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Longaway, Alec (PAB)

From:	Annette Hurst <annettehurst@gmail.com>
Sent:	Monday, May 30, 2016 3:49 AM
To:	BoardofAppeals (PAB)
Cc:	info@cowhollowassociation.org
Subject:	Appeal #16-056, Subject Property: 2414 Lombard Street

May 28, 2016

San Francisco Board of Appeals
City & County of San Francisco
1650 Mission Street
Suite 304
San Francisco, 94103

BOARD OF APPEALS
MAY 31 2016
APPEAL # 16-056

Re: Appeal #16-056, Subject Property: 2414 Lombard Street

Dear Members of the Board of Appeals,

I am writing to express my strong opposition to the proposed medicinal cannabis dispensary ("MCD") at 2414 Lombard Street. I am a resident of the Richmond District, 94121, and my son (age 11) attends the USSD karate studio at 2424 Lombard Street which is just one door down from the proposed MCD. My son has attended the karate dojo for 7 years and we are regular visitors to the Marina as a result. We are regular patrons of local Marina businesses such as A16, Kara's Cupcakes, Pluto's, Marina Meats and others.

I am very concerned about this location for an MCD and strongly object to the permit. I tried to attend an earlier hearing on the permit but the first hearing was cancelled at the last minute. As a busy working mom, I was unable to attend the rescheduled hearing.

I strongly prefer that my children are not exposed on a daily basis to the constant drug use occurring at an MCD. My son attends karate 4 times a week. With nearby motels in walking distance, I am deeply concerned that the MCD will soon become the center of a community of recreational drug users. Let's face it, anybody can get a prescription for medical marijuana these days. They are advertised on billboards around town, making a mockery of our laws. An MCD has no place near a center for children's healthy recreational learning.

JT Collins has been a dedicated business owner in this community for many years, and only recently significantly upgraded his location. He could easily lose his business if new parents object to sending their children to this location. The dojo depends on attracting new families to join its community. An MCD will present a real obstacle.

It is already way too hard for families with chidlren to live in San Francisco. Everything that happens seems designed to drive famiies with school age children out of the City. The character of the City is changing, and we need families to continue representing well-rounded values. Doctor's offices and hospitals are the places where medicine should be dispensed and administered--not the middle of busy Lombard street surrounded by cheap motels and homeless youth treatment centers.

As a parent and long time voting resident of San Francisco (26 years), I want to express my strong concern and opposition to the MCD at this location.

Sincerely

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Longaway, Alec (PAB)

From:	Helen naah <helentkim1@gmail.com>
Sent:	Sunday, May 29, 2016 10:05 AM
To:	BoardofAppeals (PAB)
Cc:	nfo@cowhollowassociation.org
Subject:	Appeal #16-056, Subject Property: 2414 Lombard Street

Dear Board of Appeals Members,

I'm a parent of 3 boys (7th, 4th and 2nd graders) attending Claire Lilienthal Elementary school ("CL") located on 3630 Divisadero Street. Our entire student parent-body was just recently made aware of this Medical Cannabis Dispensary's ("MCD") proposal to open up for business on 2414 Lombard Street. A fellow CL parent shared with us a week ago that the Cow Hollow Association has been in the process of appealing this proposal with the City Board of Appeals (hearing date on 6/22/16).

I am writing to seek your help and ask that you seriously consider the following:

- CL has 400 students on the Divisadero campus (from grades 3 to 8). Not only is the school only a few blocks away from the proposed MCD location, but many many students walk and take the Muni #28 which is within 1 block of this proposed location.
- Marina Middle School located on Fillmore Street has hundreds of students walking on foot everyday after school in route to home and/or gathering with friends in Cow Hollow.
- Its close proximity (only a few doors away) to Larkin Street Youth Services (a non-profit organization helping homeless youth) and the United Studio of Self Defense where pre-teens attend for Karate Dojo training after school and on the weekends.
- Until the city fine tunes the regulation and management of these MCD business operations, as parents of young children, we ask that the location of MCD be away from heavily populated areas where pre-teen and teens traffic. As it has been shown, MCD attract many criminal enterprises to conduct illegal businesses in its location, resulting in robberies and other criminal activities.
- Has the Cow Hollow residents and businesses have been fully made aware of this real possibility of an MCD opening up in their backyard? If not, should this be a broader discussion with the District 2 community, giving the residents and business an option to voice their support or oppose?

Thank you for your time and consideration.

Best,

Helen Naah

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30 May 2016

San Francisco Board of Appeals
City & County of San Francisco
1650 Mission Street, Suite 304
San Francisco, CA 94103

RE: Appeal #16-056, Subject Property at 2414 Lombard Street

Dear Members of the Board of Appeals,

I am writing to express my strong opposition to the proposed medicinal cannabis dispensary ("MCD") at 2414 Lombard Street. I live in the Marina District (94123), three blocks from the proposed MCD site. My son will be entering 6th grade in the fall at Claire Lilienthal Alternative School on its Scott St. campus, and he also attends the United Studios of Self Defense ("USSD"), located just one door down from the proposed MCD site.

While I do not object to the use of medicinal cannabis for those people who need it for medical reasons, I am absolutely opposed to this particular MCD site:

- **We have three schools within 5 blocks radius of this location with close to 1,500 students from K to 8th grade**: Claire Lilienthal Alternative School (~ 400 students), Marina Middle School (~800 students) and Saint Vincent de Paul School (~265 students). Many of these students ride the muni bus to/from school on their own, and they would inevitably pass the proposed MCD on their way to/from the muni bus stop at the corner of Lombard St. and Divisadero St.

- **Near the proposed MCD site, we also have two playgrounds** (Marina playground, 5 blocks away and Cow Hollow playground, less than 3 blocks away) as well as **two well-known pre-schools** (Little Gators Pre-school, 3 blocks away and Circle of Friends Pre-school, less than 3 blocks away).

- **This proposed MCD site is within a block of child and youth services that are very important to the Marina community.** It is just one door down from the USSD Karate dojo where most of its students are kids aged from K to high school. Like many of his fellow students at the Karate dojo, with my son entering middle school, I planned on having him walk to the dojo on his own for his lessons. However, if this proposed MCD were to become a reality, I would have to prevent him from doing so. Also, directly across from the street from this proposed MCD site is the Edward II, a home for at-risk-youth who are being helped to get back on their feet by Larkin Street Youth Services. Needless to say, there can only be negative impact from having a MCD so close by.

- We, the residents of the Marina District, are all so familiar with the various issues we have on Lombard Street, especially the areas surrounding this proposed MCD site, including rising criminal elements. How can an existence of a MCD possibly improve the situation? It is highly likely that it would worsen the Lombard Street dynamics.

As a resident of the Marina District, I would like to also point out that I was not made aware of this proposed MCD being in the process of obtaining an approval from the Planning Commission. I do not recall ever getting any kind of neighborhood notification. To this day, I have yet to encounter a neighbor who has been aware if this proposed MCD. Had I known, I would have absolutely opposed it then and as I do now.

As a parent raising a child in a city neighborhood environment such as ours, I simply cannot accept an existence of the proposed MCD on Lombard Street.

Sincerely,

Taemee Hur

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May 29, 2016

San Francisco Board of Appeals
City & County of San Francisco
1650 Mission Street
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San Francisco, 94103

Re: Appeal #16-056, Subject Property: 2414 Lombard Street

Dear Members of the Board of Appeals,

I am writing to express my strong opposition to the proposed medicinal cannabis dispensary ("MCD") at 2414 Lombard Street. I am a resident of the Marina District (94123) where I have lived for the past ten years. For the past four years, my son has been attending the USSD karate studio at 2424 Lombard Street which is just one door down from the proposed MCD, and he also goes to school at the nearby Claire Lilienthal Elementary School on it's Scott Street campus.

While I am not against people with chronic diseases having access to medicinal cannabis, I am strongly opposed to the location for this MCD for a number of reasons:

1. The MCD would be one door down from the USSD where around one hundred children of all ages are enrolled at any given time. This karate studio has operated at this location for more than 21 years. It has trained thousands of children. As many as 30-50 children come and go at the USSD every day. The MCD at 2414 Lombard Street will have a devastating impact on the karate studio. When my wife and I decided to introduce our son to martial arts, it was mainly because of the healthy discipline and principles that come along with the activity. We looked at different studios across the city, but initially didn't consider the USSD at 2424 Lombard Street, because of our grave concerns about the environment around that location. I don't think I have to elaborate on the rampant criminal activity associated with that part of Lombard Street. We finally decided to take a look and give it a chance. I marvel at the discipline and wholesome principles they instill in kids from a very young age. It is an oasis on that very troubled street, but having the MCD so close will make many parents pause. As the kids get older, they come and go by themselves. The studio often have evening events for the children ('Ninja Nights"). It simply can't be right that we, as parents, should be forced to endure this type of exposure and endure this level of anxiety for our kids so close up, as if raising children up in the city isn't challenging enough.

2. Claire Lilienthal Elementary School's Scott Street campus is only a few blocks away, with more than 400 children, many of them relying on taking the bus, unsupervised, to and from Lombard Street in close proximity to the proposed MCD.

3. The proposed MCD is right across from the Edward II, a location run by Larkin Street Youth Services for at-risk-youth. It goes without saying that it completely defies logic to put an MCD across from such a project. These youths, with their particular difficult circumstances, have been given a second chance on life and a future. Significant resources are being dedicated and spent on helping them as well as helping the city mitigate its homeless problem. Then, the city turns around and approves a cannabis outlet right across the street? Really?

I can't emphasize enough how troubled I am about this issue and the forces at play here. This is not about providing cannabis to an older population with chronic diseases, it is about making a lot of money when these drugs are legalized. The owners of the MCD know how to do this and they will leave you with a very good impression. They know how to engage and communicate with an audience and, in particular, they know how to convince a mostly unengaged, less informed population (which until recently, included myself). Families with children have been significantly under-represented in this discussion. It has become clear during my engagement with other parents in the area, that most were not even aware of this approval process and the proposed location. I personally didn't hear about the process until after it had been approved by the Planning Commission.

The owners of the MCD have made a substantial effort in pointing to their location in the Castro district and describing how well it functions. They refer to studies showing how MCDs, in general, do no harm to an area. Some people will argue that this objection is a matter of a "not-in-my-backyard" mentality. That is far from the case. Just because one area has accepted to have an MCD in close proximity to kids, it shouldn't imply that it is fine and appropriate for any area. That area has either made a specific choice or had the decision imposed on it (like they are now trying to do to the Marina district). Secondly, as mentioned above, this section of Lombard Street has some very specific troubling circumstances associated with it, and it goes without saying that it is not an appropriate location for a drug outlet of this kind. Specific circumstances such as those must be taken into account and.

City regulations stipulate a 1,000 ft buffer zone around MCDs and recreational areas catering to children such as schools, playgrounds, youth services etc. While I cannot attest to the legality of this particular MCD being at 2414 Lombard Street, I can most certainly state that it flies directly against the intent of the regulation which is to protect children and youth from the exposure to such locations.

Sincerely
Jarl Berntzen
(jarlbe@gmail.com)

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FILE

Longaway, Alec (PAB)

From:	Michelle Wing <michelle@itsyogakids.com>
Sent:	Saturday, May 28, 2016 3:55 PM
To:	BoardofAppeals (PAB)
Cc:	info@cowhollowassociation.org; JT Collins; jarlbe@gmail.com
Subject:	Appeal #16-056, Subject Property: 2414 Lombard Street

Dear Members of the Board of Appeals,

I am writing to express my strong opposition to the proposed medicinal cannabis dispensary ("MCD") at 2414 Lombard Street. I am a resident near the Presidio 94129 and have two children ages, 14 and 11, that attend the USSD karate studio at 2424 Lombard Street which is just one door down from the proposed MCD.

