

Hollis Joseph

From: dorns1@comcast.net
Sent: Monday, November 28, 2022 9:05 AM
To: Hollis Joseph
Subject: Re: Cannabis sales in Simsbury

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Jeff & Nancy Dornenburg
225 Old Farms Road
Simsbury, CT 06070

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From: Hollis Joseph <jhollis@simsbury-ct.gov>
Date: Monday, November 28, 2022 at 7:36 AM
To: 'dorns1@comcast.net' <dorns1@comcast.net>, Manager Town <townmanager@simsbury-ct.gov>
Subject: RE: Cannabis sales in Simsbury

Good morning,

Thank you for submitting public comment for the text amendment application ZC# 22-32 cannabis establishments in Simsbury. Please provide your address for the record. Once provided, I will distribute your comment for the commissioner's review.

Regards,

Joseph Hollis
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From: dorns1@comcast.net <dorns1@comcast.net>
Sent: Wednesday, November 23, 2022 8:14 PM
To: Hollis Joseph <jhollis@simsbury-ct.gov>; Manager Town <townmanager@simsbury-ct.gov>
Subject: Re: Cannabis sales in Simsbury
Importance: High

We are writing to express our strong support for permitting retail sales of Cannabis in Simsbury.

The benefits to our town and community include not only increased tax revenue, but also increased traffic to a variety of other businesses such as gas stations, convenience stores and restaurants as customers come to town. These customers will have little impact upon our infrastructure but will infuse much needed cash into the local economy..

Why should we let another, nearby community reap these advantages? We are confident that the Town of Simsbury can find an appropriate site for (completely legal) retail Cannabis sales, and that the potential benefits far outweigh any disadvantages.

Thank you.

Sincerely,
Nancy and Jeff Dornenburg

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From: [Nicole Vitrano](#)
To: [Hollis Joseph](#)
Subject: Re: Retail Cannabis in Simsbury
Date: Friday, December 2, 2022 9:07:24 AM

Joesph

Thank you for your quick response. We live at 14 Lucy Way.

Thank you

Nicole

> On Dec 2, 2022, at 9:02 AM, Hollis Joseph <jhollis@simsbury-ct.gov> wrote:

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> Good morning Nicole,

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> Thank you for submitting you comment for the public hearing on application 22-32 Cannabis Establishments. Can you please provide your address for the record? Once received, I will distribute your comment to the Commission for their review.

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> Thank you,

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> -----Original Message-----

> From: Nicole Vitrano <n_vitrano@hotmail.com>

> Sent: Friday, December 2, 2022 8:56 AM

> To: Hollis Joseph <jhollis@simsbury-ct.gov>

> Subject: Retail Cannabis in Simsbury

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> As a mother of three school aged children in Simsbury who has lived here for over 20 years, I am not in support of retail cannabis being sold in our town. It does not align with the culture and characteristics of the town and, certainly, does not align with the values I am instilling in my children. I do not want easier/closer access to cannabis, by our children, our residents and, frankly, by all of the other people coming into Simsbury from surrounding towns and states, by being the first town in the state to allow retail sales.

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> An argument for allowing retail sales is based on the financials, which in and of itself is not very compelling, but, in order to fairly evaluate that argument, I would like to see accurate and complete data regarding the financial benefits (and expenses incurred) that Simsbury will obtain from being the first in the state. I would like such data provided to the residents so we can evaluate the validity of such argument.

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> Finally, I have seen examples of how poor commercial development decisions (based on limited or inaccurate facts regarding possible benefits) can negatively impact the culture and characteristics of a town. Simsbury has done a great job preserving its unique and desirable character and I would hate to see a poorly, uninformed decision begin to deteriorate the positives of this town. As has been demonstrated in multiple towns in the state, an initial poor commercial decision begets further poor commercial decision - it is a slippery slope that is difficult to stop

and/or reverse.

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> Please provide the complete and accurate facts (for all sides) so informed decisions can be made.

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> Thank you

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> Nicole

Hollis Joseph

From: Sebastian Fama <Seb7313@hotmail.com>
Sent: Friday, December 2, 2022 3:37 PM
To: Hollis Joseph
Subject: Marijuana Sales

I am opposed to establishing marijuana stores in Simsbury. Having grown up in the 70's I know that the use of marijuana is not an asset to a community. Increasing the number of people who drive high can only cause problems. Advocates for marijuana use often compare it to the use of alcoholic beverages. That argument does not really apply. Everyone who has a beer or a glass of wine with a meal does not intend to get drunk. Everyone smoking pot does so in order to get high. I have never heard someone say: "Here try some of this pot. It goes good with fish." If people need marijuana for medicinal purposes, it can be regulated just like any other drug. Legal pot sales do not diminish illegal sales. They can sell much cheaper as they do not have to worry about taxes. Something else to consider; the marijuana of today is much stronger than the marijuana of the 70's. Do not think about the money, think about the people.

Thanks,

Sebastian Fama
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