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CITY COUNCIL MEETING MAY 10, 2022

N.2 DISCUSSION AND POSSIBLE ACTION REGARDING DRAFT ORDINANCES AMENDING TITLE 6 BUSINESSES, PROFESSIONS, AND TRADES, TITLE 10, CHAPTER 2, ZONING AND LAND USE AND TITLE 10, CHAPTER 5 COASTAL LAND USE PERTAINING TO CANNABIS REGULATIONS AND RECOMMENDING THAT THE CITY COUNCIL ADOPT CATEGORICAL EXEMPTIONS FROM THE CALIFORNIA ENVIRONMENTAL QUALITY ACT (CEQA) FOR THE AMENDMENTS

CONSIDERATION OF THE RECOMMENDATIONS MADE BY THE PLANNING COMMISSION REGARDING THE DRAFT CANNABIS ORDINANCES AND ADDITIONAL INPUT PROVIDED BY THE PUBLIC

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- **COUNCILMEMBER OBAGI'S CANNABIS POLL OF DISTRICT 4 RESIDENTS**
- **CANNABIS REGULATION COMMUNITY SURVEY RESULTS**



Do you oppose having retail cannabis stores in Redondo Beach?

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Total Responses: 20

No. - 45% (9)



I don't care. - 10% (2)



Yes. - 45% (9)



I haven't made up my mind yet. - 0% (0)

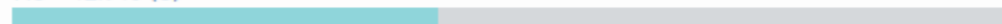


Do you oppose Council getting a quote from LA County Fire for their services?

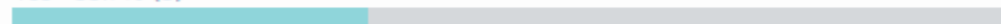
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Total Responses: 14

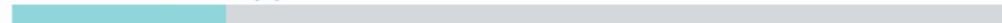
No - 42.9% (6)



Yes - 35.7% (5)



I'm not sure. - 21.4% (3)



Do you oppose having a retail cannabis store at the new mall at the Galleria site?

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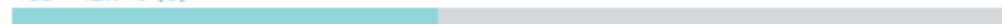
No - 42.9% (6)



I'm not sure. - 14.3% (2)



Yes - 42.9% (6)



Do you oppose having a retail cannabis store on Artesia Blvd.?

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Total Responses: 12

No. - 41.7% (5)



Yes - 58.3% (7)





Do you oppose having a retail cannabis store on Artesia Blvd.?

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Total Responses: 48

No, there already is one. I would welcome a legal replacement. - 47.9% (23)

Yes - 52.1% (25)



Do you oppose having retail cannabis stores in Redondo Beach?

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Total Responses: 64

Not under the right conditions. - 40.6% (26)

I don't care. - 15.6% (10)

Yes. - 40.6% (26)

I haven't made up my mind yet. - 3.1% (2)



Do you oppose Council getting a quote from LA County Fire for their services?

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Total Responses: 45

No - 44.4% (20)

Yes - 28.9% (13)

I'm not sure. - 26.7% (12)



Do you oppose having a retail cannabis store at the new mall at the Galleria site?

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Total Responses: 56

No - 42.9% (24)

I'm not sure. - 7.1% (4)

Yes - 50% (28)

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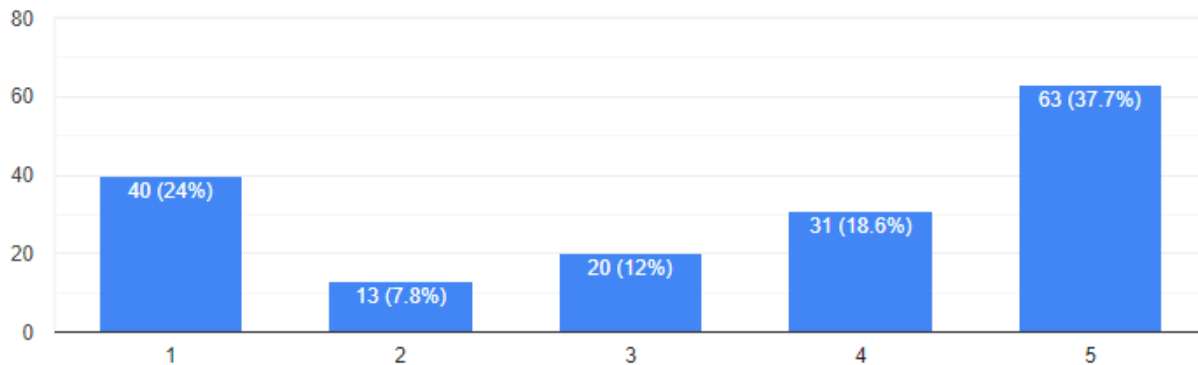
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There are a variety of license types provided by the State of California. These reflect the full supply chain of activities including cultivation, manufacturing, testing, and retail.