As a parent and teacher focused on health and wellness for children and families, I am very concerned about the negative impact the proposed MCD at this particular location will have on the immediate surrounding area where many young children come and go every day. Additionally, unsupervised children who attend nearby schools take MUNI on Lombard and Divisadero Streets or frequent Chestnut Street which is a common and safe area for our older children to be more independent.

A MCD located in this area frequented by children and families - not the target customer of a MCD - is not acceptable and carries significant concerns about safety and exposure to drugs. The environment around this particular location already has significant challenges, which make comparisons to other MCDs in the city that may be functioning well irrelevant to us as concerned parents. I am expressing my strong concern and opposition to the MCD at this location.
I was not aware of a MCD coming to 2414 Lombard Street until very recently. I'm appalled this could even be considered acceptable. Find another location, please! Thank you for your consideration.
Sincerely,

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569 Ruger Street | The Presidio | San Francisco I 94129

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May 28, 2016

San Francisco Board of Appeals
City & County of San Francisco
1650 Mission Street
Suite 304
San Francisco, 94103

Re: Appeal #16-056, Subject Property: 2414 Lombard Street

Dear Members of the Board of Appeals,

I am writing to express my **strong opposition** to the proposed medicinal cannabis dispensary ("MCD") at 2414 Lombard Street. I am a resident of the Marina district 94123 and I have a daughter age 14 that attends the USSD karate studio and I myself am a student, at 2424 Lombard Street, which is just one door down from the proposed MCD.

As a parent, I am very concerned about the negative impact the proposed MCD at this particular location will have on the immediate surrounding area where as many as 50 children of young ages come and go every day at the karate studio. **Our daughter walks alone to the karate school on many days. It is not safe to place the dispensary and all the risks associated with it (increased crime, greater drug exposure to young children, public safety) next to our child's karate studio, *which is a facility that primarily serves persons under 18 years of age.***

I am deeply concerned that this dispensary's application does not meet nor carefully consider the requirements of SF Planning Dept's SEC.790.141 (b) (included below) and that this application ignores or attempts to undermine the legitimacy of the karate studio core purpose.

*(b) if medical cannabis is smoked on the premises, the parcel containing the medical cannabis dispensary is located not less than 1,000 feet from the parcel containing the grounds of an elementary or secondary school, public or private, or a community facility that primarily serves persons under 18 years of age, or a recreation building as defined in Section 790.50(a) of this Code that primarily serves persons under 18 years of age, unless not required by State law, and, **regardless of whether medical cannabis is smoked on the premises, if the dispensary was not in operation as of April 1, 2005, as defined in Subsection (i), it is located not less than 1,000 feet from the parcel containing the grounds of an elementary or secondary school, public or private, or a community facility that primarily serves persons under 18 years of age or a recreation building as defined in Section 790.50(f) of this Code that primarily serves persons under 18 years of age;***

As most residents in the area are aware, the environment around this particular location already has significant challenges which makes comparisons to other MCD's in the city that may be functioning well irrelevant to us as concerned parents. What is absolutely confounding to me is that the area was zoned in first place as an acceptable "green zone". This is obviously did not take into account the social environment of the neighborhood. Our daughter has been going to the USSD karate school since first grade.

I want to express my strong concern and opposition to the MCD at this location. Marijuana, whether medicinal, recreational, legal, or illegal, is a DRUG. It is the absolute wrong influence that you would want anywhere near children or residential neighborhoods, period. As our daughter, along with other USSD karate students, enters high school next year, they are at their most

vulnerable and easily influenced points in their developmental lives. With the competing interests of trying to keep-up grades, study hard, work hard at sports and extra-curricular activities, and in the case of karate, devote a serious commitment to a hard life-discipline. I am not sure what San Francisco Supervisor would think this is a good idea. Unless it is a pure money/tax revenue/lobbying conflict of interest.

Sincerely,

Matthew Jennison
Father of 14 year old daughter USSD Student
Current USSD Student
Resident of the Marina District Neighborhood

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FILE

May 27, 2016

BOARD OF APPEALS
JUN 01 2016
APPEAL #16-056

The Burns Family
22 Jordan Ave
San Francisco, CA 94118

San Francisco Board of Appeals
City & County of San Francisco
1650 Mission Street, Suite 304
San Francisco, 94103

Re: Appeal #16-056, Subject Property @ 2414 Lombard Street

Dear Members of the Board of Appeals,

We are writing to express our strong opposition to the proposed medicinal cannabis dispensary ("MCD") at 2414 Lombard Street. We are residents of Jordan Park and our son – William aged 12 attends the USSD karate studio at 2424 Lombard Street twice a week, which is just one door down from the proposed MCD.

As parents, we are very concerned about the negative impact the proposed MCD at this particular location will have on the immediate surrounding area where many children of young ages come and go every day.

Specifically, our son will have to walk from his school past the MCD to get to the Karate Studio and afterwards waiting unsupervised on the street by the MCD waiting for the bus, or a pick-up.

As most residents in the area are aware, the environment around this particular location already has significant challenges, which makes comparisons to other MCDs in the city that may be functioning well irrelevant to us as concerned parents.

We want to express my strong concern and opposition to the MCD at this location. We would also like to point out that I was not aware of this MCD coming to 2414 Lombard Street until very recently.

Sincerely,

Cheryl Cruver & Nigel Burns

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Mejia, Xiomara (PAB)

From:	Diane L. Morris <diane@morrismgmt.com>
Sent:	Saturday, June 04, 2016 4:29 PM
To:	BoardofAppeals (PAB)
Subject:	Appeal #16-056, Subject Property: 2414 Lombard Street

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I oppose the Medical Cannabis Dispensary (MCD) that wants to locate at 2414 Lombard Street near Scott Street.

The Cow Hollow Association (CHA), Supervisor Mark Farrell, the Edward II operators, many local businesses and residents oppose an MCD at this location. The CHA has filed an appeal.

I oppose this location for the following reasons:

1. The MCD site is directly across the street from the Edward II, group housing for at-risk, vulnerable young people aged 18-24. Note: the Edward II operators, Larkin Street Youth Services and Community Housing Partnership, oppose this MCD location.

2. It is one door down from United Studios of Self Defense that trains a significant number of school-aged children. The owner and many of the student's parents oppose the MCD's proximity to the karate school.

3. It is in an area significantly transited by school children coming and going by transport, and otherwise at and near that location.

4. While these facilities do not technically meet the 1,000 foot proximity restriction as schools or community facilities, they certainly meet the spirit of the Health and Safety code to protect vulnerable populations.

5. There is no "necessity" or other commanding reason why an MCD must be sited at 2414 Lombard. There are many delivery services and it appears that there have been and are other possible sites.

The opposition to 2414 Lombard has substantial community support. We request that the Board of Appeals grant discretionary review and overturn the Planning Commission's decision.

Diane L. Morris

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FILE

Mejia, Xiomara (PAB)

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From: Arvind Rajan <arvindr@gmail.com>
Sent: Saturday, June 04, 2016 2:56 PM
To: BoardofAppeals (PAB)
Cc: info@cowhollowassociation.org
Subject: Appeal #16-056, Subject Property: 2414 Lombard Street

My family and I are residents of Francisco in Cow Hollow, a few hundred feet from the proposed MCD at 2414 Lombard. Like most members of the surrounding community, I strongly opposed the granting of the permit last fall, and I urge the Commission to deny the permit at this stage.

There is a facility for at-risk young people right across the street, and a dispensery nearby is the last thing the kids need.

This city already has plenty of MCDs, and we hardly need another, especially in such a location.

Please do the right thing reject the permit.

Regards

Arvind Rajan

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FILE

Mejia, Xiomara (PAB)

From:	Joseph Maurer <jmmaurer@pacbell.net>
Sent:	Saturday, June 04, 2016 2:45 PM
To:	BoardofAppeals (PAB)
Cc:	info@cowhollowassociation.org
Subject:	Appeal #16-056, Subject Property: 2414 Lombard Street

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I am strongly opposed to the proposed opening of a medical marijuana dispensary at 2414 Lombard or anywhere else in the Cow Hollow neighborhood. It is entirely inappropriate for such a business to operate in this mixed use neighborhood. We provide regular care for our four year old grandson and would routinely walk past the facility on our way to nearby parks and other neighborhood locations. There are also many childcare providers who transit the neighborhood with their charges in tow on their way to the same parks and neighborhood facilities. It would be horrible to expose our grandson and these other children to the effects of the dispensary and many of the customers of such a facility. It is a well known fact that many of the customers are what I and others describe as "sham" customers who have obtained their prescriptions from the equivalent of medical "puppy mills' that exist principally to prescribe the drug for those wishing to legally obtain it for recreational use. This has no place in our community. This is further compounded by the effect of having a halfway house for at risk youth literally across the street from the proposed facility—pure lunacy to site a marijuana dispensary in this area. There are many other legitimate online sites, many providing delivery services that could meet the needs of those who have obtained prescriptions. As a side note, parking is routinely a nightmare in this area and a budding marijuana business would only make it worse.

Joseph M Maurer

2933 Broderick Street

San Francisco, CA 94123

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Mejia, Xiomara (PAB)

From:	anna brockway <annabrockway@yahoo.com>
Sent:	Saturday, June 04, 2016 4:42 PM
To:	BoardofAppeals (PAB)
Cc:	info@cowhollowassociation.org
Subject:	No on the Lombard Pot Store

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I am writing to express my strong opposition to the location of a marijuana dispensary at the proposed location on Lombard Street in the Marina. I have four kids and live on Filbert Street at Broderick. I am a San Francisco resident of over 30 years.

Locating a drug outlet right across the street from a home for struggling young adults is downright stupid. As a community its our responsibility to help these folks redirect onto the right track. Locating a drug dispensary literally across from their front door is irresponsible and frankly, undermining to their welfare and to that of the larger community. Are you guys kidding?

Secondly, children practice karate right down the street. Having a drug outlet nearby is again, irresponsible. Is that what you want next to where your kid is spending her afternoon? Me neither.

Its hard enough raising a family in this town. We don't need the city and drug dispensaries making that worse. Its a big city so find another location that doesn't undermine the welfare of kids and struggling young adults. Good grief.

Anna Brockway

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FILE

Mejia, Xiomara (PAB)

From: Sandy Dean <sandy@sansome.com>
Sent: Sunday, June 05, 2016 11:47 AM
To: BoardofAppeals (PAB)
Subject: lombard dispensary

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I urge you to overturn the conditional use permit for the medical dispensary on Lomboard street.

I have lived in the neighborhood since 1997. We have three teenage children. San Francisco struggles to remain a place people can raise their kids. I was at the hearing where the conditional use permit was granted, the tales of woe from people who can't make it to the Castro to buy their pot stands in absurd contrast to locating a medical dispensary directly across the street from a living facility for kids who are trying to figure out how to steer clear of the perils of drugs.

