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Subject: PETITION #289-18 -Special Permit Petition to amend Board Order #167-14 for Garden Remedies

Hi Nadia and Maria,

I will not be able to attend Land Use this evening as I have a conflict. I wanted to take this opportunity to comment on the request to amend the special permit.

I completely support the transition from medicinal to adult use cannabis sales at the Garden Remedy (GR) location. I have been very impressed with the operation of the facility to date. I have received many good reports about the professionalism and outstanding management of the facility. However, no one really seems to know what to expect with the transition to adult use. For the time being, GR will be the only game in town and I think we need to approach this change cautiously. I am most concerned with the potential for a significant increase in the intensity of the use at this site and the impact it may have on traffic, parking and customers congregating on the sidewalk.

I am very glad that there is a TDM plan in place. I would request a robust program that offers significant incentives for employees. I would like the petitioner to consider, not just subsidized but free transit passes to all employees as an incentive to use public transit. I understand that it may be difficult or impractical for some employees to take transit. In this case I would support reimbursement for the cost of travel from off street parking locations. In addition, it may also be possible for some employees to walk all or part of the way, or ride their bike to work, especially during the spring, summer and fall. Offering a gift certificate to a local bike or sporting goods shop that would go towards a bike tune up, accessories (a new helmet, lights, reflectors) or a pair of new walking shoes would be an added incentive.

I am thrilled that the petitioner is committed to providing funds for a new bus shelter along Washington Street.

In addition, I would request a police detail for up to 3 months of recreational sales.

I understand that GR will continue with requiring all customers to make appointments, at least until the additional parking spaces are completed. However, I would prefer to not amend this condition to allow walk in appointments at this time until we better understand the impact of adult use sales on the neighborhood. I want to make sure that the Planning Department, the neighborhood and the City Council have time to evaluate the impacts.

I know we all want this to be a smooth, seamless transition.

Thank you for considering my requests.

Kind regards,

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