The Draft Cannabis Ordinance allows for the following three license types:

1) Type 9 Retailer: Non-Storefront Delivery, 2) Type 10 Retailer: Storefront, and 3) A combination Type 9 & Type 10 on a site. On a scale of 1 (Strongly Disagree) through 5 (Strongly Agree), how much do you agree with this policy?

167 responses



What additional thoughts would you like to share pertaining to License types?

64 responses

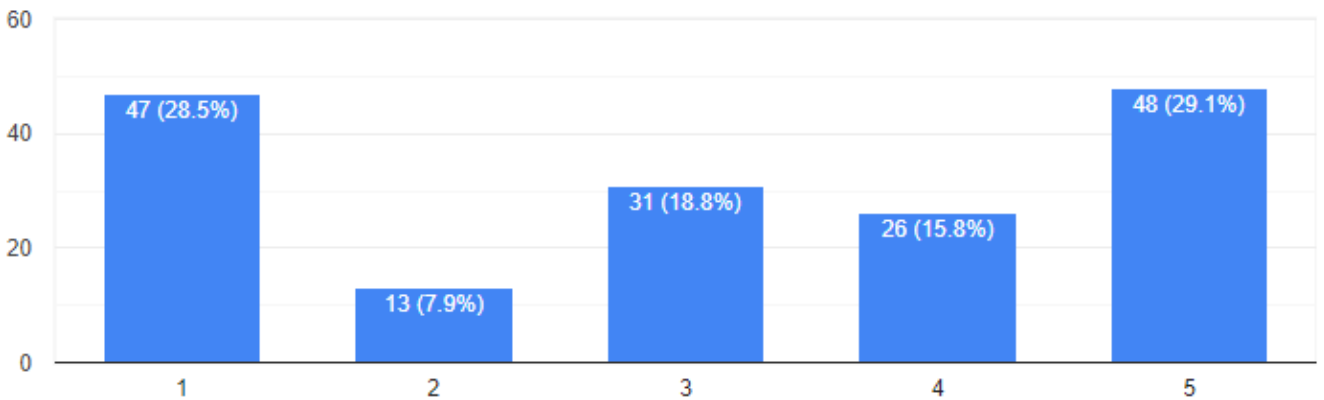
Retail sales only, no commercial cultivation
Prefer a non storefront. I don't even want them in the neighborhood but have no choice.
We need an actual storefront more than delivery
Should only allow storefronts which also have delivery an no delivery only businesses.
Delivery only
Do not issue license to anyone not living within one block of the prospective sitr
We have seen massage parlors cheapen the look of N. Redondo. I'd hate to see pot retailers do the same.
Licensing and back ground checks of ALL individuals directly and indirectly (delivery personnel) involved with the business full time OR part time.
The amount of retailers seems high
All of these licenses should be banned in Redondo Beach
I don't think legalizing any drug use helps individuals have a clear mind or long term health. In addition, with the presence of some drugs, the types of people that are attracted to the area are different than what has traditionally kept Redondo safe and clean.
Separate out the licenses! Delivery is different than stores!
Why are other license types not allowed?
Please make it legal
I don't see the need for a lot of weed shops and services just in this city. Maybe one or two would be fine. Respectful and low profile would be best with proper security.