Mark Farrell notes SF already has the highest concentration of MCD's per square mile in the city, and delivery is available. At the time of the last hearing the Castro dispensary was advertising FREE SAMPLES of pot brownies on their website. Surely we can do better for the family neighborhood of cow hollow and the marina and most importantly the kids at King Edward II living facility, who don't need the trigger of legalized pot available right across the street from where they live

Finally, the karate dojo a couple of doors down from the proposed dispensary, primarily serves young kids. It functions like a school. They have been there for well more than a decade. Why on earth should the karate dojo serving young kids be subjected to a neighbor of this nature?

Thank you for your consideration. We all know legalized pot is coming, but this is just the wrong location for a store that normalizes usage of this drug.

Sandy Dean Jr.
Cow Hollow resident since 1997

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Mejia, Xiomara (PAB)

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From:	Genelle Relfe <genelle.relfe@gmail.com>
Sent:	Monday, June 06, 2016 3:40 PM
To:	BoardofAppeals (PAB); info@cowhollowassociation.org
Subject:	Marijuana Dispensary on Lombard Street

As a Green Street neighbor for over 50 years, I find that having a medical marijuana dispensary immediately across from The Edward ll on Lombard Street is totally inappropriate. Edward ll has been a good neighbor and the addition of a marijuana dispensary would threaten the "already at risk" young people who live there and are very vulnerable to the influence they would surely encounter. These are the very young people who surely need ultimate protection and a positive environment. In addition, the MCD is just doors away from a karate school (United Studios of Self Defense).....putting those children at risk as well. The Marina/CowHollow neighborhood is highly inappropriate for a marijuana dispensary, and I am vehemently opposed.
Respectfully,
Genelle Relfe

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FILE

Mejia, Xiomara (PAB)

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From: Angus Ba <angusbarnett@gmail.com>
Sent: Tuesday, June 07, 2016 1:49 PM
To: BoardofAppeals (PAB)
Cc: info@cowhollowassociation.org
Subject: Appeal #16-056, Subject Property: 2414 Lombard Street

To Board of Appeals -

I was disappointed in the extreme to see good sense did not prevail in the November hearing.

As a parent of a 6 year old who walks to the Chestnut St shops past this storefront on a regular basis I do not need yet another distraction to have to explain. Based on what I have personally seen near these shops in other communities, we will have problems. Also understand adjacent shops will lose custom from one part of the local demographic. I hope the additional city tax collected is worth it.

It is not the right of these place to be everywhere in the city - notably in a planning precinct that has only in recent years made progress from the 'crack motel' reputation. San Francisco is adequately served already. Added to that there is a myriad reasons for
denial:

1. The MCD site is directly across the street from the Edward II, group housing for at-risk, vulnerable young people aged 18-24. Note:
the Edward II operators, Larkin Street Youth Services and Community Housing Partnership, oppose this MCD location.

2. It is one door down from United Studios of Self Defense that trains a significant number of school-aged children. The owner and many of the student's parents oppose the MCD's proximity to the karate school.

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Thank you,
Angus Barnett
Pierce St

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FILE

Mejia, Xiomara (PAB)

From:	Jon Wade <jon.j.wade@gmail.com> on behalf of jonjwade@gmail.com
Sent:	Monday, June 06, 2016 6:09 PM
To:	BoardofAppeals (PAB)
Cc:	info@cowhollowassociation.org
Subject:	Re: Appeal #16-056, Subject Property: 2414 Lombard Street

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As a parent, I am very concerned about the negative impact the proposed MCD at this particular location will have on the immediate surrounding area where as many as 50 children of young ages come and go every day at the karate studio. Both of our children walk unsupervised to the karate studio and would be passing the proposed MCD. **We don't allow them to come from the other direction where they wouldn't pass the dispensary because then they would pass the Halfway House (The Bridge Motel) which is frequently visited by people who are visibly intoxicated and acting out on the street.**

As most residents in the area are aware, the environment around this particular location already has significant challenges which makes comparisons to other MCDs in the city that may be functioning well irrelevant to us as concerned parents. The homeless and drug problem has escalated over the last few years where it is uncommon not to have an interaction with an intoxicated/high person roaming, shouting, behaving aggressively, littering and begging on the streets in the area day and night.

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Sincerely

Jonathan Wade

HD 6/22/16

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BOARD OF APPEALS
JUN 07 2016
APPEAL # 16-056

Mejia, Xiomara (PAB)

From: Gina Symczak <gdonati@sbcglobal.net>
Sent: Tuesday, June 07, 2016 11:02 PM
To: BoardofAppeals (PAB)
Cc: info@cowhollowassociation.org
Subject: Appeal #16-056, Subject Property: 2414 Lombard Street

As a lifelong resident of the Marina and Cow Hollow, I wanted to share my and my family's opposition to the Apothecarium. Unfortunately, I cannot make the hearing on the matter, so I am writing to you in the hopes that you and your colleagues will take this into consideration.

I have been very saddened to see the Lombard Street corridor fall into general disrepair over the past 30 years. It's no secret that the thoroughfare that runs through our neighborhood--- US 101 -- provides easy, quick access to and from the prostitution and drug deals that occur all along it in the lower-end motels and other dilapidated buildings. We don't think we need another opportunity for people leveraging the thoroughfare to have easy access to additional questionable services. After all, this is a neighborhood of families and young professionals who are catching busses to their jobs, and driving their children to school--- they're already exposed to a seedy element along Lombard. We should all be working to make that better, not worse.

I support the Larkin Street Youth Services home on Lombard Street because I have mentored a teen who has benefitted from their services, and I know that they run a tight ship. While I trust Larkin Street's ability to guide their residents, I don't think that a dispensary across the street will set a good example for those at-risk youth who are fragile -- often in recovery themselves -- and need support as they transition to adulthood. It's like opening a liquor store across the street from an AA meeting place.

The Apothecarium offers delivery from some of their other locations, and people in the Marina/ Cow Hollow who truly need their products can take advantage of that service. There's no reason for a retail outlet directly across the street from Larkin St. Youth Services, or on a street already plagued with prostitution and drug trafficking.

Thank you for your consideration.

Gina Symczak

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Mejia, Xiomara (PAB)

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APPEAL # 16-056

From:	Anu <anuiix@yahoo.com>
Sent:	Monday, June 06, 2016 6:19 PM
To:	BoardofAppeals (PAB)
Cc:	Cowhollowassociation Info
Subject:	Re: Appeal #16-056, Subject Property: 2414 Lombard Street

San Francisco Board of Appeals
City & County of San Francisco
1650 Mission Street
Suite 304
San Francisco, 94103

Re: Appeal #16-056, Subject Property: 2414 Lombard Street

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As a parent, I am very concerned about the negative impact the proposed MCD at this particular location will have on the immediate surrounding area where as many as 50 children of young ages come and go every day at the karate studio. Both of our children walk unsupervised to the karate studio and would be passing the proposed drug dispensary daily. We don't allow them to come from the other direction where they wouldn't pass the dispensary because then they would pass the Halfway House (The Bridge Motel) which is frequently visited by people who are visibly intoxicated and acting out on the street.

As most residents in the area are aware, the environment around this particular location already has significant challenges which makes comparisons to other MCDs in the city that may be functioning well irrelevant to us as concerned parents. The homeless and drug problem has escalated over the last few years where it is uncommon not to have an interaction with an intoxicated/high person roaming, shouting, behaving aggressively, littering and begging on the streets in the area day and night.

I want to express my strong concern and opposition to the MCD at this location.

I would also like to point out that I was not aware of this MCD coming to 2414 Lombard Street until very recently. I would come in person but will be out of the state at the time of this meeting. Please understand working people with families can't always make it in person to hearings but their letters should count just the same.

Sincerely
Anu Ades

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BOARD OF APPEALS
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APPEAL # 16-056

San Francisco Board of Appeals
City & County of San Francisco
1650 Mission Street
Suite 304
San Francisco, 94103

Re: Appeal #16-056, Subject Property: 2414 Lombard Street

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I am writing to express my strong opposition to the proposed medicinal cannabis dispensary ("MCD") at 2414 Lombard Street. I am a resident of 2601 Filbert St. San Francisco CA 94123, and I have two teenage children who attend the USSD karate studio at 2424 Lombard Street which is just one door down from the proposed MCD.

As a parent, I am very concerned about the negative impact the proposed MCD at this particular location will have on the immediate surrounding area where as many as 50 children of young ages come and go every day at the karate studio. My children and their friends spend a lot of their free time around Chestnut Street which is only one street away from Lombard. They also often catch buses near the proposed cannabis dispensary on Lombard Street. I am deeply worried about the potential exposure to drugs because of the close vicinity of the dispensary.

As most residents in the area are aware, the environment around this particular location already has significant challenges which make comparisons to other MCDs in the city that may be functioning well irrelevant to us as concerned parents.

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Sincerely

Joan Chen

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FILE

June 2, 2016

San Francisco Board of Appeals
City & County of San Francisco
1650 Mission Street
Suite 304
San Francisco, 94103

BOARD OF APPEALS
JUN 08 2016
APPEAL # 16-056

Re: Appeal #16-056, Subject Property: 2414 Lombard Street

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San Francisco Board of Appeals
City & County of San Francisco
1650 Mission Street
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San Francisco, 94103

Re: Appeal #16-056, Subject Property: 2414 Lombard Street

Dear Members of the Board of Appeals,

I am writing to express my strong opposition to the proposed medicinal cannabis dispensary ("MCD") at 2414 Lombard Street. I am a resident of **the Marina district 94123,** and have 1 child age 16 who regularly walks passed the proposed MCD.

As a parent, I am very concerned about the negative impact the proposed MCD at this particular location will have on the immediate surrounding area where my son and his friends walk and hang out unsupervised. **I don't allow my son and his friends to come from the other direction (where they wouldn't pass the dispensary) because then they would pass half way drug house (The Bridge Motel) which is frequently visited by people who are visibly intoxicated and acting out on the street.**

As most residents in the area are aware, the environment around this particular location already has significant challenges which makes comparisons to other MCDs in the city that may be functioning well irrelevant to us as concerned parents. The homeless and drug problem has escalated over the last few years where it is uncommon not to have an interaction with an intoxicated/high person roaming, shouting, behaving aggressively, littering, begging and sleeping on the streets in the area day and night.

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Sincerely

Betty Ann Harrison

BOARD OF APPEALS
MAY 31 2016
APPEAL # 16-056

May 29, 2016

San Francisco Board of Appeals
City & County of San Francisco
1650 Mission Street
Suite 304
San Francisco, 94103

Re: Appeal #16-056, Subject Property: 2414 Lombard Street

Dear Members of the Board of Appeals,

I am writing to express my strong opposition to the proposed medicinal cannabis dispensary ("MCD") at 2414 Lombard Street. I am a resident of the Marina District (94123) where I have lived for the past ten years. For the past four years, my son has been attending the USSD karate studio at 2424 Lombard Street which is just one door down from the proposed MCD, and he also goes to school at the nearby Claire Lilienthal Elementary School on it's Scott Street campus.

While I am not against people with chronic diseases having access to medicinal cannabis, I am strongly opposed to the location for this MCD for a number of reasons:

1. The MCD would be one door down from the USSD where around one hundred children of all ages are enrolled at any given time. This karate studio has operated at this location for more than 21 years. It has trained thousands of children. As many as 30-50 children come and go at the USSD every day. The MCD at 2414 Lombard Street will have a devastating impact on the karate studio. When my wife and I decided to introduce our son to martial arts, it was mainly because of the healthy discipline and principles that come along with the activity. We looked at different studios across the city, but initially didn't consider the USSD at 2424 Lombard Street, because of our grave concerns about the environment around that location. I don't think I have to elaborate on the rampant criminal activity associated with that part of Lombard Street. We finally decided to take a look and give it a chance. I marvel at the discipline and wholesome principles they instill in kids from a very young age. It is an oasis on that very troubled street, but having the MCD so close will make many parents pause. As the kids get older, they come and go by themselves. The studio often have evening events for the children ('Ninja Nights"). It simply can't be right that we, as parents, should be forced to endure this type of exposure and endure this level of anxiety for our kids so close up, as if raising children up in the city isn't challenging enough.

