

Regular Council Meeting

June 27, 2024

FRESNO CITY COUNCIL



Supplement Packet

ITEM(S)

9:25 A.M. (ID 24-763)

HEARING to Consider an appeal regarding Cannabis Conditional Use Permit Application No. P23-03086 and related Environmental Assessment for property located at 4555 East Kings Canyon Road on the northeast corner of East Kings Canyon Road and South Jackson Avenue (Council District 5) - Planning and Development Department

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Contents of Supplement: Letters of Support & Petition

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PETITION IN SUPPORT OF THE ISSUANCE OF A MARIJUANA DISPENSARY LICENSE
 FOR THE PREMISES AT THIS LOCATION: 4555 E KINGS CANYON RD, FRESNO, CA.

Name	Address	City	Zip	Over 21	Date
Name <i>Noemi Garcia</i> Signature [Redacted]	[Redacted]	[Redacted]	[Redacted]	<input checked="" type="radio"/> Yes <input type="radio"/> No	07/27/23
Name <i>Noemix Garcia</i> Signature [Redacted]	[Redacted]	[Redacted]	[Redacted]	<input checked="" type="radio"/> Yes <input type="radio"/> No	07-27-23
Name <i>Victoria Gonzalez</i> Signature [Redacted]	[Redacted]	[Redacted]	[Redacted]	<input checked="" type="radio"/> Yes <input type="radio"/> No	7-27-23
Name <i>Adriano Marquez</i> Signature [Redacted]	[Redacted]	[Redacted]	[Redacted]	<input checked="" type="radio"/> Yes <input type="radio"/> No	7-30-23
Name <i>Tomás Basquez</i> Signature [Redacted]	[Redacted]	[Redacted]	[Redacted]	<input checked="" type="radio"/> Yes <input type="radio"/> No	7-30-23
Name <i>Elizabeth Gonzalez</i> Signature [Redacted]	[Redacted]	[Redacted]	[Redacted]	<input checked="" type="radio"/> Yes <input type="radio"/> No	7/31/23
Name <i>John Kiss</i> Signature [Redacted]	[Redacted]	[Redacted]	[Redacted]	<input checked="" type="radio"/> Yes <input type="radio"/> No	44 7-31-23
Name <i>John Melendez</i> Signature [Redacted]	[Redacted]	[Redacted]	[Redacted]	<input checked="" type="radio"/> Yes <input type="radio"/> No	8-1-23
Name <i>Trini Villa</i> Signature [Redacted]	[Redacted]	[Redacted]	[Redacted]	<input checked="" type="radio"/> Yes <input type="radio"/> No	8-1-23
Name <i>Jackie Villa</i> Signature [Redacted]	[Redacted]	[Redacted]	[Redacted]	<input checked="" type="radio"/> Yes <input type="radio"/> No	8-1-23

