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(CC Mtg 5/20/2019)

From: [REDACTED].Mac
To: [REDACTED]
Subject: 5/20 Council Meeting Comments - Milkman
Date: Monday, May 20, 2019 1:22:03 PM

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Council Member Nicholls,

This letter is to express our comments regarding two of the topics under Regular Business Items 12 that will be covered at tonight's City Council meeting. We (Milkman) have finished our architectural design and are currently finishing up our MEP construction ready design to move forward to apply for building permits in the next 10 days. We anticipate our Grand Opening this summer.

1. Milkman's current delivery and loading/unloading areas are designed in accordance to the current Commercial Cannabis Development Code -

“deliveries areas and loading / unloading areas shall be conducted within a secure area.”

Our use of fences completely shield the secured delivery area in the rear of the building, similar to 805 Beach Break. Changing this code, would further delay our development and would impede our business vs the other storefronts in GB that have this same design.

2. Onsite consumption - We are in strong favor of this ordinance change. We do see the positive fiscal impact to Grover Beach and what "Cannabis Tourism" can bring our community. As neighboring cities come online with cannabis retail, this is an excellent way to differentiate and stay competitive in this emerging industry. Due to the substantial investment the 4 current storefront retailers have made, we encourage that the city limit the onsite consumption lounges to the existing 4 retailers properties. Additional retailers/onsite consumption lounges will oversaturate the market in this area.

We thank you for your continued support and leadership in our community and look forward to seeing you tonight.

Regards,
Tom McAuley
Milkman
923 Huber St
Grover Beach

From: [BS & RG Holding](#)
To: [REDACTED]
Subject: Council Meeting agenda items tonight
Date: Monday, May 20, 2019 2:45:40 PM
Attachments: [Letter to Council May 20 BS RG Holdings.pdf](#)

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May 20, 2019

Honorable Mayor & City Council
City of Grover Beach
154 S 8th Street
Grover Beach, CA 93433

Dear Mayor & City Council Members,

Thank you very much for the leadership that Grover Beach has demonstrated by adopting the cannabis land use ordinance and regulatory ordinance that has allowed the cannabis industry to become established here on the Central Coast. We have worked closely with City staff for over a year and our cannabis manufacturing business – BS&RG Holdings – is just a few weeks away from opening. We have successfully received our local authorization from Grover Beach, our state licenses and we are a few weeks from achieving our occupancy so that we can start generating revenue and tax dollars for Grover Beach.

Unfortunately, a few of the items that will be discussed by the City Council this evening will adversely impact our business and potentially prevent us from being able to open our doors and operate. To date we have invested close to \$400,000 into the project and we are very concerned that the Council will change the rules and make it impossible for us to open our doors and do business in Grover Beach,

The issue of most concern is the proposed requirement that would only “allow deliveries to be completed within a building and not in an open environment.” We do not have an option due to the physical design of our building and parking lot to have deliveries to be completed within our building. Our operating plan – which has received the approval of City staff and the Grover Beach Police Department – is to have deliveries be completed behind a security gate and fencing. The delivery area that we have meets all state requirements and has received approval from the state in the form of temporary licenses and from the Grover Beach Planning Commission.

The other issue of serious concern to us is the proposal to raise the annual licensing fee to \$25,000. We are a new business that has not even opened our doors yet. More than doubling our annual license fee with no real justification beyond citing a few other jurisdictions that charge more – does not seem like a good course of action if you would like our business to open and other business to choose Grover Beach as a place to do business.

Thank you again for all of your hard work and leadership. We are excited to get our business

open and hope that the Council will not make changes that will prevent us from opening our doors in Grover Beach.

Sincerely,
Richard Gaither

From: [Sheldon Moseley](#)
To: [REDACTED]
Subject: Meeting agenda items tonight
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Dear Mayor & City Council Members,

Thank you very much for all of your hard work and leadership establishing Grover Beach as a place where cannabis business entrepreneurs like myself can establish and grow successful business that are licensed, legal and profitable. We have worked closely with City staff for many months and our cannabis cultivation and manufacturing business – Cannaco – will be submitting construction plans soon for approval. We have successfully received our local authorization from Grover Beach and our temporary state licenses.

We were surprised to hear that the City Council will be discussing several items this evening that would prevent us from being able to open and operate in Grover Beach that.

We are most concerned about the proposal that would only “allow deliveries to be completed within a building and not in an open environment.” We do not have an option to receive deliveries within our building. The physical design of our building makes indoor deliveries impossible. Our delivery plan – which has received the approval of City staff and the Grover Beach Police Department – is to have deliveries be completed behind a security gate and fencing. The delivery area that we have meets all state requirements and has received approval from the state in the form of temporary licenses and from the Grover Beach Planning Commission.

The other issue of serious concern to us is the proposal to raise the annual licensing fee to \$25,000. We are a new business that has not even opened our doors yet. Please consider some type of sliding scale so that newer businesses with lower revenues are able to get up and running..

Thank you again for all of your hard work and leadership. We are excited to get our business open and hope that the Council will not make changes that will prevent us from opening our doors in Grover Beach.

Sincerely,

Sheldon Moseley

