

September 15, 2005

San Francisco Planning Commission
1660 Mission Street, Suite 500
San Francisco, CA 94103-2414

Re: Distribution of Medical Marijuana, Planning Commission Agenda of September 15, 2005 - Items 19, 20, & 21

Dear Commissioners:

The West of Twin Peaks Central Council, comprised of the seventeen homeowner organizations listed below has resolved unanimously that medical cannabis be distributed only by City operated medical facilities. This would ensure that distribution would be in compliance with the provisions of Health and Safety Code Section 11362.5 and would avoid adverse impact on the people, neighborhoods and business districts in our City.

At our Council meeting last May, members of the San Francisco Police Department reported to our alarm that there had been robberies and crime at every single one of the 38 cannabis dispensaries in the City. None of the three proposals in front of you today require distribution through city medical facilities and none of these proposals limit the number of dispensaries to a particular number. As you probably know, Oakland has limited theirs to four.

All three proposals you are considering today involve mostly all-cash businesses that need only to be separated by 500 feet or 1000 feet in certain areas. This scenario could have a devastating effect on San Francisco. We strongly request that you continue these items and avoid taking action on cannabis dispensaries in San Francisco until you have studied the proposals carefully and have consulted the San Francisco Police department and perhaps even Oakland Mayor Jerry Brown.

Sincerely,

David Bisho
President