2. Claire Lilienthal Elementary School's Scott Street campus is only a few blocks away, with more than 400 children, many of them relying on taking the bus, unsupervised, to and from Lombard Street in close proximity to the proposed MCD.

3. The proposed MCD is right across from the Edward II, a location run by Larkin Street Youth Services for at-risk-youth. It goes without saying that it completely defies logic to put an MCD across from such a project. These youths, with their particular difficult circumstances, have been given a second chance on life and a future. Significant resources are being dedicated and spent on helping them as well as helping the city mitigate its homeless problem. Then, the city turns around and approves a cannabis outlet right across the street? Really?

I can't emphasize enough how troubled I am about this issue and the forces at play here. This is not about providing cannabis to an older population with chronic diseases, it is about making a lot of money when these drugs are legalized. The owners of the MCD know how to do this and they will leave you with a very good impression. They know how to engage and communicate with an audience and, in particular, they know how to convince a mostly unengaged, less informed population (which until recently, included myself). Families with children have been significantly under-represented in this discussion. It has become clear during my engagement with other parents in the area, that most were not even aware of this approval process and the proposed location. I personally didn't hear about the process until after it had been approved by the Planning Commission.

The owners of the MCD have made a substantial effort in pointing to their location in the Castro district and describing how well it functions. They refer to studies showing how MCDs, in general, do no harm to an area. Some people will argue that this objection is a matter of a "not-in-my-backyard" mentality. That is far from the case. Just because one area has accepted to have an MCD in close proximity to kids, it shouldn't imply that it is fine and appropriate for any area. That area has either made a specific choice or had the decision imposed on it (like they are now trying to do to the Marina district). Secondly, as mentioned above, this section of Lombard Street has some very specific troubling circumstances associated with it, and it goes without saying that it is not an appropriate location for a drug outlet of this kind. Specific circumstances such as those must be taken into account and.

City regulations stipulate a 1,000 ft buffer zone around MCDs and recreational areas catering to children such as schools, playgrounds, youth services etc. While I cannot attest to the legality of this particular MCD being at 2414 Lombard Street, I can most certainly state that it flies directly against the intent of the regulation which is to protect children and youth from the exposure to such locations.

Sincerely
Jarl Berntzen
(jarlbe@gmail.com)

30 May 2016

BOARD OF APPEALS
MAY 31 2016
APPEAL #16-056

San Francisco Board of Appeals
City & County of San Francisco
1650 Mission Street, Suite 304
San Francisco, CA 94103

RE: Appeal #16-056, Subject Property at 2414 Lombard Street

Dear Members of the Board of Appeals,

I am writing to express my strong opposition to the proposed medicinal cannabis dispensary ("MCD") at 2414 Lombard Street. I live in the Marina District (94123), three blocks from the proposed MCD site. My son will be entering 6th grade in the fall at Claire Lilienthal Alternative School on its Scott St. campus, and he also attends the United Studios of Self Defense ("USSD"), located just one door down from the proposed MCD site.

While I do not object to the use of medicinal cannabis for those people who need it for medical reasons, I am absolutely opposed to this particular MCD site:

- **We have three schools within 5 blocks radius of this location with close to 1,500 students from K to 8th grade**: Claire Lilienthal Alternative School (~ 400 students), Marina Middle School (~800 students) and Saint Vincent de Paul School (~265 students). Many of these students ride the muni bus to/from school on their own, and they would inevitably pass the proposed MCD on their way to/from the muni bus stop at the corner of Lombard St. and Divisadero St.

- **Near the proposed MCD site, we also have two playgrounds** (Marina playground, 5 blocks away and Cow Hollow playground, less than 3 blocks away) as well as **two well-known pre-schools** (Little Gators Pre-school, 3 blocks away and Circle of Friends Pre-school, less than 3 blocks away).

- **This proposed MCD site is within a block of child and youth services that are very important to the Marina community.** It is just one door down from the USSD Karate dojo where most of its students are kids aged from K to high school. Like many of his fellow students at the Karate dojo, with my son entering middle school, I planned on having him walk to the dojo on his own for his lessons. However, if this proposed MCD were to become a reality, I would have to prevent him from doing so. Also, directly across from the street from this proposed MCD site is the Edward II, a home for at-risk-youth who are being helped to get back on their feet by Larkin Street Youth Services. Needless to say, there can only be negative impact from having a MCD so close by.

- We, the residents of the Marina District, are all so familiar with the various issues we have on Lombard Street, especially the areas surrounding this proposed MCD site, including rising criminal elements. How can an existence of a MCD possibly improve the situation? It is highly likely that it would worsen the Lombard Street dynamics.

As a resident of the Marina District, I would like to also point out that I was not made aware of this proposed MCD being in the process of obtaining an approval from the Planning Commission. I do not recall ever getting any kind of neighborhood notification. To this day, I have yet to encounter a neighbor who has been aware if this proposed MCD. Had I known, I would have absolutely opposed it then and as I do now.

As a parent raising a child in a city neighborhood environment such as ours, I simply cannot accept an existence of the proposed MCD on Lombard Street.

Sincerely,

Taemee Hur

Longaway, Alec (PAB)

From: Helen naah <helentkim1@gmail.com>
Sent: Sunday, May 29, 2016 10:05 AM
To: BoardofAppeals (PAB)
Cc: nfo@cowhollowassociation.org
Subject: Appeal #16-056, Subject Property: 2414 Lombard Street

Dear Board of Appeals Members,

I'm a parent of 3 boys (7th, 4th and 2nd graders) attending Claire Lilienthal Elementary school ("CL") located on 3630 Divisadero Street. Our entire student parent-body was just recently made aware of this Medical Cannabis Dispensary's ("MCD") proposal to open up for business on 2414 Lombard Street. A fellow CL parent shared with us a week ago that the Cow Hollow Association has been in the process of appealing this proposal with the City Board of Appeals (hearing date on 6/22/16).

I am writing to seek your help and ask that you seriously consider the following:

- CL has 400 students on the Divisadero campus (from grades 3 to 8). Not only is the school only a few blocks away from the proposed MCD location, but many many students walk and take the Muni #28 which is within 1 block of this proposed location.
- Marina Middle School located on Fillmore Street has hundreds of students walking on foot everyday after school in route to home and/or gathering with friends in Cow Hollow.
- Its close proximity (only a few doors away) to Larkin Street Youth Services (a non-profit organization helping homeless youth) and the United Studio of Self Defense where pre-teens attend for Karate Dojo training after school and on the weekends.
- Until the city fine tunes the regulation and management of these MCD business operations, as parents of young children, we ask that the location of MCD be away from heavily populated areas where pre-teen and teens traffic. As it has been shown, MCD attract many criminal enterprises to conduct illegal businesses in its location, resulting in robberies and other criminal activities.
- Has the Cow Hollow residents and businesses have been fully made aware of this real possibility of an MCD opening up in their backyard? If not, should this be a broader discussion with the District 2 community, giving the residents and business an option to voice their support or oppose?

Thank you for your time and consideration.

Best,

Helen Naah

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Longaway, Alec (PAB)

From: Annette Hurst <annettehurst@gmail.com>
Sent: Monday, May 30, 2016 3:49 AM
To: BoardofAppeals (PAB)
Cc: info@cowhollowassociation.org
Subject: Appeal #16-056, Subject Property: 2414 Lombard Street

May 28, 2016

San Francisco Board of Appeals
City & County of San Francisco
1650 Mission Street
Suite 304
San Francisco, 94103

BOARD OF APPEALS
MAY 31 2016
APPEAL # 16-056

Re: Appeal #16-056, Subject Property: 2414 Lombard Street

Dear Members of the Board of Appeals,

I am writing to express my strong opposition to the proposed medicinal cannabis dispensary ("MCD") at 2414 Lombard Street. I am a resident of the Richmond District, 94121, and my son (age 11) attends the USSD karate studio at 2424 Lombard Street which is just one door down from the proposed MCD. My son has attended the karate dojo for 7 years and we are regular visitors to the Marina as a result. We are regular patrons of local Marina businesses such as A16, Kara's Cupcakes, Pluto's, Marina Meats and others.

I am very concerned about this location for an MCD and strongly object to the permit. I tried to attend an earlier hearing on the permit but the first hearing was cancelled at the last minute. As a busy working mom, I was unable to attend the rescheduled hearing.

I strongly prefer that my children are not exposed on a daily basis to the constant drug use occurring at an MCD. My son attends karate 4 times a week. With nearby motels in walking distance, I am deeply concerned that the MCD will soon become the center of a community of recreational drug users. Let's face it, anybody can get a prescription for medical marijuana these days. They are advertised on billboards around town, making a mockery of our laws. An MCD has no place near a center for children's healthy recreational learning.

JT Collins has been a dedicated business owner in this community for many years, and only recently significantly upgraded his location. He could easily lose his business if new parents object to sending their children to this location. The dojo depends on attracting new families to join its community. An MCD will present a real obstacle.

It is already way too hard for families with chidlren to live in San Francisco. Everything that happens seems designed to drive famiies with school age children out of the City. The character of the City is changing, and we need families to continue representing well-rounded values. Doctor's offices and hospitals are the places where medicine should be dispensed and administered--not the middle of busy Lombard street surrounded by cheap motels and homeless youth treatment centers.

As a parent and long time voting resident of San Francisco (26 years), I want to express my strong concern and opposition to the MCD at this location.

Sincerely

Longaway, Alec (PAB)

From:	Michelle Wing <michelle@itsyogakids.com>
Sent:	Saturday, May 28, 2016 3:55 PM
To:	BoardofAppeals (PAB)
Cc:	info@cowhollowassociation.org; JT Collins; jarlbe@gmail.com
Subject:	Appeal #16-056, Subject Property: 2414 Lombard Street

Dear Members of the Board of Appeals,

I am writing to express my strong opposition to the proposed medicinal cannabis dispensary ("MCD") at 2414 Lombard Street. I am a resident near the Presidio 94129 and have two children ages, 14 and 11, that attend the USSD karate studio at 2424 Lombard Street which is just one door down from the proposed MCD.

As a parent and teacher focused on health and wellness for children and families, I am very concerned about the negative impact the proposed MCD at this particular location will have on the immediate surrounding area where many young children come and go every day. Additionally, unsupervised children who attend nearby schools take MUNI on Lombard and Divisadero Streets or frequent Chestnut Street which is a common and safe area for our older children to be more independent.

A MCD located in this area frequented by children and families - not the target customer of a MCD - is not acceptable and carries significant concerns about safety and exposure to drugs. The environment around this particular location already has significant challenges, which make comparisons to other MCDs in the city that may be functioning well irrelevant to us as concerned parents. I am expressing my strong concern and opposition to the MCD at this location.
I was not aware of a MCD coming to 2414 Lombard Street until very recently. I'm appalled this could even be considered acceptable. Find another location, please! Thank you for your consideration.
Sincerely,

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May 28, 2016

San Francisco Board of Appeals
City & County of San Francisco
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San Francisco, 94103

Re: Appeal #16-056, Subject Property: 2414 Lombard Street

Dear Members of the Board of Appeals,

I am writing to express my **strong opposition** to the proposed medicinal cannabis dispensary ("MCD") at 2414 Lombard Street. I am a resident of the Marina district 94123 and I have a daughter age 14 that attends the USSD karate studio and I myself am a student, at 2424 Lombard Street, which is just one door down from the proposed MCD.