I feel all license types should be permitted.
Have stores in commercial not industrial areas
Store fronts should be placed carefully with adequate parking and does not traffic flow. Store front should also avoid schools, day care, parks and places where it is visible to children.
No storefronts. Delivery is safest option for all.
How am I suppose to answer that question when I don't have a clue about what you are talking about?
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I'm glad there can be a few types but frankly the delivery only wouldn't help anyone in the long run. Storefront or storefront/delivery would serve the best.
The City MUST do effective public outreach regarding the City's cannabis ordinance change, if there is one. Voters MUST be aware of changes BEFORE the March 2023 election.
We should only have type 9, delivery establishments. The traffic, noise, and potential crime a type 10 license will bring to any neighborhood will be overwhelming to the community surrounding it.
No sale in RB
Distribution should be limited to non-storefront delivery, to prevent negative housing price impacts of having a cannabis dispensary near homes
I think Type 10 and combo make the most sense for Redondo, rather than delivery only.
storefronts are safer than delivery.
Cannabis sales are trouble wherever they pop up. Do NOT want cannabis licenses for RB. Keep cannabis out of our city!
This works
These maybe new small businesses or successful retail chain stores, we want them to be successful and flourish in our community, like any other small business!!! If they are successful the cannabis businesses can contribute to the community like any other business!!!
IF we have to have these types of stores, I'd prefer non-store front. I'd like there to be zero to no more than one in North RB bc we already have multiple smoke shops and so we don't need any more.
I'm comfortable with non-storefront delivery, but given the long lines that extend out of most retail dispensaries, am not comfortable with store front.
Do away with #1 & #3!
Drive up to MedMen on Sepulveda in Westchester and let me know if you want the same crowd handing out on the sidewalk outside of a retail dispensary.
Has anyone done research to see how much revenue the local pot delivery places are making (net) vs storefronts?
No storefronts.
No licenses in RB should be given. RB already had traffic and other problems with an illegal potshop on aviation. Legalizing will just make it worse
Retail only
Retail stores with clearly defined restrictions on location, are okay. There's no need for non-storefront delivery.
I don't think the state of CA has any idea what they are doing with Cannabis License.
I do not want ANY cannabis retailer or business in Redondo Beach.
I agree Type 9 is sufficient. Type 10 can attract unwanted persons and crimes.
Storefront only
no cannabis store in redondo
We already have to many pot/vape shops in Redondo Beach. No more!

Redondo should not be the first South Bay city to start this program. Let HB or MB implement. There is a reason those neighboring cities are not allowing this.
If you offer a combo, why not make it an either or and then you have to deal with one type. Why do you need three?
only allow a type 9 in Redondo
prefer not any in the city
My general preference would be no local commercial allowance, but my stronger preference is to avoid lengthy, costly lawsuits.
This process is far too slow.
These businesses SHOULD be allowed en mass, as it will allow adults to purchase and consume cannabis if they do choose & without having to drive out of the area or do home delivery.
Why are we doing this when PV, MB, Hermosa don't have these?
No marijuana in our neighborhood
No licenses please
No licenses whatsoever.
Limit to type 1 only
I think the types of licenses are ok, now see how it actually works or not.
Prefer not to include any store front licenses.
Delivery only type businesses will only make their location less favorable to neighbors, as it will create more of a warehouse situation with frequent traffic. Storefront and storefront with delivery will help to ensure public facing cleanliness and bring consumers to shopping centers, etc.
Issue 0 permits
None do not need pot stores and cultivation in our city
cannabis should be treated like alcohol and tobacco. It is hypocritical to villainize it when these other two things are welcome in our community.

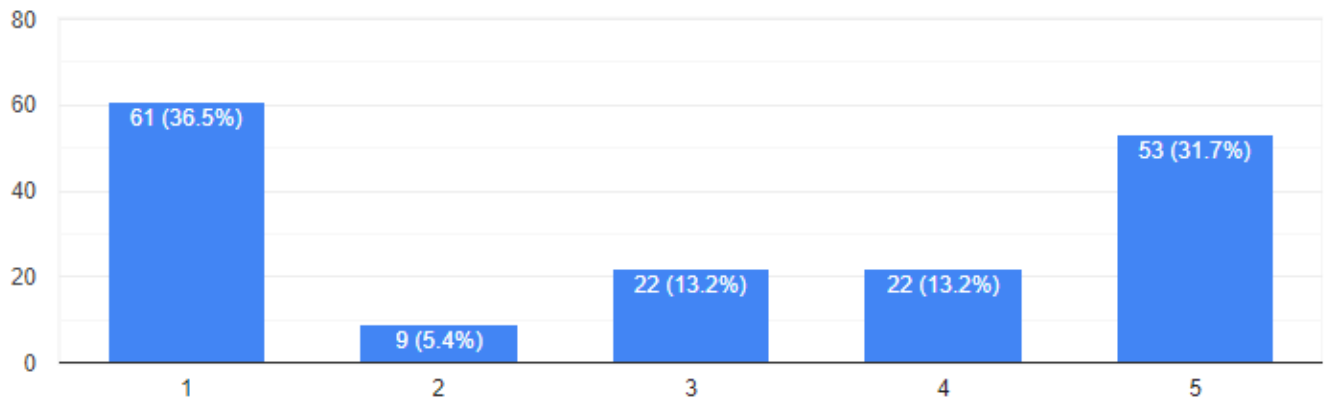
Pertaining to the number and location of licenses, the Draft Cannabis Ordinance permits up to two (2) sites within the City, On a scale of 1 (Strongly Disagree) through 5 (Strongly Agree), how much do you agree with this policy?

