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Dear Honorable Councilmembers,

I have a manufacturing/warehouse building in the Fashion District in Downtown LA. It's in District 14. Earlier this year our tenants, in the garment business, notified us they are leaving. We actively started to advertise the available building for lease. NO EXAGGERATION, we were getting 10-15 calls a week all from Cannabis Cultivators. This is a massive industry that Los Angeles should embrace. And limiting the Manufacturing/Cultivation aspect may hurt the industry's growth. Or, Cultivators will simple operate in other jurisdictions and pay taxes there. Both scenarios are bad for Los Angeles.

I have spoken to many cultivators and apparently is an inherently quiet and peaceful operation. From outside of the premise no one is aware of what is manufactured inside, especially with the operational regulations, such as odor control, that city council plans to pass.

Los Angeles City Planning recommended "no distance requirements" from sensitive sites for Non-retail cultivation as long you are operating in the designated Manufacturing zones. Council File

14-0366-S4 added a 600ft buffer from schools.

I suggest to Motion a compromise with Los Angeles City Planning and revise the 600ft buffer to a 300ft buffer from schools for NON-Retail Cultivation. Schools occupy whole city blocks. The 300ft buffer will guarantee that no cannabis activity will be located directly across the street from a school, but may be located down the street at lease a ½ block away, right in the middle of other manufacturing operations, unnoticed. This will allow more available space for cultivation, which is already very limited, evident by Los Angeles City Planning's original recommendation of having cultivators operate anywhere in allocated Manufacturing zones with no buffer.

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