As a parent, I am very concerned about the negative impact the proposed MCD at this particular location will have on the immediate surrounding area where as many as 50 children of young ages come and go every day at the karate studio. **Our daughter walks alone to the karate school on many days. It is not safe to place the dispensary and all the risks associated with it (increased crime, greater drug exposure to young children, public safety) next to our child's karate studio, *which is a facility that primarily serves persons under 18 years of age.***

I am deeply concerned that this dispensary's application does not meet nor carefully consider the requirements of SF Planning Dept's SEC.790.141 (b) (included below) and that this application ignores or attempts to undermine the legitimacy of the karate studio core purpose.

(b) if medical cannabis is smoked on the premises, the parcel containing the medical cannabis dispensary is located not less than 1,000 feet from the parcel containing the grounds of an elementary or secondary school, public or private, or a community facility that primarily serves persons under 18 years of age, or a recreation building as defined in Section 790.50(a) of this Code that primarily serves persons under 18 years of age, unless not required by State law, and, ***regardless of whether medical cannabis is smoked on the premises, if the dispensary was not in operation as of April 1, 2005, as defined in Subsection (i), it is located not less than 1,000 feet from the parcel containing the grounds of an elementary or secondary school, public or private, or a community facility that primarily serves persons under 18 years of age or a recreation building as defined in Section 790.50(f) of this Code that primarily serves persons under 18 years of age;***

As most residents in the area are aware, the environment around this particular location already has significant challenges which makes comparisons to other MCD's in the city that may be functioning well irrelevant to us as concerned parents. What is absolutely confounding to me is that the area was zoned in first place as an acceptable "green zone". This is obviously did not take into account the social environment of the neighborhood. Our daughter has been going to the USSD karate school since first grade.

I want to express my strong concern and opposition to the MCD at this location. Marijuana, whether medicinal, recreational, legal, or illegal, is a DRUG. It is the absolute wrong influence that you would want anywhere near children or residential neighborhoods, period. As our daughter, along with other USSD karate students, enters high school next year, they are at their most

vulnerable and easily influenced points in their developmental lives. With the competing interests of trying to keep-up grades, study hard, work hard at sports and extra-curricular activities, and in the case of karate, devote a serious commitment to a hard life-discipline. I am not sure what San Francisco Supervisor would think this is a good idea. Unless it is a pure money/tax revenue/lobbying confiict of interest.

Sincerely,

Matthew Jennison

Matthew Jennison
Father of 14 year old daughter USSD Student
Current USSD Student
Resident of the Marina District Neighborhood

May 27, 2016

BOARD OF APPEALS
JUN 01 2016
APPEAL #16-056

The Burns Family
22 Jordan Ave
San Francisco, CA 94118

San Francisco Board of Appeals
City & County of San Francisco
1650 Mission Street, Suite 304
San Francisco, 94103

Re: Appeal #16-056, Subject Property @ 2414 Lombard Street

Dear Members of the Board of Appeals,

We are writing to express our strong opposition to the proposed medicinal cannabis dispensary ("MCD") at 2414 Lombard Street. We are residents of Jordan Park and our son – William aged 12 attends the USSD karate studio at 2424 Lombard Street twice a week, which is just one door down from the proposed MCD.

As parents, we are very concerned about the negative impact the proposed MCD at this particular location will have on the immediate surrounding area where many children of young ages come and go every day.

Specifically, our son will have to walk from his school past the MCD to get to the Karate Studio and afterwards waiting unsupervised on the street by the MCD waiting for the bus, or a pick-up.

As most residents in the area are aware, the environment around this particular location already has significant challenges, which makes comparisons to other MCDs in the city that may be functioning well irrelevant to us as concerned parents.

We want to express my strong concern and opposition to the MCD at this location. We would also like to point out that I was not aware of this MCD coming to 2414 Lombard Street until very recently.

Sincerely,

Cheryl Cruver & Nigel Burns

San Francisco Board of Appeals
City & County of San Francisco
1650 Mission Street
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San Francisco, 94103

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Re: Appeal #16-056, Subject Property: 2414 Lombard Street

Dear Members of the Board of Appeals,

I am writing to express my strong opposition to the proposed medicinal cannabis dispensary ("MCD") at 2414 Lombard Street. I live on 2545 Greenwich Street, San Francisco CA 94123.

As a resident and a parent of a teenage daughter, I am very concerned about the negative impact the proposed MCD at this particular location will have on the immediate surrounding area where as many as 50 children of young ages come and go every day at the United Studio of Self Defense. My daughter and her friends spend a lot of their free time around Chestnut Street which is only one street away from Lombard. They also often catch buses near the proposed cannabis dispensary on Lombard Street. I am deeply worried about so many children's potential exposure to drugs because of the close vicinity of the dispensary.

As most residents in the area are aware, the environment around this particular location already has significant challenges which make comparisons to other MCDs in the city that may be functioning well irrelevant to us as concerned parents.

I want to express my strong concern and opposition to the MCD at this location.

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Sincerely,

Mark Ong

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Re: Appeal #16-056, Subject Property: 2414 Lombard Street

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I am writing to express my strong opposition to the proposed medicinal cannabis dispensary ("MCD") at 2414 Lombard Street. I am a resident of 2601 Filbert St. San Francisco CA 94123, and I have two teenage children who attend the USSD karate studio at 2424 Lombard Street which is just one door down from the proposed MCD.

As a parent, I am very concerned about the negative impact the proposed MCD at this particular location will have on the immediate surrounding area where as many as 50 children of young ages come and go every day at the karate studio. My children and their friends spend a lot of their free time around Chestnut Street which is only one street away from Lombard. They also often catch buses near the proposed cannabis dispensary on Lombard Street. I am deeply worried about the potential exposure to drugs because of the close vicinity of the dispensary.

As most residents in the area are aware, the environment around this particular location already has significant challenges which make comparisons to other MCDs in the city that may be functioning well irrelevant to us as concerned parents.

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I would also like to point out that I was not aware of this MCD coming to 2414 Lombard Street until very recently.

Sincerely

Peter Hui

San Francisco Board of Appeals
City & County of San Francisco
1650 Mission Street
Suite 304
San Francisco, 94103

BOARD OF APPEALS
JUN 0 2 2016
APPEAL #16-056

Re: Appeal #16-056, Subject Property: 2414 Lombard Street

Dear Members of the Board of Appeals,

I am writing to express my strong opposition to the proposed medicinal cannabis dispensary ("MCD") at 2414 Lombard Street. I live on 2545 Greenwich Street, San Francisco CA 94123.

As a resident and a parent of a teen aged daughter, I am very concerned about the negative impact the proposed MCD at this particular location will have on the immediate surrounding area where as many as 50 children of young ages come and go every day at the United Studio of Self Defense. My daughter and her friends spend a lot of their free time around Chestnut Street which is only one street away from Lombard. They also often catch buses near the proposed cannabis dispensary on Lombard Street. I am deeply worried about so many children's potential exposure to drugs because of the close vicinity of the dispensary.

As most residents in the area are aware, the environment around this particular location already has significant challenges which make comparisons to other MCDs in the city that may be functioning well irrelevant to us as concerned parents.

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Sincerely

Rae Cheng

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Mejia, Xiomara (PAB)

From: Joseph Maurer <jmmaurer@pacbell.net>
Sent: Saturday, June 04, 2016 2:45 PM
To: BoardofAppeals (PAB)
Cc: info@cowhollowassociation.org
Subject: Appeal #16-056, Subject Property: 2414 Lombard Street

BOARD OF APPEALS
JUN 06 2016
APPEAL # 16-056

I am strongly opposed to the proposed opening of a medical marijuana dispensary at 2414 Lombard or anywhere else in the Cow Hollow neighborhood. It is entirely inappropriate for such a business to operate in this mixed use neighborhood. We provide regular care for our four year old grandson and would routinely walk past the facility on our way to nearby parks and other neighborhood locations. There are also many childcare providers who transit the neighborhood with their charges in tow on their way to the same parks and neighborhood facilities. It would be horrible to expose our grandson and these other children to the effects of the dispensary and many of the customers of such a facility. It is a well known fact that many of the customers are what I and others describe as "sham" customers who have obtained their prescriptions from the equivalent of medical "puppy mills' that exist principally to prescribe the drug for those wishing to legally obtain it for recreational use. This has no place in our community. This is further compounded by the effect of having a halfway house for at risk youth literally across the street from the proposed facility—pure lunacy to site a marijuana dispensary in this area. There are many other legitimate online sites, many providing delivery services that could meet the needs of those who have obtained prescriptions. As a side note, parking is routinely a nightmare in this area and a budding marijuana business would only make it worse.

Joseph M Maurer

2933 Broderick Street

San Francisco, CA 94123

Mejia, Xiomara (PAB)

From: Sandy Dean <sandy@sansome.com>
Sent: Sunday, June 05, 2016 11:47 AM
To: BoardofAppeals (PAB)
Subject: lombard dispensary

BOARD OF APPEALS
JUN 06 2016
APPEAL # 16-056

I urge you to overturn the conditional use permit for the medical dispensary on Lomboard street.

I have lived in the neighborhood since 1997. We have three teenage children. San Francisco struggles to remain a place people can raise their kids. I was at the hearing where the conditional use permit was granted, the tales of woe from people who can't make it to the Castro to buy their pot stands in absurd contrast to locating a medical dispensary directly across the street from a living facility for kids who are trying to figure out how to steer clear of the perils of drugs.

Mark Farrell notes SF already has the highest concentration of MCD's per square mile in the city, and delivery is available. At the time of the last hearing the Castro dispensary was advertising FREE SAMPLES of pot brownies on their website. Surely we can do better for the family neighborhood of cow hollow and the marina and most importantly the kids at King Edward II living facility, who don't need the trigger of legalized pot available right across the street from where they live

Finally, the karate dojo a couple of doors down from the proposed dispensary, primarily serves young kids. It functions like a school. They have been there for well more than a decade. Why on earth should the karate dojo serving young kids be subjected to a neighbor of this nature?

Thank you for your consideration. We all know legalized pot is coming, but this is just the wrong location for a store that normalizes usage of this drug.

Sandy Dean Jr.
Cow Hollow resident since 1997

Mejia, Xiomara (PAB)

From:	anna brockway <annabrockway@yahoo.com>
Sent:	Saturday, June 04, 2016 4:42 PM
To:	BoardofAppeals (PAB)
Cc:	info@cowhollowassociation.org
Subject:	No on the Lombard Pot Store

BOARD OF APPEALS
JUN 06 2016
APPEAL # 16-086

I am writing to express my strong opposition to the location of a marijuana dispensary at the proposed location on Lombard Street in the Marina. I have four kids and live on Filbert Street at Broderick. I am a San Francisco resident of over 30 years.

Locating a drug outlet right across the street from a home for struggling young adults is downright stupid. As a community its our responsibility to help these folks redirect onto the right track. Locating a drug dispensary literally across from their front door is irresponsible and frankly, undermining to their welfare and to that of the larger community. Are you guys kidding?

