 850 W Main, Ste A	199	66.333	17
CCBP #18-12R ("Merced Healing Center") at 948 W 15 <sup>th</sup> St	187	62.333	18
CCBP #18-24R ("Earth Source Healing") at 1035 W 14 <sup>th</sup> St	179	59.667	19
CCBP #18-16R ("Sierra Gold Cannabis Co.") at 35 W 23 <sup>rd</sup> St	168	56.000	20
CCBP #18-20R ("Veteran Medication 22") at 3317 M St	157	52.333	21 (Tie)
CCBP #18-18R ("Merced Pain Relief") at 946 W Main St	157	52.333	21 (Tie)

The Following application was disqualified:

CCBP #18-15R ("Aleafiate") at 1471 Yosemite Pkwy	213	71.000	DQ
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ATTACHMENT B