

November 6, 2014

Additional e-mails received regarding Medical
Marijuana Dispensary

November 4, 2014

Village Board President and Trustees of Lombard
255 E. Wilson
Lombard, Illinois 60148

Re: Proposed Medicinal Dispensary

Dear Mr. President and Trustees,

I would like to comment on the proposed location of the medicinal dispensary to be located at the NEC of 22nd street and Fairfield Avenue which was recently approved by the Planning Commission. I have reviewed how other communities are handling this matter and it appears all have the same concern as I do. **SAFETY.** Many communities such as Addison, Westmont, Willowbrook, Glenview, Wheaton, Naperville, and Villa Park, to name a few, have basically made the decision that if this type of business is going to be located in their community, it will need to be located in an industrial or manufacturing area. The proposed location is zoned office but if you review an aerial of this area, you would have to conclude the neighborhood is heavily related to residential. More than 1000 residents are located within ½ mile of this location which includes townhomes, apartments, condominiums and single family homes.

The proposed location is certainly questionable not only as to the safety of our residential neighborhood to the north, but also to the thousands of shoppers who visit the Yorktown Mall area to the south.

In summary, I am strongly opposed to having a medical dispensary located at the NEC of 22nd street and Fairfield Avenue due to the safety and risk it presents to the residents, adjacent office tenants, and shoppers in the immediate area. Please do what other communities are proposing. If you must approve a medicinal dispensary, please have it located in an industrial park setting where traffic is minimal and where the safety of the residents, tenants, and shoppers are not at issue.

Sincerely,

Gerald Eberhardt
535 Rosebud Avenue South
Lombard, Illinois 60148

Bauer, Carol

From: Ann Noonan <ann.noonan@hotmail.com>
Sent: Tuesday, November 04, 2014 4:42 PM
To: Giagnorio, Keith; Whittington, Dan; Fugiel, Mike; Foltyniewicz, Reid; Breen, Peter; Fitzpatrick, Laura; Ware, William; Niehaus, Scott
Subject: Medical Cannabis Distribution Center

Ladies and Gentlemen:

It has come to our attention that the Village of Lombard Planning Commission recently approved the location of a Medical Cannabis Distribution Center at 510 E. 22nd Street--less than 2000 feet away from Montini Catholic High School. As the parents of a student at Montini, we are deeply concerned about the close proximity of the proposed center to the school for reasons explained below.

First, although the State of Illinois claims that the medical cannabis program is a "tightly controlled" 4-year pilot program, people can always find ways to abuse things. There are any number of ways in which students could obtain unauthorized possession of marijuana, whether it be through a registered friend, a willing doctor, or replacement of a "lost" registry identification card. Just as minors gain access to alcohol and pornography in spite of "controls," we would fully expect that any student from the school could find a way to gain access to marijuana at the center if they so desired.

WE ARE DEEPLY CONCERNED BECAUSE THE CLOSE PROXIMITY OF THE CENTER TO THE SCHOOL WOULD MAKE BOTH THE TEMPTATION OF USING AND THE POSSIBILITY OF ACCESSING MARIJUANA A MUCH GREATER LIKELIHOOD.

Despite claims of the safety and medical benefits of marijuana, the reality is that marijuana is a dangerous drug. Marijuana causes brain damage and smoking it is harmful to the lungs. Frequent marijuana use can seriously affect short-term memory, impair cognitive ability, and cause long-term psychosis (depression, anxiety). Perhaps worst of all, because of its addictive nature, marijuana often leads to other dangerous drugs such as cocaine, heroin, and LSD. It is with good reason that federal law still classifies marijuana with the most addictive and illegal drugs.

WE ASK THAT YOU PLEASE SERIOUSLY RECONSIDER THE RECENTLY APPROVED LOCATION FOR THE CENTER. SUCH CLOSE PROXIMITY TO THE SCHOOL PRESENTS A GREAT DANGER TO THE HEALTH AND WELL-BEING OF THE STUDENTS.

Even if you are of the opinion that the location of the center is safe because the program is "tightly controlled," please keep in mind that there are already plans by the state to expand qualifying conditions for the use of medical cannabis to include **children** with epilepsy and other seizure disorders. Additionally, the Illinois Dept. of Public Health is currently developing a process for considering petitions to add medical conditions to the already long list of qualifying conditions. Also, the laws can easily change, so one must consider the possibility that one day, Illinois might legalize marijuana completely, for anyone and for any reason. Do we really want a medical cannabis distribution center in our backyard, threatening the welfare of our children and communities?

Please seriously consider our concerns and the possibility of disallowing the currently approved location of the Medical Cannabis Distribution Center.