Secondly, children practice karate right down the street. Having a drug outlet nearby is again, irresponsible. Is that what you want next to where your kid is spending her afternoon? Me neither.

Its hard enough raising a family in this town. We don't need the city and drug dispensaries making that worse. Its a big city so find another location that doesn't undermine the welfare of kids and struggling young adults. Good grief.

Anna Brockway

Mejia, Xiomara (PAB)

From: Diane L. Morris <diane@morrismgmt.com>
Sent: Saturday, June 04, 2016 4:29 PM
To: BoardofAppeals (PAB)
Subject: Appeal #16-056, Subject Property: 2414 Lombard Street

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I oppose the Medical Cannabis Dispensary (MCD) that wants to locate at 2414 Lombard Street near Scott Street.

The Cow Hollow Association (CHA), Supervisor Mark Farrell, the Edward II operators, many local businesses and residents oppose an MCD at this location. The CHA has filed an appeal.

I oppose this location for the following reasons:

1. The MCD site is directly across the street from the Edward II, group housing for at-risk, vulnerable young people aged 18-24. Note: the Edward II operators, Larkin Street Youth Services and Community Housing Partnership, oppose this MCD location.

2. It is one door down from United Studios of Self Defense that trains a significant number of school-aged children. The owner and many of the student's parents oppose the MCD's proximity to the karate school.

3. It is in an area significantly transited by school children coming and going by transport, and otherwise at and near that location.

4. While these facilities do not technically meet the 1,000 foot proximity restriction as schools or community facilities, they certainly meet the spirit of the Health and Safety code to protect vulnerable populations.

5. There is no "necessity" or other commanding reason why an MCD must be sited at 2414 Lombard. There are many delivery services and it appears that there have been and are other possible sites.

The opposition to 2414 Lombard has substantial community support. We request that the Board of Appeals grant discretionary review and overturn the Planning Commission's decision.

Diane L. Morris

Mejia, Xiomara (PAB)

From: Arvind Rajan <arvindr@gmail.com>
Sent: Saturday, June 04, 2016 2:56 PM
To: BoardofAppeals (PAB)
Cc: info@cowhollowassociation.org
Subject: Appeal #16-056, Subject Property: 2414 Lombard Street

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My family and I are residents of Francisco in Cow Hollow, a few hundred feet from the proposed MCD at 2414 Lombard. Like most members of the surrounding community, I strongly opposed the granting of the permit last fall, and I urge the Commission to deny the permit at this stage.

There is a facility for at-risk young people right across the street, and a dispensery nearby is the last thing the kids need.

This city already has plenty of MCDs, and we hardly need another, especially in such a location.

Please do the right thing reject the permit.

Regards

Arvind Rajan

Mejia, Xiomara (PAB)

From: Genelle Relfe <genelle.relfe@gmail.com>
Sent: Monday, June 06, 2016 3:40 PM
To: BoardofAppeals (PAB); info@cowhollowassociation.org
Subject: Marijuana Dispensary on Lombard Street

BOARD OF APPEALS
JUN 06 2016
APPEAL # 16-056

As a Green Street neighbor for over 50 years, I find that having a medical marijuana dispensary immediately across from The Edward ll on Lombard Street is totally inappropriate. Edward ll has been a good neighbor and the addition of a marijuana dispensary would threaten the "already at risk" young people who live there and are very vulnerable to the influence they would surely encounter. These are the very young people who surely need ultimate protection and a positive environment. In addition, the MCD is just doors away from a karate school (United Studios of Self Defense).....putting those children at risk as well. The Marina/CowHollow neighborhood is highly inappropriate for a marijuana dispensary, and I am vehemently opposed.
Respectfully,
Genelle Relfe

Mejia, Xiomara (PAB)

From:	Jon Wade <jon.j.wade@gmail.com> on behalf of jonjwade@gmail.com
Sent:	Monday, June 06, 2016 6:09 PM
To:	BoardofAppeals (PAB)
Cc:	info@cowhollowassociation.org
Subject:	Re: Appeal #16-056, Subject Property: 2414 Lombard Street

San Francisco Board of Appeals

City & County of San Francisco

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San Francisco, 94103

BOARD OF APPEALS
JUN 07 2016
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As a parent, I am very concerned about the negative impact the proposed MCD at this particular location will have on the immediate surrounding area where as many as 50 children of young ages come and go every day at the karate studio. Both of our children walk unsupervised to the karate studio and would be passing the proposed MCD. **We don't allow them to come from the other direction where they wouldn't pass the dispensary because then they would pass the Halfway House (The Bridge Motel) which is frequently visited by people who are visibly intoxicated and acting out on the street.**

As most residents in the area are aware, the environment around this particular location already has significant challenges which makes comparisons to other MCDs in the city that may be functioning well irrelevant to us as concerned parents. The homeless and drug problem has escalated over the last few years where it is uncommon not to have an interaction with an intoxicated/high person roaming, shouting, behaving aggressively, littering and begging on the streets in the area day and night.

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I would also like to point out that I was not aware of this MCD coming to 2414 Lombard Street until very recently.

Sincerely

Jonathan Wade

Mejia, Xiomara (PAB)

From:	Anu <anuiix@yahoo.com>
Sent:	Monday, June 06, 2016 6:19 PM
To:	BoardofAppeals (PAB)
Cc:	Cowhollowassociation Info
Subject:	Re: Appeal #16-056, Subject Property: 2414 Lombard Street

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APPEAL # 16-056

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I want to express my strong concern and opposition to the MCD at this location.

I would also like to point out that I was not aware of this MCD coming to 2414 Lombard Street until very recently. I would come in person but will be out of the state at the time of this meeting. Please understand working people with families can't always make it in person to hearings but their letters should count just the same.

Sincerely
Anu Ades

Mejia, Xiomara (PAB)

BOARD OF APPEALS
JUN 07 2016
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From: Angus Ba <angusbarnett@gmail.com>
Sent: Tuesday, June 07, 2016 1:49 PM
To: BoardofAppeals (PAB)
Cc: info@cowhollowassociation.org
Subject: Appeal #16-056, Subject Property: 2414 Lombard Street

To Board of Appeals -

I was disappointed in the extreme to see good sense did not prevail in the November hearing.

As a parent of a 6 year old who walks to the Chestnut St shops past this storefront on a regular basis I do not need yet another distraction to have to explain. Based on what I have personally seen near these shops in other communities, we will have problems. Also understand adjacent shops will lose custom from one part of the local demographic. I hope the additional city tax collected is worth it.

It is not the right of these place to be everywhere in the city - notably in a planning precinct that has only in recent years made progress from the 'crack motel' reputation. San Francisco is adequately served already. Added to that there is a myriad reasons for
denial:

1. The MCD site is directly across the street from the Edward II, group housing for at-risk, vulnerable young people aged 18-24. Note:
the Edward II operators, Larkin Street Youth Services and Community Housing Partnership, oppose this MCD location.

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The opposition to 2414 Lombard has substantial community support. We request that the Board of Appeals grant discretionary review and overturn the Planning Commission's decision.

Thank you,
Angus Barnett
Pierce St

Mejia, Xiomara (PAB)

From: Gina Symczak <gdonati@sbcglobal.net>
Sent: Tuesday, June 07, 2016 11:02 PM
To: BoardofAppeals (PAB)
Cc: info@cowhollowassociation.org
Subject: Appeal #16-056, Subject Property: 2414 Lombard Street

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As a lifelong resident of the Marina and Cow Hollow, I wanted to share my and my family's opposition to the Apothecarium. Unfortunately, I cannot make the hearing on the matter, so I am writing to you in the hopes that you and your colleagues will take this into consideration.

I have been very saddened to see the Lombard Street corridor fall into general disrepair over the past 30 years. It's no secret that the thoroughfare that runs through our neighborhood--- US 101 -- provides easy, quick access to and from the prostitution and drug deals that occur all along it in the lower-end motels and other dilapidated buildings. We don't think we need another opportunity for people leveraging the thoroughfare to have easy access to additional questionable services. After all, this is a neighborhood of families and young professionals who are catching busses to their jobs, and driving their children to school--- they're already exposed to a seedy element along Lombard. We should all be working to make that better, not worse.

I support the Larkin Street Youth Services home on Lombard Street because I have mentored a teen who has benefitted from their services, and I know that they run a tight ship. While I trust Larkin Street's ability to guide their residents, I don't think that a dispensary across the street will set a good example for those at-risk youth who are fragile -- often in recovery themselves -- and need support as they transition to adulthood. It's like opening a liquor store across the street from an AA meeting place.

The Apothecarium offers delivery from some of their other locations, and people in the Marina/ Cow Hollow who truly need their products can take advantage of that service. There's no reason for a retail outlet directly across the street from Larkin St. Youth Services, or on a street already plagued with prostitution and drug trafficking.

Thank you for your consideration.

Gina Symczak

San Francisco Board of Appeals
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San Francisco, 94103

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Sincerely

Joan Chen

June 2, 2016

BOARD OF APPEALS
JUN 08 2016
APPEAL # 16-056

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San Francisco, 94103

Re: Appeal #16-056, Subject Property: 2414 Lombard Street

Dear Members of the Board of Appeals,

I am writing to express my strong opposition to the proposed medicinal cannabis dispensary ("MCD") at 2414 Lombard Street. I am a resident of **the Marina district 94123,** and have 1 child age 16 who regularly walks passed the proposed MCD.

As a parent, I am very concerned about the negative impact the proposed MCD at this particular location will have on the immediate surrounding area where my son and his friends walk and hang out unsupervised. I **don't allow my son and his friends to come from the other direction (where they wouldn't pass the dispensary) because then they would pass half way drug house (The Bridge Motel) which is frequently visited by people who are visibly intoxicated and acting out on the street.**

As most residents in the area are aware, the environment around this particular location already has significant challenges which makes comparisons to other MCDs in the city that may be functioning well irrelevant to us as concerned parents. The homeless and drug problem has escalated over the last few years where it is uncommon not to have an interaction with an intoxicated/high person roaming, shouting, behaving aggressively, littering, begging and sleeping on the streets in the area day and night.

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Sincerely

Betty Ann Harrison

June 2, 2016

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Sincerely

Jonathan Wade

Mejia, Xiomara (PAB)

From:	Brittany Turley <brittany.turley@gmail.com>
Sent:	Thursday, June 09, 2016 7:10 PM
To:	BoardofAppeals (PAB)
Cc:	info@cowhollowassociation.org
Subject:	Appeal #16-056, Subject Property: 2414 Lombard Street

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June 9, 2016

San Francisco Board of Appeals

City & County of San Francisco

1650 Mission Street

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San Francisco, 94103

Re: Appeal #16-056, Subject Property: 2414 Lombard Street

Dear Members of the Board of Appeals,

I am writing to express my very strong opposition to the proposed medicinal cannabis dispensary ("MCD") at 2414 Lombard Street. I am a resident of Russian Hill (94109) and have 3 children ages 10, 9, and 6 that attend the USSD karate studio at 2424 Lombard Street which is just one door down from the proposed MCD. I typically drop off these older children at karate and then I take my youngest son, age 2, on a walk around the neighborhood to wait for the children to finish their practice. We love to visit the local shops, run errands, say hello to the dogs, and enjoy the Palace of Fine arts. I fear the beauty of our outings would be changed dramatically if an MCD were nearby. My older children already feel unsafe at times because of loitering near the Walgreens on the corner of Lombard and Divisadero.

