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Hello Deputy City Attorney Jones, Director Ocasio, Director Sanguinetti, Commissioners,

**RE: Public Hearing Item 5.1**

**22-0283 COMMISSION USE PERMIT AND DESIGN REVIEW TO ESTABLISH A RETAIL STOREFRONT CANNABIS BUSINESS AND AN ADMINISTRATIVE USE PERMIT TO ESTABLISH A RETAIL NON-STOREFRONT (DELIVERY ONLY) CANNABIS BUSINESS, IN AN EXISTING 4,375 SQUARE FOOT COMMERCIAL BUILDING AT 2521 WEST LANE**

I am Anthony Solina, Area Superintendent for Aspire Public Schools. We operate two schools at 2050 West Lane. Langston Hughes Academy and Port City Academy serve roughly 1200 students ages 4 to 18 years old. We were made aware of the proposed cannabis business just blocks from our campuses. This raises concerns for us and in engaging with our leadership team respectfully request a continuance on item 5.1 so that we can gather more details and understand the impact of having such a business so close to our schools.

Thank you very much for your consideration,

**Anthony Solina | Aspire Public Schools**

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## FW: City of STOCKTON planning Commision Item 5.1

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Dear Chairman Sanguenetti, Vice Chair Garcia, and Commissioners,

At the last scheduled planning commission meeting that took place 2 weeks ago. I sent the City of Stockton planning commission a letter with some concerns our community had in regards to placing a cannabis related business blocks away from our school site.

We were notified late the day of the commision meeting to formulate a comprehensive plan of action to move forward with assessing the true impacts that this site would have on our 1,000 plus students and families. Not to mention the message this sends to our 6,600 families throughout the city of Stockton. For that reason, we humbly asked that the commission would grant sufficient time to address the initial shock my staff and I shared when hearing about the proposal.

I subsequently reviewed the commission meeting that was held, and was dismayed and quite frankly disappointed by the apparent dismissal of our concerns by some members of the commission. The allowance of the continuance was appreciated, howerer rang hollow and Disingenuous when I began to listen to comments from many of the commissioners.

the appearance of impartiality and an openness to be swayed on this issue seemed to be non-existent and the approval of this project was inevitable.

I will close by reminding the Stockton Planning commission that we are a large part of the Community that you are charged with Representing and protecting. Los Angeles based cannabis corporations should never be given preference over the Community that will likely be impacted by your decisions.

We hope that this letter should suffice, as we prepare for an appeal to those that are elected by the people. The Mayor and City Council.

Respectfully,

Anthony Solina

Area Superintendent  
Aspire Public Schools