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Name: Patrick Garcia Signature: [Redacted]	Address: [Redacted]	City: [Redacted]	Zip: [Redacted]	<input type="checkbox"/> Yes <input type="checkbox"/> No	
Name: Larry Hayes Signature: [Redacted]	Address: [Redacted]	City: [Redacted]	Zip: [Redacted]	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Yes <input type="checkbox"/> No	08/01/23
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Name: Jeff Ward Signature: [Redacted]	Address: [Redacted]	City: [Redacted]	Zip: [Redacted]	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Yes <input type="checkbox"/> No	8/1/23
Name: Donna Garcia Signature: [Redacted]	Address: [Redacted]	City: [Redacted]	Zip: [Redacted]	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Yes <input type="checkbox"/> No	8/1/23
Name: Erick Rivera Signature: [Redacted]	Address: [Redacted]	City: [Redacted]	Zip: [Redacted]	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Yes <input type="checkbox"/> No	8-1-23
Name: Fred Wécl Signature: [Redacted]	Address: [Redacted]	City: [Redacted]	Zip: [Redacted]	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Yes <input type="checkbox"/> No	8-21-23
Name: Estela Hernandez Signature: [Redacted]	Address: [Redacted]	City: [Redacted]	Zip: [Redacted]	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Yes <input type="checkbox"/> No	8-2-23
Name: Cathy L. Morales Signature: [Redacted]	Address: [Redacted]	City: [Redacted]	Zip: [Redacted]	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Yes <input type="checkbox"/> No	8-2-23
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Melissa Orocco Signature [Redacted]	[Redacted]	[Redacted]	[Redacted]	<input checked="" type="radio"/> Yes <input type="radio"/> No	8-4-23
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Jessica T.	[Redacted]	[Redacted]	[Redacted]	<input checked="" type="radio"/> Yes <input type="radio"/> No	8-1-23
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Name Adrian Zepeda	Address [Redacted]	City [Redacted]	Zip [Redacted]	<input checked="" type="radio"/> Yes <input type="radio"/> No	8-1-23
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Name Blanche Lewis	Address [Redacted]	City [Redacted]	Zip [Redacted]	<input checked="" type="radio"/> Yes <input type="radio"/> No	8-1-23
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Name Marvin Marshall	Address [Redacted]	City [Redacted]	Zip [Redacted]	<input checked="" type="radio"/> Yes <input type="radio"/> No	8-1-23
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Name Maru Moreno	Address [Redacted]	City [Redacted]	Zip [Redacted]	<input checked="" type="radio"/> Yes <input type="radio"/> No	8/1/23
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Name Neiba Davis	Address [Redacted]	City [Redacted]	Zip [Redacted]	<input checked="" type="radio"/> Yes <input type="radio"/> No	8/1/23
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Name Alexandra Ramirez	Address [Redacted]	City [Redacted]	Zip [Redacted]	<input checked="" type="radio"/> Yes <input type="radio"/> No	8/1/23
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Name ADAM RODRIGUEZ	Address [Redacted]	City [Redacted]	Zip [Redacted]	<input checked="" type="radio"/> Yes <input type="radio"/> No	8-1-23
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Name <i>Stephanie</i>	Address [Redacted]	City [Redacted]	Zip [Redacted]	Over 21 <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Yes <input type="checkbox"/> No	Date <i>8/4/23</i>
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Signature <i>Valencia</i>					
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Kristel Rose	[REDACTED]	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Yes <input type="checkbox"/> No	8/1/2023
Roger [REDACTED]	[REDACTED]	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Yes <input type="checkbox"/> No	8-1-2023
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Name Melanie Muniz	[REDACTED]			Over 21	Date
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Name Maria Luevano S	[REDACTED]			Over 21	Date
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Name FRANK ORTIZ	[REDACTED]			Over 21	Date
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Name Fernando Tarral	Address	City	Zip	Over 21	Date
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	NAME	HOME OR BUSINESS ADDRESS (IN THE DESIGNATED AREA)	OVER 21		DATE
			Yes	No	
1	Gilbert villartue	[REDACTED]	✓		8-3-23
2	abraham maitin	[REDACTED]	✓		8-3-23
3	Crecencio Baraja	[REDACTED]	✓		8-3-23
4	Evangelina	[REDACTED]	✓		8-3-23
5	Maria Amaro Morales	[REDACTED]	✓		8/3/23
6	Nadine Garcia	[REDACTED]	✓		8/3/23
7	JACOBO LOPEZ	[REDACTED]	✓		8/3/23
8	Andrea Jones	[REDACTED]	✓		8/3/23
9	Carl W Jones	[REDACTED]	✓		8/3/23
10	Katherine Hopper	[REDACTED]	✓		8-3-23
11	Patty Hara	[REDACTED]	✓		8-3-23
12	FLOR TRIRICES	[REDACTED]	✓		8-3-23
13	Edgar Negrone	[REDACTED]	✓		8-3-23
14	Mauricio Cervantes	[REDACTED]	✓		8-3-23
15	Randy Jacuinde	[REDACTED]	✓		8-4-23
16	LUCIA V Hendrix	[REDACTED]	✓		8-4-23
17	ADEFONSO VASQUEZ	[REDACTED]	✓		8-4-23
18	Russ Hendrix	[REDACTED]	✓		8-4-23
19	Elizabeth Wolf	[REDACTED]	✓		8-4-23
20	DELFINA PEREZ				
21	Kathy Vong	[REDACTED]	✓		8/4/23
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1	Jose Ortiz	[REDACTED]	✓		07-19-23
2	Raul Olivan	[REDACTED]	✓		07-19-23
3	Manuel Morale	[REDACTED]	✓		7-19-23
4	Alyandro Alvarez	[REDACTED]	✓		7/19/23
5	Ismael Vela	[REDACTED]	✓		7/29/23
6	Lina Santillan	[REDACTED]	✓		7-29-23
7	Charlynn Holman	[REDACTED]	✓		7-29-23
8	Elvira Garcia	[REDACTED]	✓		7-29-23
9	Chalmer	[REDACTED]	✓		7-29-23
10	Timothy Magdaleno	[REDACTED]	✓		7-29-23
11	John Alvarado	[REDACTED]	✓		7/29/23
12	Raul [REDACTED]	[REDACTED]	✓		7/29/23
13	Julien Velduta	[REDACTED]	✓		7-29-23
14	Jesse R. Garcia	[REDACTED]	✓		7/29/23
15	Angie MARTINEZ	[REDACTED]	✓		7/29/23
16	Jacob Castro	[REDACTED]	✓		08/01/23
17	CLAUDIA ARENAS	[REDACTED]	✓		8-1-23
18	Alberto Alonso	[REDACTED]	✓		8-3-23
19	Jonathan Marquez	[REDACTED]	✓		8-3-23
20	Luis Tapia	[REDACTED]	✓		8-3-23
21	Bernie Medina	[REDACTED]	✓		8-3-23
22	Jumil [REDACTED]	[REDACTED]	✓		8-3-23
23	Adolfo Cruz	[REDACTED]	✓		8-3-23

