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TO: Office of the City Clerk, Council and Public Services Division
Room 395, City Hall, mail Stop No. 160

RE: APPLICATION FOR DETERMINATION OF "PUBLIC CONVENIENCE OR NECESSITY" FOR THE SALE OF CANNABIS AND CANNABIS PRODUCTS AT 1601 WEST 190th STREET, COUNCIL FILE NO. 24-420-S3; CD 15

Greetings:

The Los Angeles Police Department (LAPD) was recently notified regarding the pending application for a commercial cannabis license at **1601 West 190th Street**. Please be advised that the LAPD, Harbor Area, is adamantly opposed to the granting of this license at this location.

Upon conducting an analysis of the crime data, arrests, calls for service and statistics, spanning the timeframe of January 1, 2023, to present, for the specific location and within a .25-mile radius, the Department has documented the following crimes:

- (6) Part I (violent) crimes including (3) robberies and (3) aggravated assaults;
- (34) property crimes (to include burglaries, Grand Theft Auto's, thefts and burglaries from motor vehicles,); and,
- (27) Part II crimes, including (1) sex-related crime, (6) vandalisms and (20) others.

Within this radius, there have been (8) arrests within the same time period, including:

- (2) arrests for homicide;
- (1) aggravated assault;
- (1) larceny;
- (1) other;
- (1) driving under the influence;
- (1) moving traffic violation; and,
- (1) narcotic-related arrest.

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Lastly, within the radius, there have been (371) Calls for Service from January 1, 2023 to present. These calls include, but are not limited to:

- (75) disturbance calls
- (62) alarm calls
- (40) prowler calls
- (28) traffic-related calls
- (23) burglary calls

An additional basis for this opposition is the over-saturation of existing cannabis licensed locations within the community plan area of Harbor Gateway. A review indicates that **5** cannabis business premises are allowed within this tract. Currently, there are **5** existing licensed cannabis business locations. The closest licensed retail cannabis business is **0.7 miles** from the proposed location which is an approx. 3-minute drive. This places an undue hardship on the community and should be of significant consideration in the justification to deny the license.

Should this license be issued despite our objections, it is reasonable to assume that the licensee will be encouraged to take a proactive role in protecting the welfare of its patronage and the public.

The LAPD invested considerable time and resources to bring about the closure of illegal cannabis businesses throughout the City. The removal of these locations has significantly enhanced the quality of life in the surrounding communities. We would not like to see our efforts be invalidated with the approval of another cannabis location in an area that already is oversaturated with this type of business. Should you have any questions, please contact Detective III J. Hayes, Serial No. 35938, Officer In Charge, Harbor Area Narcotics Enforcement Detail, at (310) 726-7840.

Attached is a printout of Area Crime Analysis showing crimes and calls for service that were generated in the vicinity of this location.

Very truly yours,

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BRENT MCGUYRE, Captain
Commanding Officer
Harbor Area

Attachment

HARBOR AREA

01/01/23 - 04/09/24

WITHIN 1500 FEET OF 1601 W 190TH ST

PART 1 CRIMETYPE	01/01/23 04/09/24
HOM	0
RAPE1	0
RAPE2	0
ROBB	3
AGG	3
TOTAL VIOLENT	6
BURG	13
GTA	8
BTFV	2
THEFT	11
TOTAL PROPERTY	34
PART 1 CRIMETYPE Total	40

ARREST TYPE	01/01/23 04/09/24
HOMICIDE	2
AGGRAVATED ASSAULT	1
LARCENY	1
OTHER ASSAULTS	1
DRIVING UNDER INFLU	1
MOVING TRAFFIC VIOL	1
NARCOTIC DRUG LAWS	1
Grand Total	8

PART 11 CRIMETYPE	01/01/23 04/09/24
OTH	20
SEX	1
VAND	6
TOTAL PART 11 CRIME TYPE TOTAL	27

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PART 11 CRIME TYPE TOTAL	27
GRAND TOTAL	67

CALLS FOR SERVICE	01/01/23- 04/09/24
ADW	21
ALARM	62
ANIMAL CALL	1
ARSON SUSP	1
ATTACK	2
BATTERY	16
BOMB THREAT	1
BURGLARY	23
CHILD ABUSED INVEST	4
CRIMINAL THREATS	3
DEATH AMB E/R D/B	2
DISPUTE	11
DISTURBANCE	75
DOWN AMB E/R M	1
FORG INVEST	1
FOUND ADULT	1
FOUND EVID	1
FOUND GUN	1
GO TO WELFARE CHECK	2
IND EXP M	4
INJURY	7
INTOX M IN VEH	1
MEET FIRE DEPT	1
MEET OTHER	1
MENTAL	5
MISSING ADULT	1
NARCO ACTIVITY	1
OPEN DOOR	1
OTHER-SEE CMTS	2
PARKING VIOLATION	1
PROWLER	40
ROBBERY	8
SCREAMING	3
SHOTS FIRED I/P	1
SHOTS FIRED INHAB DWELLING INVEST	1
THEFT	16
TRAFFIC	28
UNK TROUBLE	10
VANDALISM	4
VEHICLE	6
Grand Total	371