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Dear Mayor Sotelo-Solis, Vice Mayor Rodriguez, and Councilmembers Bush, Morrison and Rios,

I am submitting this letter to express my support for cannabis reform that provides access to licensed, tested, and safe cannabis in National City. This includes retail operations, lounges, and all of the other businesses in the cannabis supply chain.

My name is Cathy Bliss and I am the Director of Community Outreach for Mankind Cannabis - a legally licensed dispensary in San Diego.

I have learned over the years that it is important to have access. That more zones are better than less because of sensitive uses and lack of property availability.

National City wants to protect its citizens from unsafe and dangerous products sold in un-licensed shops and also you want to receive the tax revenue from the legal stores.

I want to share with you a well done investigative news piece by Jennifer Kastner of Channel 10 about the vape exchange that we did last year. Mankind Dispensary and Platinum Vape offered a vape exchange for a few days in which people could bring us their vape cartridges and then get a safe legal Platinum Vape for a nominal charge. Then the turned-in cartridges went to a legal lab: Infinite Cal and they evaluated the illegal vape cartridges. The news story is well done and here is the link <https://www.10news.com/news/team-10/san-diego-lab-says-almost-80-of-cannabis-vape-cartridges-are-unfit-for-consumption>

Here are 2 articles on our vape exchange:  
Articles on ‘Vape Exchange’

**Politico “shocking results when testing vapes**  
<https://drive.google.com/file/d/1cgFsg6gbGcgjds5FkpR4g7r1iEUWI13N/view>  
**Ganjapreneur** <https://www.ganjapreneur.com/california-lab-finds-80-of-illicit->

[vape-cartridges-are-tainted/](#)

Please review the TV news story and the 2 articles and you will clearly see why you want to have some legal dispensaries in National City.

I am happy to help you and you may email me or phone me.

blessings,

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