Respectfully yours,

Walt & Ann Noonan

Bauer, Carol

From: anne lipira <findingegret1@gmail.com>
Sent: Wednesday, November 05, 2014 3:35 AM
To: Foltyniewicz, Reid
Cc: Giagnorio, Keith; Whittington, Dan; Fugiel, Mike; Breen, Peter; Fitzpatrick, Laura; Ware, William
Subject: Please support community and vote no to the medical cannabis dispensary at 510 E. 22nd Street
Attachments: IMG_0272.JPG; DOC.pdf; Fairfield Court Association.doc

Dear Reid,

Thank you so much for listening to the community's concerns about the location of the cannabis dispensary at 510 E. 22nd Street.

As you know, my home on Fairfield Court is 135 feet from the proposed location. I represent Fairfield Court Association and I am vice president. As a registered nurse, I am not opposed to medical cannabis. But concerns are that of safety and security, being that this proposed sight is so close to our homes. The dispensary will be a cash operation, and the product is cannabis. We strongly feel this will attract a criminal element to the area. The building has a thick brush around it, which provides an area to hide if someone so intended (please see the attached photo).

Further, we have quite a bit of traffic at the intersection of Fairfield Avenue and 22nd Street, making it already difficult to turn left on 22nd when going southbound on Fairfield Avenue since there is no traffic light. Target is across the street, which adds to the number of vehicles turning upon exit. The dispensary will only add to the traffic problem in this area, which is especially heavy during the start and end of the Montini Catholic High School day (or special events), which is only blocks away. Also notable is that this a school bus route, with children waiting on the corner a block away (even more congestion).

I would implore upon the board of trustees to please consider the negative impact of the dispensary to our neighborhood and vote no to its proposed location.

Please see the petitions below, one as an attachment that is also on paper, and the other online. There are a total of 177 signatures from people in our community that oppose the location of the medical cannabis dispensary at 510 E. 22nd Street. Please hear their voices.

Thank you so much for your consideration to this issue.

Respectfully,
Anne Lipira
508 E. Fairfield Court
Lombard, IL 60148

<http://www.gopetition.com/petitions/petition-against-medical-cannabis-dispensing-center-in-beautiful-lombard-community.html>

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November 5, 2014

Mr. President,
Members of the Board of Trustees,
and Village Manager:

I am writing you in connection with the upcoming vote on the location of the Medical Cannabis Distribution Center which is proposed to be located at 510 East 22nd Street. I have been a resident of the Village of Lombard for approximately 38 years. During most of those years, I have conducted my business in Lombard. I have been a member of Economic Development Committee for over 20 years and a member of the Board of Trustees at Montini Catholic High School for approximately 17 years. I am also a parent and a grandparent.

Having said that, and being a licensed and practicing attorney, I understand the legal constraints placed upon the Village of Lombard. However, to the extent there is any discretion that can be exercised, please consider that this location will be less than 2,000 feet from Montini Catholic High School. Many of the students will pass this location at least once a day on their way to Yorktown Shopping Center. All statutory or legislatively created space limitations are designed to address suspected risks. I recommend that we abandon the tape measure in making decisions like this given the risk to our young people. I strongly encourage you, within the limits of your authority, to direct that the Distribution Center be located on a less well traveled route than the one proposed so that not only Montini students but students of all schools are better protected.

I respectfully request that the Village of Lombard Trustees vote NO to MMRE, LLC's request that the Village grant approval to Section 155.412c of the Village of Lombard Zoning Ordinance.

Respectfully submitted,

Dennis J. McNicholas

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Bauer, Carol

From: Barbara Thornton <barb-bill@att.net>
Sent: Thursday, November 06, 2014 2:50 PM
To: Breen, Peter; Whittington, Dan; Fugiel, Mike; Foltyniewicz, Reid; Fitzpatrick, Laura; Ware, William; Giagnorio, Keith
Subject: medical marijuana facility

Dear Trustees,

Please vote to deny a medical marijuana facility in the Village of Lombard at the 510 E. 22nd Street location.

We are opposed to this facility for a number of reasons. Our fears are that there will be some undesirable people in addition to the people eligible to receive medical marijuana legally. No number of cameras or security guards can deter criminal activity, if it is going to happen. One criminal act is one too many in peaceful, law abiding Lombard. There is concern that our property values will decline and the neighborhood may deteriorate.

Besides more traffic, the facility is too close to Montini High School and Christ the King School.

Is there a lot of tax revenue generated from this business due to property taxes? We don't need this kind of money.

Please include this e-mail as part of the official record opposing conditional use for a medical marijuana site located at 510 E. 22nd Street, Lombard.

Sincerely,

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Bauer, Carol

From: Gerald Eberhardt <geberhardt@RepublicEBank.com>
Sent: Tuesday, November 04, 2014 2:42 PM
To: Giagnorio, Keith; Whittington, Dan; Fugiel, Mike; Foltyniewicz, Reid; Breen, Peter; Fitzpatrick, Laura; Ware, William
Subject: Emailing: medicinal mari.docx
Attachments: medicinal mari.docx