165 responses



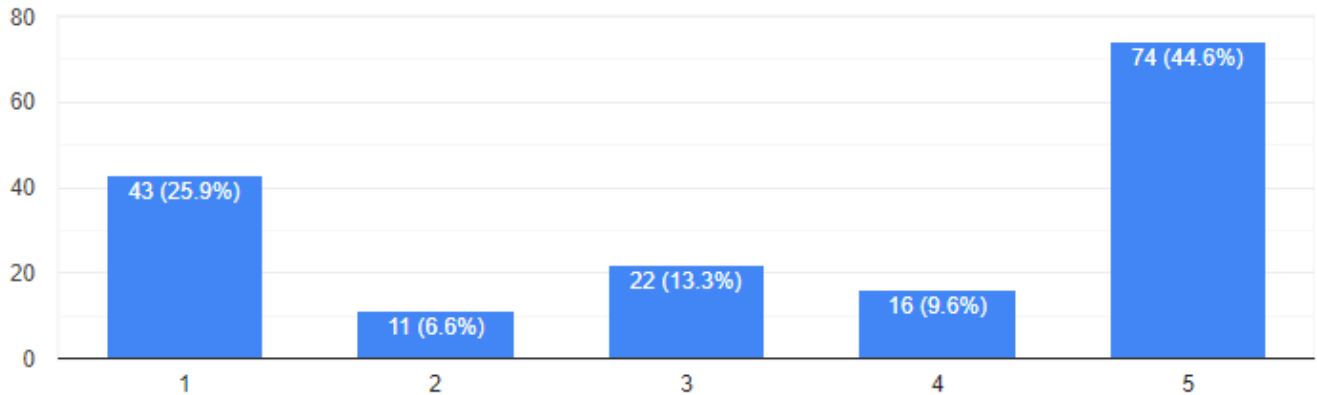
Pertaining to the number and location of licenses, the Draft Cannabis Ordinance permits a maximum of one site per Council District. On a scale of 1 (Strongly Disagree) through 5 (Strongly Agree), how much do you agree with this policy?

167 responses



Pertaining to the number and location of licenses, the Draft Cannabis Ordinance requires a 1000-foot buffer between cannabis licensed sites. On a scale of 1 (Strongly Disagree) through 5 (Strongly Agree), how much do you agree with this policy?

166 responses



What additional thoughts would you like to share pertaining to the number and location of licenses?

82 responses

I feel the buffer should be much larger! We don't need to have them all shoved in North Redondo.
I think we should limit sites in adjacent districts. We do not want groupings of sites.
two cites in the city, 1000 foot buffer is meaningless
Restricting the number of licenses at the city and district level to 2 and 1 will hinder competition but more importantly, I'm concerned over how these "golden" licenses will be granted (influence of cronyism). My concern is about the monopolization of the business within the city/district by those awarded a license. I think the numbers should be raised to at least 3 (city) and 2 (district) so that there is some semblance of competition and opportunity. Moreover, I'm perplexed as to why the number of licenses would be restricted to such a low number for Type-9 retailers. Since they don't have a store front, why does it matter how many retailers compete in this space. The number for Type-9 licenses should be higher (5). Lastly, I think the buffer should be increased to a # larger than 1K feet for store front sites. Licensed cannabis businesses with store fronts should not be on the same block and should be separated by a greater distance to prevent concentration of activities in one area. I would be very disappointed as a homeowner if 2 shops opened up within 1K feet of each other near my home.
Issue none
Let Hermosa Beach and Manhattan Beach take the retailers.
There should not be any locations in Redondo Beach.
Allow as many as want to open for business and allow them anywhere you'd allow a retail storefront.
This buffer should be increased.
why do we care how close they are?
I strongly disagree on above as I believe Redondo should not have any locations period and especially not one in each council district. There is a conflict there - 5 districts mean 5 locations in the CITY - NOT just 2.