August 4, 2023

Fresno City Council 2600 Fresno St Fresno, CA 93721

Subject: Urgent Request for Approval of Cannabis Use at 4555 E. Kings Canyon Rd

Dear Honorable Members of the Fresno City Council,

I am writing this letter to express my strong support for the establishment of a cannabis store at 4555 E. Kings Canyon Road in Fresno. I believe that this proposed business aligns well with the city's evolving landscape and can bring significant benefits to both the local economy and the community.

As our city continues to grow, it is essential that we embrace opportunities that contribute to its development and prosperity. The cannabis industry has demonstrated its potential to generate substantial tax revenue, create jobs, and enhance the overall economic outlook of the region. By allowing a cannabis store at this location, Fresno has the chance to tap into a burgeoning market that can provide much-needed resources for vital public services and infrastructure improvements.

Moreover, a well-regulated and responsibly operated cannabis store can have a positive impact on public safety. Legalizing and regulating cannabis sales can help diminish the illegal market, ensuring that consumers have access to safe products while reducing potential criminal activity. It also allows for proper oversight and enforcement, ensuring that the community's well-being remains a top priority.

When properly managed, these establishments often engage in community outreach efforts to educate residents about responsible consumption, potential health risks, and local regulation. This proactive approach fosters a culture of informed decision-making and responsible behavior.

I firmly believe that the establishment of a cannabis store at 455 E. Kings Canyon Road aligns with Fresno's forward-thinking attitude and commitment to progress. It has the potential to invigorate the local economy, enhance public safety, and provide a platform for education within our community.

Thank you for considering my perspective. I urge the City Council to carefully deliberate on this matter and make a decision that reflects the best interests of our city and its residents.

Sincerely,

A black rectangular redaction box covers the signature of Michael Arfsten. A blue ink scribble is visible above the box.

Michael Arfsten
Senior Vice President
Retail California

Dr. David Kay
Owner, West Coast Wound



8/4/2023

Fresno City Council
2600 Fresno St
Fresno, CA 93721

Subject: Support for Yuma Way CA LLC's Application for Opening a Cannabis Establishment at 4555 E Kings Canyon Rd, Fresno CA

Dear Members of the Fresno City Council,

I hope this letter finds you in good health and high spirits. I am writing to express my wholehearted support for Yuma Way CA LLC's application to open a cannabis establishment in Fresno. As the owner of a local business, West Coast Wound, and having known Jessica Reuven, the owner of Yuma Way CA LLC, for the past 7 years, I am confident that her company will be an invaluable addition to our community.

Over the years, I have had the privilege of observing Jessica's dedication to professionalism and responsibility in her business ventures. Under her leadership, Yuma Way CA LLC is bound to act as a responsible corporate citizen and a true industry leader. What particularly impresses me is the company's unwavering commitment to the medicinal aspects of cannabis, their focus on cannabis education, and their pioneering efforts in microdosing techniques. This approach showcases their dedication to advancing the understanding and benefits of cannabis for therapeutic purposes.

Furthermore, I am reassured by Yuma Way CA LLC's emphasis on preventing the diversion of cannabis to minors. Their proactive measures to ensure that their products remain out of the hands of underage individuals underscore their commitment to the welfare of our community's youth. This approach aligns perfectly with the values we hold dear in Fresno.