My children attend school nearby, the German International School located in the Presidio, and we have been hoping that in the next few years they will be able to walk to their karate practices together from school. We have discussed moving into the nearby neighborhood in the future. We have looked at a home only blocks away this week. This dispensary would greatly impact that decision.

As most residents in the area are aware, the environment around this particular location already has significant challenges which makes comparisons to other MCDs in the city that may be functioning well irrelevant to us as concerned parents.

I want to express my strong concern and opposition to the MCD at this location.

Sincerely,

Brittany Turley

Mejia, Xiomara (PAB)

From:	Karen Yokoo, MD <kyokoo@pacbell.net>
Sent:	Friday, June 10, 2016 7:26 AM
To:	BoardofAppeals (PAB)
Cc:	info@cowhollowassociation.org; ussdsf@aol.com
Subject:	Re: Appeal #16-056, Subject Property: 2414 Lombard Street

BOARD OF APPEALS
JUN 10 2016
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June 10, 2016

San Francisco Board of Appeals
City & County of San Francisco
1650 Mission Street
Suite 304
San Francisco, 94103

Re: Appeal #16-056, Subject Property: 2414 Lombard Street

Dear Members of the Board of Appeals,

I am writing to express my strong opposition to the proposed medicinal cannabis dispensary ("MCD") at 2414 Lombard Street. I am a resident of **Cow Hollow, zip code 94123,** and have a ten year old son who attends the USSD karate studio at 2424 Lombard Street which is just one door down from the proposed MCD.

As a parent, I am very concerned about the negative impact the proposed MCD at this particular location will have on the immediate surrounding area where as many as 50 children of young ages come and go every day at the karate studio. **Please make the issue of our children's safety a priority, in your decision.** I specifically chose this karate studio, not only for its excellence in karate skills, but so that my son would be able to come and go on his own, at the appropriate age, and now, I'd have to rethink all of this and monitor the situation very carefully; furthermore, the owners/teachers are people of high integrity and the school is teaching these children invaluable lessons about life in addition to the skills of karate. The kids already learn and see a lot about city life, given the dojo location, so I don't think we need additional exposure to the ups and downs of city life. I'd also be concerned that perhaps the karate school would suffer from enrollment decline due to the MCD business next door.

As most residents in the area are aware, the environment around this particular location already has significant challenges which makes comparisons to other MCDs in the city that may be functioning well irrelevant to us as concerned parents. Whereas I am certainly sympathetic to persons seeking MCD for their health, children are counting on their parents to speak up for their needs.

I want to express my strong concern and opposition to the MCD at this particular location. Certainly, there must be numerous other nearby locations where children's safety would be less of an issue.

I would also like to point out that I was not aware of this MCD coming to 2414 Lombard Street until very recently.

Sincerely,
Karen Yokoo

William and Julia Brentani
2835 Divisadero Street
San Francisco, CA 94123

May 31, 2016

BOARD OF APPEALS
JUN 14 2016
APPEAL # 16-056

San Francisco Board of Appeals
City & County of San Francisco
1650 Mission Street, Suite 304
San Francisco, CA 94103

Re: Appeal #16-056, Subject Property: 2414 Lombard Street

Dear Members of the Board of Appeals,

We are writing to express our strong opposition to the proposed medicinal cannabis dispensary ("MCD") at 2414 Lombard Street. We are residents of the Cow Hollow district (94123) and have children ages 7, 10 and 11 that attend the USSD karate studio at 2424 Lombard Street, which is just one door down from the proposed MCD site.

As parents, we are very concerned about the negative impact the proposed MCD at this particular location will have on the immediate surrounding area where many children of young ages come and go every day.

There are also several grade schools in the area, two of which our children attend, that would be negatively impacted by the proposed MCD. Particularly, we don't believe that a MCD located in a high foot traffic vicinity that children walk by every day would enhance a neighborhood which is striving to serve its family-oriented community.

As most residents in the area are aware, the environment around this particular location already has significant challenges, which makes comparisons to other MCDs in the city that may be functioning well irrelevant to us as concerned parents.

We want to express our strong concern and opposition to the MCD at this location.

We would also like to point out that we were not aware of this MCD coming to 2414 Lombard Street until very recently, even though we only live a few blocks away.

Sincerely

William & Julia Brentani

William and Julia Brentani

Mejia, Xiomara (PAB)

From: valerie flaherman <vflaherman@hotmail.com>
Sent: Tuesday, June 14, 2016 9:58 AM
To: BoardofAppeals (PAB)
Cc: info@cowhollowassociation.org
Subject: opposition to Medical Cannabis Dispensary at 2414 Lombard

BOARD OF APPEALS
JUN 14 2016
APPEAL # 16-056

Dear Board of Appeals,

I am writing because I oppose the opening of a Medical Cannabis Dispensary at 2414 Lombard Street. My son Henry is 9 years old and goes to the Claire Lilienthal School. My three older daughters all went to Claire Lilienthal as well, and when they were in middle school they depended on the 43 bus to get home. The Lilienthal stop for the 43 is very near the proposed cannabis dispensary, so if Henry takes the 43 from school he will be frequently transiting that area. Given the high risks of cannabis for youth ages 11-14, I ask that you do not allow a cannabis dispensary at that spot.

Best,
Valerie Flaherman

BOARD OF APPEALS
JUN 14 2016
Appeal # 16-056

Rachel Meyer
San Francisco, 94118
Rachel.tsq@me.com

June 11, 2016

San Francisco Board of Appeals
San Francisco, CA

RE: Appeal #16-056, Subject Property: 2414 Lombard Street, Opposition to MCD

Dear Members, San Francisco Board of Permit Appeals:

I am writing to express my opposition to The Apothecarium's proposed medical marijuana dispensary (MCD) at 2414 Lombard Street. I am a parent at the Claire Lilienthal school located on Divisadero–I was not aware of the earlier Planning Commission hearing regarding this proposal as the only outreach seemed to have been to the nearby community and I live several miles away in the Inner Richmond district. However, my child (as well as other elementary and middle school children) at Claire Lilienthal will be impacted by this location as they use the bus stop at Lombard and Divisadero to go to and from school using SF Muni (routes 28 and 43).

While the location from the school is greater than 1000 feet as specified in the MCD criteria, children attending Claire Lilienthal regularly use the bus stop approximately 400 feet from the proposed location – this is one of the closest bus stops to the proposed location. These children range in age from 8-13 (3rd to 8th grade) and will wait at the bus stop without adult supervision for 10 minutes or more when returning home from school or even when traveling to school sponsored events (such as track meets). Thus, the proximity of the dispensary seems too close given the intent of the 1000 foot buffer zone for MCDs around schools. Even though the Apothecarium notes that its members will be subject to a code of conduct "created to prohibit loitering, smoking, and consumption within 500 feet of the establishment" (although their website says 100 feet now) and their security team will "periodically visit the nearby bus stops to ensure transactions are not taking place", I am not convinced this is sufficient mitigation to the risks the 1000 foot buffer was intended to prevent.

I do not know if the planning committee fully considered the risks of locating a dispensary so close to a bus stop used by students aged 8-13 when originally approving the dispensary but I ask that this decision be reconsidered.

Sincerely,

Rachel Meyer

San Francisco, 94118

June 13, 2016

BOARD OF APPEALS
JUN 13 2016
APPEAL # 16-056

Sent Via E-mail to: boardofappeals@sfgov.org
San Francisco Board of Appeals
City & County of San Francisco
1650 Mission Street, Suite 304
San Francisco, 94103

RE: Appeal #16-056, Subject Property: 2414 Lombard Street

Dear Members of the Board of Appeals,

Please be aware that we stand together with others who have expressed strong opposition to the proposed medicinal cannabis dispensary ("MCD") at 2414 Lombard Street. We only recently became aware of this proposal and are surprised that anyone would believe that this is an appropriate location for an MCD.

Our opposition is related to the following:

- Our eleven year-old son attends Claire Lilienthal elementary/middle school at its Scott Street campus, which is just a few blocks away from the proposed MCD.
    - We do not believe that an MCD should be located close to an elementary/middle school – particularly one where the higher grade level students regularly walk to, and use, the Chestnut Street and Lombard Street business districts without accompaniment by their parents.
- We are nearby residents of the Presidio (zip code 94129) and regularly shop, dine and walk in the Chestnut Street and Lombard Street business districts. These districts already face quality-of-life challenges from existing patterns of use – e.g., numerous bars, cheap motels, and transients.
    - The introduction of an MCD to this area will not help these business districts overcome the challenges they already face.

We do not object to legitimate medical users of cannabis obtaining this product, but there is no need to introduce an MCD in this location – particularly as San Francisco already has the highest concentration of MCDs per square mile in the State of California and a number of MCDs in San Francisco offer delivery service. (Please refer to the May 31, 2016 Opposition Letter of Supervisor Mark Farrell as support for this factual statement.)

Absent a need for this MCD location – which there isn't – it is difficult to understand why the Board of Appeals would allow it in such close proximity to numerous schools and near the future site of the Edward II Permanent Supportive Housing Project.

Please reconsider any plan to locate an MCD at 214 Lombard Street.

Thank you for considering our views.

Sincerely,

Andrew Stone

Deborah Lightfoot

Mejia, Xiomara (PAB)

BOARD OF APPEALS
JUN 13 2016
APPEAL # 16-056

From: Pam Elliott <pamsfno@gmail.com>
Sent: Monday, June 13, 2016 7:02 AM
To: BoardofAppeals (PAB)
Subject: Appeal #16-056, Subject Property: 2414 Lombard Street

My husband and I oppose having a marijuana dispensary in our neighborhood as it is inappropriate due to the many young people in the area. We have recently attended 2 funerals for young people who had addictions and do not want to encourage or make available any drugs which lead to problems for our young. If it is needed for medical reasons I know there are other safer locations to make it available and it is our duty to protect the young from any temptations.

Sincerely,
Pam and Terry Elliott

Mejia, Xiomara (PAB)

From: Kristina Keilman <k5keilman@gmail.com>
Sent: Saturday, June 11, 2016 8:38 AM
To: BoardofAppeals (PAB)
Cc: info@cowhollowassociation.org

BOARD OF APPEALS
JUN 13 2016
APPEAL 16-056

San Francisco Board of Appeals
City & County of San Francisco
1650 Mission Street
Suite 304
San Francisco, 94103

Re: Appeal #16-056, Subject Property: 2414 Lombard Street

Dear Members of the Board of Appeals,

I am writing to express my strong opposition to the proposed medicinal cannabis dispensary ("MCD") at 2414 Lombard Street. I am a resident of the Sunset District (zip code 94116) and my 16 year old daughter attends the USSD karate studio at 2424 Lombard Street which is just one door down from the proposed MCD.

As a parent, I am very concerned about the negative impact the proposed MCD at this particular location will have on the immediate surrounding area where children of all ages come and go every day at the karate studio. Our daughter frequently takes the bus from International High School in Hayes Valley to attend her classes at the karate studio. It has been such a great experience as a parent to watch her confidence and independence grow through her classes at the karate school. I am concerned that exposure to the MCD will make her feel less safe in the neighborhood and erode her gains in confidence and independence.

As most residents in the area are aware, the environment around this particular location already has significant challenges which makes comparisons to other MCDs in the city that may be functioning well irrelevant to us as concerned parents.

I want to express my strong concern and opposition to the MCD at this location.