We should not have any licenses in RB
Cannibis should not be legalized in Redondo Beach. My family moved here from Los Angeles, where the immediate result of passing by a cannibis shop was that my children were exposed to the smell of marijuana on the street. Obviously it will also make it much easier for local teenagers to access marijuana, as everyone knows someone who is 18 or over. Regardless of stated "intentions," the existence of a cannibis shop causes significant loitering in the area by users, and the area outside the shop becomes a hangout, where individuals openly use the merchandise. The result is also to drive up the cost of rent, as cannibis shops displace mom and pop retailers. It is difficult to believe that the number will stop at "2." Once there is a foothold, they will multiply. There should be no permits allowed, period.
I am not supportive of any licenses.
5-7 licenses. Do not makes this a duopoly. Separate out the license types.
If they indeed do this they need to be further apart and at least 1000 ft from a residential neighborhood.
Does a similar policy exist for other businesses?
I would support allowing a few more than 2 licenses for the city. Ok with a limit, but would support up to maybe 5-10.
One in South and one in north seems like more than enough.
I feel these business should not have any more regulatory requirements than liquor stores are subject to, as they are as safe or safer for the community than liquor stores. If I disagree above, it's because I would like to see LESS regulation (more licenses available, for example) and not more.
We should do a pilot program, one in the north and one in the south. Delay further discussions until we see the impact on community and locations. Possibly one retail storefront, the other non-storefront.
let the market determine the number of oicenses
Max 2 in city
I would recommend at least 1 to 2 miles apart.
There should be multiple stores available for customers/patients to shop at. We don't want only 1 or 2 licensed retailers with no competition.
One is enough
Redondo Beach residents can buy alcohol in liquor stores, bars, restaurants, and grocery stores. Quit trying to restrict residents' rights.
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If there's only two in the city then I would want them to be spread out for ease of access for all residents.
Less licenses. More distance
I don't want them in our city at all.
We do not need these businesses in our community
Should be more than 1000 feet.
It seems to me a city the size of Redondo could reasonably support 3 retailers, thus offering a bit of competition as well.
Start with one and monitor activity for 90 days. Stay heavily engaged with voters to identify successes, weaknesses, and update the ordinance to reflect that analysis and voter input. VOTER input ... must be registered Redondo voters whose input is considered.
It should not be by district but by north and south. All of the establishments should not be in one part of the city. That being said, there should also be a min 500 ft buffer between establishments and schools/parks/and daycare facilities.
There should be at least one per district.
For Redondo specifically I would like to see one allocated in the north and one allocated in the south, if we have to actually have them. Just do delivery, and we never have to see the store fronts.
No sales of cannabis in RB
For a city the size of RB we should have more than 2 licenses

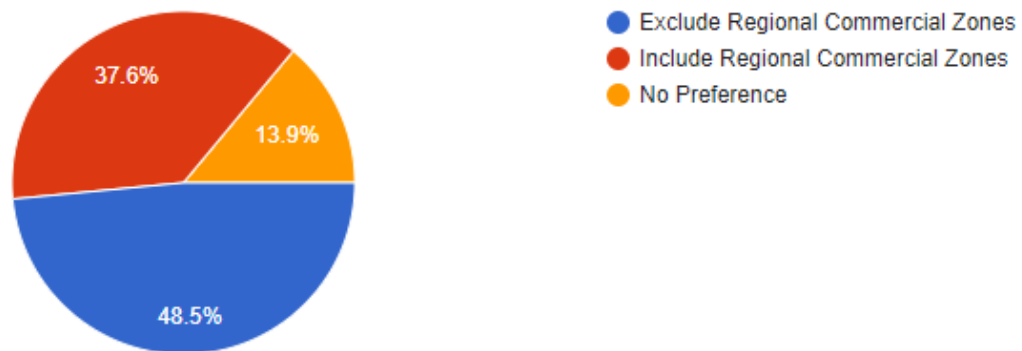
Should not be imposing artificial restrictions on the number of licenses or location. That is for all residents and the market to determine according to the law of supply and demand
The buffer is not large enough. There shouldn't be more than one licensed site in each RB area district.
How can you have 2 sites in the city but also 1 site per council district? Does that mean 2 sites that are in separate council districts?
Locations should based on the number and location of specific business districts in relation to schools and other required buffer zones.
2 is way too low. There should be competition but not a storefront in every part of the city. Basically, we have so many bars and restaurants that serve alcohol, so having 5-6 shops isn't too hard to imagine. I think the shops should go to local residents who do NOT currently have a license. This way it eliminates any big investment groups or big brands that only will try to flood the streets with cannabis. A local, resident driven program would be better.
The farthest distance possible! More like miles!
I have worked near and drive by cannabis dispensaries and they are not what i want for our city. If people need cannabis then there are plenty of location outside of Redondo Beach for them to go.
I would like the city council to use documentation of successful cannabis dispensary density & community acceptance before making arbitrary decisions on density!!!
I'd like to see no cannabis shops, but if we have to have any at all, need to have just one in South RB and one in North RB.
Limit number of storefront separately from delivery. They have very different community impact. Perhaps 2 each.
One location in south Redondo, one location in north Redondo.
Not enough space.
I am uncertain how there can be two licenses and one store per District. In addition, what if District 4 and 5 want to have stores adjacent to each other somewhere. Why does that matter? It would matter more to the store owner I suspect. Was this done to help them?
Absolutely no more than 2 pots stores in Redondo. One in North and one in South. Going from ZERO to FIVE is beyond INSANE. Do you want to kill people?
I want the city to allow only one cannabis site
Personal use, unmarked delivery. Nothing in the public eye that will encourage youth to start the destructive habit of any drug not prescribed and controlled by a doctor..
There shouldn't be any pot licenses allowed in RB. If any are allowed, it'll surely go on Artesia. Artesia Blvd already has a bad reputation due to the people it brings in for its MMA fighting lessons, hookah smoking, pot accessories, tattoo shops, and massage parlors. A pot shop will fit right in and ruin any chance of North Redondo being a family friendly, walkable area.
With only two in the City, they should be much farther apart
As long as they're in separate council districts, at least 1,000 feet apart should be the rockbottom allowable minimum.
ZERO Licenses
How can the number of sites be limited to two within the city but yet still allow one site per council district? A 1000 ft buffer between sites has little utility.
No more, we already have to many.
Do not allow cannabis sales.
Let market decide number of stores. Should equal liquor license
North Redondo shouldn't be stuck with both
I know it's gonna be placed far from Riviera, punishing North Redondo with the traffic and stoners

