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**Re: Opposing CCBP #22-02R**

**Attention: Kim Espinosa, planning Manager**

We have been informed of the notice which was mailed to our neighbors regarding a **Commercial Cannabis Business Permit #22-02R** which could potentially come to our neighborhood located at 1111 Motel Drive brought by KWP Consulting.

We strongly oppose the CCBP#22-02R for following reasons:

- The street 1111 Motel drive is in Tourism Corridor which neighbors with small residential area.
- Issuing such Cannabis Permit could potentially increase accidents on our small street which could potentially harm pedestrians, Auto accidents on both Motel drive and Highway 99.
- Motel drive has a lack of infrastructure such as no streetlight, No handicap sidewalk compliance which will be further dangerous for the marijuana user when they are intoxicated.
- Issuing such Permits can increase potential crime which would not be safe for our future Tourist coming in Town.
- Cannabis store draws attention from Law Enforcement which is not something our Tourist like to see when visiting Merced and our hotels.
- While I have sympathy for those who require medical marijuana for health concerns they seem to be a small minority of the users of the Commercial Drive dispensaries. I have seen many entitled young men buying their goods at these stores and I don't trust them to behave in a civilized manner- especially when there are young kids in the neighborhood and a high school in less than 1 mile from the proposed Cannabis Store.

At the end we urge your team/office to evaluate such permit carefully and help us protect and preserve our Tourism neighborhood from any potential harm. We wish KWP Consulting the best and hope they can find another potential place for which could be more favorable with their business model.

Sincerely,



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