Having interacted with Jessica on various occasions, I can attest to her being an involved and caring member of our community. Her passion for philanthropic endeavors is contagious, and I am confident that this passion will extend to improving the lives of Fresno residents. With Jessica at the helm, Yuma Way CA LLC will undoubtedly contribute positively to our local landscape.

In conclusion, I firmly believe that allowing Yuma Way CA LLC to establish a cannabis establishment in Fresno will be a decision that enhances our community in numerous ways. Their dedication to medicinal applications, education, responsible practices, and community involvement sets an example that others in the industry can follow. I wholeheartedly urge the Fresno City Council to approve their application and welcome Yuma Way CA LLC into our city with open arms.


Thank you for your time and consideration.

Sincerely,



Dr. David Kay
Owner, West Coast Wound

Michael Kennedy
Senior Vice President
Retail California



August 3, 2023

Fresno City Council 2600 Fresno St Fresno, CA 93721

Subject: Urgent Request for Approval of Cannabis Use at 4555 E. Kings Canyon Rd

Dear Honorable Members of the Fresno City Council,

I hope this letter finds you in good health and high spirits. I couldn't be here in person today but felt it was important to express my sincere support for the proposed cannabis use at 4555 E Kings Canyon Blvd and to urge the council's approval of this vital project.

I put this property on the market for sale on October 1, 2022, shortly after the previous Tenant vacated the building. When I first visited the property, it was in pretty good shape for a 40+ year old building that's was operated as a Wendy's, then various other restaurants. About a month later I went to the property again and saw significant graffiti and vandalism including a broken front window. When I went to open the door, I heard a dog barking inside. I went in and there was a vagrant running out the back door. Thankfully, he hadn't been there long and there was no apparent damage in the building, on this instance.

Over time, while marketing the property, with very little real interest from prospective buyers, I would go there to check things out and every time there was more vandalism and more graffiti. Let's fast forward to the current buyer's initial visit to the property to start their inspections, which occurred on or about February 8, 2023. I received a call from their agent saying they were canceling their inspections because of the condition of the property. I was not at the inspection but saw what they found later, which included: loose electrical wires, holes in the roof (caused by vagrants to enter the property), the ceiling torn apart, holes in the walls, and a ton of trash and debris throughout the building, none of which were present at any of my previous visits to the property. It was clear there were people living in the building again. Please keep in mind the building was alarmed and had a fence around it. Didn't matter. The total cost to get the building as close to its previous condition as possible was about \$50,000. Since the

repairs were completed the owner of the property has had private security posted at the property from night fall to sunrise spending thousands of dollars per month to do so.

The property located at 4555 E Kings Canyon Blvd has been a blight on this neighborhood since it was vacated and it's clear it will only get worse. It has suffered from vandalism, and criminal activity for an extended period, resulting in a significant decline in the quality of life for residents in the surrounding neighborhood. These issues have not only cast a negative light on the area but have also created obstacles in our attempts to sell the property. Prospective buyers have been deterred by the high crime rate and the difficulty of controlling the site's security.

However, the proposal to renovate this property by the current buyer presents a unique opportunity to transform the property from a burden to an asset. The implementation of a well-regulated cannabis establishment will not only bring a new sense of purpose to the site but also introduce essential measures for security and control. The introduction of twenty-four-hour surveillance and regular patrols will greatly enhance the safety of the neighborhood, helping to curtail criminal activity and restore the community's sense of security.

Moreover, the establishment of a new, well-maintained building will contribute to the aesthetic improvement of the area. This positive change will extend beyond the property itself, enhancing the overall appeal of the neighborhood and ultimately leading to an increase in property values and hopefully encourage others to invest in other similar buildings nearby. The infusion of new life into this dilapidated property will benefit the entire community, fostering a sense of pride and ownership among residents.

It is crucial to recognize the potential benefits that a properly managed cannabis establishment can bring to our neighborhood. This is an opportunity to revitalize a troubled property, rejuvenate the community, and contribute to the city's economic growth. The measures in place to ensure security and regulation should address any concerns related to the history of crime in the area.

In conclusion, I earnestly urge the Fresno City Council to grant approval for the proposed cannabis use at 4555 E Kings Canyon Blvd. This decision has the potential to spark positive change, not only by transforming a blighted property but by uplifting the entire neighborhood. I trust that you will make the make the right choice for the future of our community.

Thank you for your time and consideration.

Sincerely,



Michael Kennedy
Senior Vice President
Retail California
CA DRE#01496337