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City Planning Commission for an amendment to the Los Angeles Municipal Code establishing location restrictions for commercial cannabis activity consistent with Measure M adopted by Los Angeles City voters on March 7, 2017.

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Dear Richard Williams, Monica Rodriguez, Herb Wesson and Niall Huffman:

Today September 14, 2017 is a hearing before the City Planning Commission for an amendment to the Los Angeles Municipal Code establishing location restrictions for commercial cannabis activity consistent with Measure M adopted by Los Angeles City voters on March 7, 2017.

As a resident of La Tuna Canyon I am deeply concerned and do not want any cannabis agricultural business coming into our residential horse community. La Tuna Cyn is a narrow Road with homes on either side of the road. At the entrance of La Tuna Cyn we have one public school, Vinedale Elementary School and behind it, Village Christian School, a private, Christian, K-12 school. We have two plant nurseries one at the beginning of La Tuna canyon, near Sunland Blvd. and the other at the very top of La Tuna Cyn., where the 210 Frwy meets La Tuna Canyon.

I am not in favor of legislation that will allow the purchasing of land in our community with the intention of turning it into a commercial factory cannabis farm. We do not want a commercial enterprise that could be controlled by corporate or other illicit entity.

Our charming equestrian neighborhood would be negatively impacted by any business operation especially one that would require security and alarms for this particular type of crop.

Part of the charm for our Canyon is the nature surrounding us, the Verdugo Mountains which were recently impacted by a terrible forest fire last week and the quiet, charm of an equestrian, residential neighborhood. Many cyclists love the challenging hill climbing as you will see 50 – 100 cyclists on Saturdays and Sundays riding their bicycles along side motorist with hikers who congregate a the top of the canyon to hike the trails on the weekends and many weekdays.

If a commercial operation or even a private operation were to purchase land in our area I don't think they would care about integrating into our very specific "canyon culture". We, the residents of La Tuna Canyon specifically, have worked very hard to preserve the lifestyle we have within the canyon. It's the reason home values are as high as they are and many people choose to move here from surrounding cities. It's a slice of country side charm within city limits and we value it very much.

We wouldn't want access blocked to hiking and riding trails, in some cases only reachable through neighbor's properties. If commercial cannabis growers are allowed to purchase property, the trails would potentially be blocked by fences denying access to our horse riders for security purposes.

Make no mistake, allowing a Cannabis agricultural business come into La Tuna Canyon will impact the quality of life in the canyon. We want to preserve our lifestyle in the canyon not lose it! I hope that you will empower our request to preserve the quality of life in La Tuna Canyon.

Many thanks.
Sincerely,

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