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## Fwd: Marijuana Dispensary - Mercer Rd

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Hi,

I trust that you and the board of selectmen will ***not*** take the following points raised by Gary Holmes under consideration unless they are backed up by any data that supports his claims.

1. How exactly is a medical cannabis dispensary "extremely detrimental" to bringing more bio/life science and tech companies to this office park? Is there any data to show that medical cannabis dispensaries have had negative impacts on other businesses anywhere else? What does the data show about the positive benefits to a community?
2. How exactly is a medical cannabis dispensary a "major detriment" to the Park? And is it a "major" or an "extreme" detriment as he claims in his first point?
3. Why would you ***not*** have a medical cannabis dispensary across the street from a world class World War II museum? Would you not have a CVS across the street from a world class World War II museum? Also, is this museum now operating with public hours? Last I checked it is only open by appointment. How is there any relevance to this?
4. How exactly does having a medical cannabis dispensary have "major negative implications" for retaining and recruiting tech companies and what are said "major negative implications"? I can guarantee you that many of the employees at bio/life science companies are medical cannabis patients and the companies in this office park will likely find that having a medical cannabis dispensary nearby would be a draw for prospective employees.
5. Okaay... Plenty of other buildings around for more tech companies. Perhaps we should kick out the Parole Board and the Swim Gym and the "world class World War II museum" and the Minuteman Library to make room for more bio/life science firms. If I ran a pizza shop I would "like" to have an ice cream shop and a movie theatre nearby. What is his point?
6. On what facts does Mr. Holmes base his assertion that property values will decline? In fact, a recent study just found that neighborhoods in California where medical cannabis dispensaries were closed saw an increase in crime rates.

It seems to me that Mr. Holmes has not educated himself on what the latest medical science has to tell us about cannabis and it's relationship to the health of the human body. Everything in his email reflects a knee-jerk reaction to decades old anti-cannabis propaganda and should be dismissed as such unless actual data is provided to support his wild claims.

Thank you.

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Jack Jackson

Subject: Marijuana Dispensary - Mercer Rd  
From: Garry Holmes Wed, Jul 5, 2017 at 2:11 PM  
To: "[jerrickson@natickma.org](mailto:jerrickson@natickma.org)"

Jamie,

As a follow-up to our discussion, I hope you and the board of selectmen will take the following points under consideration:

1. For the last 5 years I have participated on economic development discussions with the Town and their consultants with a focus on bringing more bio/life science and tech companies to this Park and E Natick Parks - this is extremely detrimental to any of those objectives.
2. A dispensary for medical marijuana is a major detriment to the Park even if approved without a recreational component.
3. How do you have a new world class World War II museum with a dispensary across the street.
4. Major negative implications for retaining and recruiting tech companies.
5. Bio/life and tech companies want to be around other exciting cutting edge companies.
6. Property values will decline. Owners will be concerned about making major capital investments.

I welcome the opportunity to discuss this further when I return from California.

Thanks for your consideration.

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From: **Jack Jaxson** <[publicpersona515@gmail.com](mailto:publicpersona515@gmail.com)>

Date: Mon, Jul 24, 2017 at 12:08 PM

Subject: Re: Marijuana Dispensary - Mercer Rd

To: [jerrickson@natickma.org](mailto:jerrickson@natickma.org)

Mr. Errickson,

Here is another example of a business making claims with no supporting documentation or evidence.

"We feel strongly that a marijuana facility will create a vacuum that will force these to go down."

I am sorry they "feel" this way but on what do they base these feelings? Are they based on anything other than 80 years of racially-motivated, anti-cannabis propaganda?

If so, I certainly support their ability to have an opportunity to provide input into the process but again, I trust that the board will not simply allow fear-based rhetoric to sway this important decision.

Thank you.

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Jack Jackson

Subject: Marijuana Dispensary - Mercer Rd

From: Gary Kaufman Sun, Jul 9, 2017 at 2:28 PM

To: [jerrickson@natickma.org](mailto:jerrickson@natickma.org)

Cc: RNIR , Paul Joseph

Mr Errickson,

It has come to our attention that the town is considering a medical marijuana facility in the Natick Business Park. As you may know we (SBH Sciences) have been in the business park for 20 years. About three years ago we made a large investment in 27 Strathmore, creating ABI Lab, a Bio-Tech Incubator now housing over 15 growing companies. Likely as a result of our confidence and large investment along with other factors, some other Life Science and Technology companies have also made large investments and have expanded in the park. These financial and time investments are beginning to bear fruit in the business park and the town. Job creation and property valuations are both dramatically rising as a result. We feel strongly that a marijuana facility will create a vacuum that will force these to go down. If the board feels the best place for the medical marijuana facility is the business park we feel strongly the owners of the park properties should have input. In addition, any approval must have a 100% restriction that the facility can't ever be for recreational marijuana.

We ask the board to carefully consider the decision to allow zoning of these facilities in the park. Thank you for your attention to this matter.

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