Number and Location of Licenses

2 max in the city, buffer should be larger between the two sites. Buffer should include schools, parks, and daycare facilities as well.
If possible, limit licenses so one company can hold only one license at a time within the city. Since we already have "churches" popping up to sell cannabis - how would that be handled? For instance there is an existing "church" selling on Artesia - would that location be included in calculating the distance limitation; if not why not? When can or will something be done about these fake churches - seems once licensed retail stores go in, they will be able to undercut the licensed operators because the church will not be required to collect tax on their sales.
The two licenses should be on opposite sides of the city.
The more the merrier.
I don't think we should have any. If we are to have any of them, it should be on the fringe areas of the city and not in the city center.
1000 doesn't seem enough. Don't want to see them crammed between already crowded Artesia.. between massage, liquor stores,
I'd really like to see more than 1000ft. Streets like Artesia/Aviation could become Cannabis shop after Cannabis shop.
No licenses please
No cannabis shops in redondo beach
It should be a larger distance between sites
The survey would not allow me to strongly disagree with number and location of licenses.
Generally support buffer zones and spreading locations throughout the City. Maximum one per district is a good policy and ensures there is no concentration in one part of town.
5 licenses seems excessive, 3-4 seems more reasonable.
No sites in Redondo, period.
No licensing . 1 mile minimum from schools and public parks. If city council is so keen on pot let them set up the dispensaries next to where they live
only one? Is there only one liquor store per district? Check cashing facility? Pawn shop?

Pertaining to which Zoning Provisions, the Draft Cannabis Ordinance limits cannabis license sites to commercial and industrial zones. It specifically prohibits licenses in coastal commercial, residential, and public/institutional zones. The Planning Commission recommended the prohibition of licenses within Regional Commercial zones, which include the South Bay Galleria and waterfront areas. The City Council recommended the inclusion of Regional Commercial Zones. Which policy would you like to see the City move forward with?

165 responses



What additional thoughts would you like to share pertaining to Zoning provisions?

63 responses

We don't need the Galleria area to invite that type of element.
This question is worded very poorly and hard to interpret. My selection is intended to be aligned with the Planning Commission's recommendation ("...prohibition of licenses within Regional Commercial zones, which include the South Bay Galleria and waterfront areas").
Families are at waterfront and galleria
Exclude all cannabis store license
If a place like the Galleria can sell liquor which many of its restaurants do then cannabis should be allowed as well.
This question is worded in a very confusing way. We should be restricting these retailers in these areas.
Find one city OWNED building in the city for a licensed operation - so they can directly monitor the operation and evict the tenant if rules are violated.
Include coastal zones too. Excluding them is obviously to discourage a store in south redondo
There should be no zoning for cannabis whatsoever. It should not be permitted.
I don't want cannabis dispensaries in commercial zones, the beach or residential zones.
Allow in the Coastal Zone...
There are many residential areas within the Artesia, Inglewood, 190th corridors which need consideration. Please don't just saddle North Redondo if this passes.
Why are these other zones not allowed?

