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**To:** [Public Comment](#)  
**Subject:** Cannabis Workshop  
**Date:** Monday, November 1, 2021 5:49:07 PM

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**DIANA MARTINEZ**

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I am a Member of the Resident Leadership Academy for San Diego County and I am interested in the equity program. I was on a committee similar to this that I belonged to in the past that unfortunately didn't make it. I am interested in how to be part of helping educate and being part of the lottery for the program. We need this to move to the next phase and it takes a village. Thank You, DIana Martinez

**ROBERT VALDERRAMA**

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**From:** ROBERT VALDERRAMA [REDACTED]  
**Date:** November 2, 2021 at 11:13:24 AM PDT  
**To:** publiccomments@cityofnationalcityca.gov  
**Subject:** Cannabis workshop

That you for proving the opportunity to make comments regarding today's cannabis workshop.

The following are my brief comments:

- 1- Social equity is very important for the City. In order to make a major impact with social equity 2 of the 6 proposed licenses should be issued to applications with National City residents as part of the ownership group. More value should be given in the evaluation process with the applications having higher local ownership interest .
- 2- A minimum of 5 years residency should be require of all local ownership applications. With the passing of Prop 64 this demonstrates that residence were residing in the city before legalized commercial cannabis was voted for.
- 3- Local ownership applications should be rewarded for demonstrating past social equity benefits (volunteering, donations, community work, community awards)
- 4- A minimum of 50% of all hires should be National City residents with a living wage.
- 5- Due to extremely limited qualified real estate parcels being available within the City authorized cannabis zone has resulted in landlords to raise rent requirements 4 to 5 times the market rate for qualified parcels thus putting local ownerships at a extreme disadvantage in competing with outside applicants who are extremely well capitalized.

Dukie Valderrama.

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Written Public Comment

Tuesday, November 2, 2021 1:24:05 PM

**BARBARA GORDON**

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Dear City Council,

I'm a youth group mentor and I know that youth are products of their environment. I want to express my concerns with the City Council as it moves to commercialize marijuana.

Research tells us marijuana is both addictive and harmful to the human brain, especially when used as an adolescent. Marijuana use is associated with a six-fold risk of suicide and five-fold risk of developing psychosis. According to the CA Healthy Kids Survey marijuana use is at an all-time high with our teens.

Substance abuse is the biggest indicator for academic failure. As Elected officials you could be contributing to this risk to our youth as you consider allowing marijuana businesses that normalized marijuana use. It's frustrating when policymakers ignore the evidence-based research regarding the harms of marijuana, primarily by those who stand to profit from it.

I urge you to rethink your policies that favor the predatory practices of the marijuana industries. The community wants businesses that make the neighborhoods clean and safe and policies that protect our teens mental and physical health.

Thanks,

Barbara Gordon

**NANCY ESTOLANO**

**From:** [REDACTED]  
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I would like to add that while we want the 6 cannabis businesses approved to hire and train local citizens and be involved in our community it is important to give preference to local National City business owners not just residents. Many of us have lived in National City but do not currently and we are well trained in providing jobs and sustainable businesses to the community. We are members of the Chamber of Commerce as well as local organizations like the rotary, lyons club, the historic society.

thanks nancy