Sincerely

Kristina Keilman

Mejia, Xiomara (PAB)

BOARD OF APPEALS
JUN 13 2016
AF 16-056

From: Elizabeth Callander <e_callander@att.net>
Sent: Sunday, June 12, 2016 9:49 AM
To: BoardofAppeals (PAB)
Cc: info@cowhollowassociation.org
Subject: Appeal #16-056, Subject Property: 2414 Lombard Street

There is absolutely no justification for allowing a Medical Canabis Dispensary directly across the street from a halfway house for at risk youth from the viewpoint of greater social welfare. Medical Cannabis is readily available in the neighborhood via the Green Cross and other delivery services, and a store front offering daily temptation is not what these kids need as they work hard to pull their lives together.

Sincerely,
Elizabeth Callander
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San Francisco, CA 94123

Mejia, Xiomara (PAB)

BOARD OF APPEALS
JUN 13 2016
APPEAL # 16-056

From:	scottrh@ix.netcom.com
Sent:	Sunday, June 12, 2016 2:31 PM
To:	BoardofAppeals (PAB)
Cc:	info@cowhollowassociation.org
Subject:	Appeal #16-056, Subject Property: 2414 Lombard Street

I am writing this mail in hopes that your Board steps up and does the correct thing in denying the captioned appeal. The location is an invitation to 'trouble' and introduces another questionable enterprise to an already dangerous area. I reference the fact that the King Edward houses 'at risk' youths and is directly across from the proposed site. Also, on the very same block on Lombard there is a massage parlor that fronts for prostitution. Add to this the Bridge Motel, which, if you ask any SFPD representative you will be told that they get more help request calls than one can count. The location in question is a foot traffic area for a large number of students transiting to the numerous schools (elementary and high school)within a 20 block radius! Inquisitive youthful minds certainly should not be exposed to another temptation.

Additionally, there are over 40 bars within a stone's throw of this location. And, it is right next to a youth Karate studio!!!!

All in all, we need to not give in to the profiteering forces that support this enterprise. I really do not care if they are good neighbors in their other locations. This is about acting wisely and sanely. To allow this enterprise will only seal your governmentability as not only questionable but also perilous.

I have six children and 12 grandchildren and I live 6 blocks away. I sincerely hope you step up on this issue and do the right thing..... specifically, to reject their permit.

If you need any clarification for the points in this mail please feel free to contact me.

Best,

Hon. Scott R. Heldfiond

Commissioner, Civil Service Commission, CCSF Consul General Republic of Rwanda

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Mejia, Xiomara (PAB)

From: George Vidalakis <george@vidalakis.net>
Sent: Monday, June 13, 2016 12:17 AM
To: BoardofAppeals (PAB)
Cc: info@cowhollowassociation.org
Subject: Appeal #16-056, Subject Property: 2414 Lombard Street

BOARD OF APPEALS
JUN 13 2016
APPEAL #: 16-056

My name is George Vidalakis, and I'm a homeowner in Cow Hollow. I'm emailing to express my surprise and dismay that City is considering putting a Medical Cannabis Dispensary across the street from the At-Risk Youth house in the former Edward II facility. I walk by the Edward II every day, and every day my heart goes out to those young adults trying to improve their lot. It's beyond my comprehension that the City would do something that could potentially derail the efforts of those youth, a portion of which have backgrounds made more tragic by substance abuse (either their own or those around them).

Why is it necessary or desirable to put another stumbling block so close to the doorstep of those young adults, of all people? While I certainly do not think that everyone at the Edward II would be tempted to substance abuse by having a cannabis dispensary so close to hand, I believe it's unrealistic to think that no one would. It seems like a tremendous waste of resources for the City to spend so much money building a facility like Edward II to give at risk youth the best chance they could have and then undermine the effectiveness of that transitional facility by putting a cannabis dispensary in such close proximity.

I unequivocally oppose putting a medical cannabis dispensary at 2414 Lombard Street.

George Vidalakis

BOARD OF APPEALS
JUN 13 2016
APPEAL # 16-056

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May 28, 2016

San Francisco Board of Appeals
City & County of San Francisco
1650 Mission Street
Suite 304
San Francisco, 94103

Re: Appeal #16-056, Subject Property: 2414 Lombard Street

Dear Members of the Board of Appeals,

I am writing to express my strong opposition to the proposed medicinal cannabis dispensary ("MCD") at 2414 Lombard Street. I am a resident of **[the Marina district (zip code)]** and have [ ] children age [ ] that attend the USSD karate studio at 2424 Lombard Street which is just one door down from the proposed MCD.

As a parent, I am very concerned about the negative impact the proposed MCD at this particular location will have on the immediate surrounding area where as many as 50 children of young ages come and go every day at the karate studio **[edit as appropriate]**. **[State concern as appropriate if your children, unsupervised, have to take the bus on Lombard Street, if they attend any of the nearby schools, or any other reason they would likely wander in the area, which might give you concern about safety and exposure to drugs].**

As most residents in the area are aware, the environment around this particular location already has significant challenges which makes comparisons to other MCDs in the city that may be functioning well irrelevant to us as concerned parents.

I want to express my strong concern and opposition to the MCD at this location.

[I would also like to point out that I was not aware of this MCD coming to 2414 Lombard Street until very recently.]

Sincerely
Vienna Cuizana
[Full Name]

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Mejia, Xiomara (PAB)

BOARD OF APPEALS
JUN 14 2016
APPEAL # 16-056

From: S Dumitru-Rose <beatricesdr@gmail.com>
Sent: Tuesday, June 14, 2016 1:26 PM
To: BoardofAppeals (PAB)
Cc: info@cowhollowassociation.org; Lori Brooke
Subject: Appeal #16-056, Subject Property: 2414 Lombard Street, Opposition to MCD

San Francisco Board of Appeals

San Francisco, CA

RE: Appeal #16-056, Subject Property: 2414 Lombard Street, Opposition to MCD

Dear Members, San Francisco Board of Permit Appeals:

I am writing to express my opposition to The Apothecarium's proposed medical marijuana dispensary (MCD) at 2414 Lombard Street. I am a parent at Claire Lilienthal K-8 – the nearest school to the location; As many parents, I was not aware of the earlier Planning Commission hearing regarding this proposal as the only outreach seemed to have been to the nearby community and I live several miles away in the Richmond district. However, my children (as well as other elementary and middle school children) at Claire Lilienthal will be impacted by this location.

While the location from the school is greater than 1000 feet as specified in the MCD criteria, children attending Claire Lilienthal regularly use the bus stop approximately 400 feet from the proposed location – this is one of the closest bus stops to the proposed location. These children range in age from 8-13 (3rd to 8th grade) and will wait at the bus stop without adult supervision for 10 minutes or more when returning home from school or even when traveling to school sponsored events (such as track meets). Thus, the proximity of the dispensary seems too close given the intent of the 1000 foot buffer zone for MCDs around schools.

Please, I ask that you will reconsider and take an account the risks of locating a dispensary so close to our school and to a bus stop used by students aged 8-13.

Thank you,

Simona Dumitru-Rose

San Francisco, CA 94121

SEED + SALT

BOARD OF APPEALS
JUN 16 2016
Appeal No. 16-086

June 12, 16

San Francisco Board of Appeals
1650 Mission Street, Suite 400
San Francisco, CA 94103-4279

To Whom It May Concern

I am the small business owner of Seed + Salt, a neighborhood restaurant located on Chestnut and Pierce in the Marina. In addition, I live in the Marina.

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I have been informed of Apothecarium and welcome them into our community. I know Ryan, the owner, and trust that he will come into the community in a thoughtful way. The Apothecarium has had a five year track record as a great neighbor. I believe the argument that the establishment will somehow harm children seems unfounded based on the standards to which they have already been operating.

Also, I think Apothecarium could benefit people in the community who suffer from health issues. My mother has also suffered with arthritis and has used Cannabis to treat it.

Ultimately, I believe the Apothecarium would be a great addition to the neighborhood.

Please let me know if you have any questions.

Thank you,

Mo Clancy
Owner
Seed+Salt

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BOARD OF APPEALS
JUN 16 2016
APPEAL # 16-056

June 13, 2016

Dear Board of Appeal,

I am writing to express my support for The Apothecarium's proposed location on Lombard Street.

I am the Vice President of The Marina Community Association, a Marina Resident, and property owner of several rental properties in The Marina totaling over 15 units.

I work in supportive housing as the Director of Facilities, and have seen firsthand what positive benefits a cannabis dispensary can have on the health of a resident. We have many residents that come to our housing that are agitated and volatile. Once they have engaged with a medical provider they seem to be less volatile and calmer. They are willing to interact with other tenants and their case worker to get their lives back on track.

Since opening in 2011, The Apothecarium has been a quiet, considerate business in the Castro. They are a community-minded nonprofit that has donated $335,000+ to benefit the neighborhood. They have never had a single police incident.

I believe The Apothecarium will have the same positive impact in the Marina:

- Providing jobs to residents
- Increasing foot traffic and business for surrounding businesses
- Reducing crime, by increasing security on this troubled stretch of Lombard St
- Helping the community by bringing their program of neighborhood philanthropy to the Marina.
- Offering safe, lab-tested medicine to neighborhood residents
- Providing an alternative to dangerous and addictive pharmaceuticals.

The Apothecarium's opponents falsely claim a dispensary poses a threat to young people. But medical cannabis has no lethal dose and no serious long term health risks. Research demonstrates that legalization of marijuana has not increased use by young people. Marijuana is far safer than alcohol or many prescription medications, which are universally available.

As you know, there are zero cannabis dispensaries in San Francisco north of California Street. Patients in the northern part of the city deserve professional, in-person consultations about their medication.

I urge you to vote to approve The Apothecarium Marina.

Sincerely,

Jason Pellegrini

Mejia, Xiomara (PAB)

From: Marisa Cat <where.is.the.cat@gmail.com>
Sent: Thursday, June 16, 2016 4:27 PM
To: BoardofAppeals (PAB)
Cc: eliot@apothecariumsf.com
Subject: Support The Apothecarium on Lombard

BOARD OF APPEALS
JUN 16 2016
APPEAL # 16-086

Dear SF Board of Appeals,

I'm writing to support The Apothecarium's proposed medical marijuana dispensary on Lombard Street.

I live up the hill from the proposed location, on Washington. In the past when I first got my medical certificate, I went, on the advice of a friend, to their Castro location.

I certainly saw for myself what a tight ship it was, the door had two checkers, a younger one who started to not allow me to enter, although on sight I am a certified wreck, an older man came over immediately.... I had my medical certificate but as a long time house bound, I no longer have current Cal ID nor is my passport current.
However I had my landline and PG&E bills to indeed show that I am myself. As well as my checkbook with BofA and Visa Debit....

There was no milling around, no "shopping", nor contact amongst those there to buy. Yes, a stern atmosphere. But i understand why, in a fledgling industry in a contested environment it is necessary.

My purchases (tincture and lozenges) came in a vintage pharmacy bag, tightly packed and stapled with a copy of the receipt on the outside.

The place had a bit of chic, very modern, decorative wall paper and a couple of chandeliers....

Honestly I ask... what more do you want?

The Marina is rife with liquor stores, bars, etc., and let us be frank, Lombard is a unattractive rather desolate location. Why not put in a new retail business, and one (a dispensary) that would stand alone North of California Street. AFAIK, there is no other dispensary at this end of the North side.

Again I ask. WHAT MORE DO YOU WANT from the medical MJ business community?

Thank you.

Marisa Calver Johnson

2401 Fillmore Street, San Francisco, 94115

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