It seems like a grab n go small shop type of thing would be best, not big public areas with strong potential for trouble to start.
The city populace voted FOR Proposition 64, and they weren't kidding. These licensees should be mildly regulated, no more stringently than liquor stores are, and not punitively excluded from valuable commercial real estate. The prohibitionists LOST in a fair election, and the regulatory landscape should reflect that.
In safe commercial areas where seniors feel comfortable going day and night
Be mindful of residential communities along the Artesia, 190th and Inglewood corridors
The galleria is where people ultimately for people to live and where young adults and children live and spend time.
The stores should be in industrial area. They don't need foot traffic as people will go to them. I like the idea of the delivery system as well.
More exclusionary zoning? Brand stacked the Planning Commission with mindless robots, so of course they want to prohibit licenses to South Bay Galleria and the waterfront areas, because god forbid those areas create any revenues for the city.
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Could the cannabis stores be located only above the ground floor. First this creates a tenant for existing office space. Multi-story buildings often have onsite parking. Last, the commercial corridor would not be as tainted with the negative connotations associated with drug dealing.
The Galleria and waterfront need a facelift and considering that the city and its people are constantly fighting over how to re-develop both to the point that nothing will be done for many more years allowing dispensaries in these areas would be a positive move for both areas.
I don't want to have them in our city at all
Should not be within 2000 feet of a school zone.
It's ridiculous to hide them in industrial zones. There is no reason they can't operate like any other legal business. They do in other cities with no issues.
Interesting that coastal is excluded. Again, it seems things are being pushed inland, just like the housing. Put it on the waterfront where the tourists are.
Why are coastal commercial zones prohibited?
As long as not in residential zones, ok
make it the same as any liquor store
I don't think it's a good idea to allow cannabis in waterfront and Galleria areas - would create too much of a Venice Beach vibe and may detract visitors.
Commercial zones that include Riviera Village, PCH, Artesia and Aviation should be considered.
If you put shops in sketchy locations, then sketchy people will come. Put them in coastal areas, and you'll get high end customers who will frequent other high end boutiques and restaurants.
No approved zoning for cannabis in Redondo Beach.
They are legit business, let them sell wherever.
I do not buy cannabis!
I do believe that we should have nice, safe, inviting retail establishments of all types in our city. I believe cannabis dispensaries should be in retail districts.
These maybe new small businesses or successful retail chain stores, we want them to flourish in our community, like any other small business!!! If they are successful the cannabis businesses can contribute to the community like any other business!!!
CR zone has a residential component to it and should be excluded from retail sales for this ordinance

