

Communication from Public

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Comments for Public Posting: Public Comment — Council File 26-1210 Re: 1658 W. 227th Street — Retail Cannabis License I respectfully support the recommendation to assert jurisdiction over the Cannabis Regulation Commission's approval of the retail cannabis license at 1658 W. 227th Street. This is not opposition to cannabis businesses generally. The concern is whether this particular location is appropriate given existing public-safety conditions, surrounding residential uses, and the presence of other cannabis retailers in the immediate area. On July 15, 2026, the Harbor Gateway South Neighborhood Council considered this specific application. According to the meeting minutes, the applicant presented an overview of the project and answered questions from board members and stakeholders. The board subsequently voted 5 in favor, 0 opposed, with 1 abstention, to approve a letter of opposition to the application. That opposition letter does not appear with the publicly available July 15 or August 18 Neighborhood Council meeting materials. I respectfully ask the City Council to determine whether the letter was prepared and transmitted to the Department of Cannabis Regulation and whether the Neighborhood Council's formal opposition was before the Cannabis Regulation Commission when it considered this application. There are also legitimate public-safety concerns surrounding this location. On August 30, a shooting was reported in the 1200 block of West 227th Street, the same street as the proposed storefront. On August 23, a robbery was reported in the nearby 22800 block of South Meyler Street. Residential housing is also immediately adjacent to the proposed cannabis location. Given these conditions, Council should review current LAPD crime and calls-for-service data, any documented gang-related concerns in the immediate area, the number and proximity of existing cannabis retailers, and the potential impact on neighboring residents. These incidents do not establish that a cannabis business causes crime, nor is that the assertion being made. They demonstrate why the existing public-safety environment and the suitability of this particular location deserve careful consideration. The affected Neighborhood Council has already taken formal action opposing this application. Before another retail cannabis operation is permitted at this location, the community deserves assurance that its concerns, existing

public-safety conditions, surrounding residential uses, and the cumulative impact of nearby cannabis businesses have been fully considered. I respectfully urge the City Council to assert jurisdiction and conduct a thorough review before allowing this license to proceed.

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Name: Orlando Padilla
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Comments for Public Posting: I previously submitted this letter of support for Travis Miller and wanted to add it here as well for reference.

July 16, 2026

Letter of Support for Travis Miller
DCR Record No. LA-R-26-311850-ANN

To the Harbor Gateway South Neighborhood Council, Department of Cannabis Regulation, Cannabis Regulation Commission, and Community Stakeholders:

My name is Orlando Padilla, owner and operator of Nova Grow Labs, LLC, doing business as The Chronic. I am a City of Los Angeles Social Equity license holder and vertically integrated cannabis operator with firsthand experience in retail, cultivation, distribution, and regulatory compliance.

I am writing in strong support of Travis Miller and his application to operate a licensed cannabis retail business at 1658 West 227th Street.

Travis played an instrumental role in helping me open The Chronic and navigate the many challenges involved in operating a licensed cannabis business in Los Angeles. This process requires working with City departments, maintaining strict compliance, implementing security and operating procedures, training employees, and building trust with the surrounding community.

Through my direct experience with him, Travis has demonstrated strong character, professionalism, patience, and a willingness to listen and address concerns. He understands that operating a cannabis business is a privilege that comes with significant responsibility to the City, customers, employees, and neighborhood.

As a fellow Social Equity participant, Travis also understands the persistence and sacrifice required to move through the licensing process. He is not looking for shortcuts and has shown that he is committed to operating responsibly and by the rules.

I respectfully ask that Travis and his application receive fair and thoughtful consideration. I believe he has the experience, character, and commitment necessary to be a responsible license holder and a positive community partner.

I am proud to support Travis and am available to answer any questions regarding my experience working with him.

Respectfully,

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