Having as few as possible would be good. If we get just one put it in South RB bc we already have the Smoke Shop in North RB on Artesia that sells cannabis using the "church" laws to do it.
I go to a pot shop in Gardena on 190th, but have been to several in Seattle as well. Both have been in commercial zones. In Seattle, the shop was very open with three glass walls. Everyone was welcome. There was an off duty police guard at the door. It was bright and welcoming. In Gardena, the security guards are for the entire complex, the entry is small, dark and requires government ID, before the store is available. The store is like a brightly lit dungeon. I much preferred the Seattle model. I hope we can have that here.
The problem is, our commercial zones are right next to and intermingled with residential zones and SCHOOLS K-12. Commercial zones might be okay-- depends on where and what is close by.
Keep them out of Artesia Blvd. Artesia already has too many bars, vape shops and massage parlors
Zoning should be aware that a pot shop affects everyone around it. They bring congestion and crime. The LAXCC PotShop constantly has people double parking and blocking a lane on busy Lincoln Blvd, parking in other businesses parking lots, trash, and panhandlers loitering. I've also seen teenagers hanging out asking adults to buy them pot. This is not something I want where I live.
This question, and the choices given, will be very difficult for most residents to answer. It's not clear whether excluding Regional Commercial Zones means taking them off the list of prohibited locations or putting them onto it. To be clear, no marijuana storefronts should be located at the South Bay Galleria or at the waterfront in Redondo Beach.
Do Not put it in the water front area we do not want to be another Venice Beach
Do not permit ANY cannabis businesses.
I think cannabis retailers should be allowed anywhere in the city, except where frequented by children.
We don't want pot sales in the regional attracting areas.
Galleria and waterfront is excellent location. Plenty of parking
That question is worded poorly. Not sure if 'Include' means, include in the limiting ordinance or include the areas able to sell?
DO NOT put a cannabis store at a shopping mall like the Galleria. SO many of our children hang out there unsupervised, the last thing we need to worry about is them gaining access to or getting someone nearby to purchase weed for them. The galleria should be family-friendly like the POINT or Del Amo or Manhattan Beach, please don't ruin it for our future.
On top of my concern regarding easy access for our children, the galleria is adjacent to a MAJOR transportation hub, and soon to be train line. Having a marijuana shop will create easy access for those looking for recreational drugs, again, influencing and impacting our kids in a negative way.
Keeping to commercial and industrial zones seems to be the best option. Access is important, but do not see the need to make these storefronts in a mall for instance. Would prefer not to craft a zoning ordinance which prevents locating these in South Redondo (seems like it might be going that way with "waterfront areas" described above). Those of us in the North already have a "church" on Artesia selling illegally here - we do not need to have multiple new licensed shops in the North because of a zoning which makes it impossible to locate one of these shops in the South.
Be inclusive just set proper operating hours
We sell alcohol near the waterfront. Why would cannabis be any different?
Allow it wherever liquor store or pharmacies are zoned. Cannabis should be treated as a safe alternative treatment. Maybe it will help reduce alcohol and opioid abuse if more retailers are allowed.
May be open to this within an industrial area
No cannabis at all
No licenses please
I'd like to see the minimum distance between site be more like a mile. 1000 feet is way to close!

Honestly it's not easy to see through city resources what "regional commercial zones" entails but it sounds like this is the designated mixed use zones. This seems very minor in the scheme of things and mixed use is welcome to provide residence with easy access to businesses they may patron, with less need for transportation. Seems like this is an acceptable use of commercial space in this zoning designation.

Not near schools and don't desire it near my house. Think it brings a negative element. Not a fan overall of bringing in cannabis to Redondo.

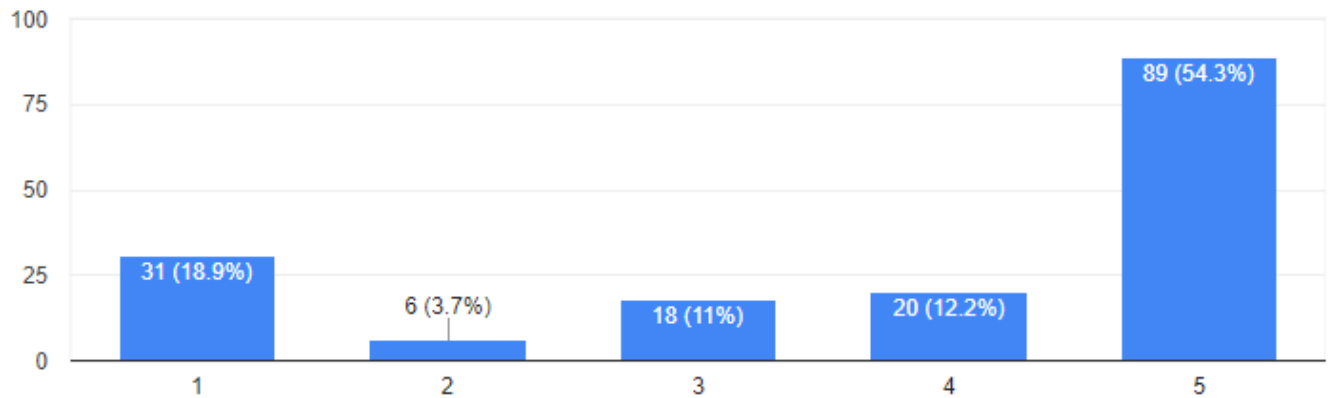
No sites in Redondo at all !!

Both planning and city council have their heads up their rectum.. DO NOT NEED OR WANT POT IN REDONDO BEACH!!

have you notice

Pertaining to Buffers, the Draft Cannabis Ordinance requires that a 600-foot radius be maintained from elementary schools, day cares, and youth centers (per State's mandate). The buffer increases to a 1500-foot radius from high schools and middle schools as there is more independence for these students before and after school to frequent the neighboring areas. School buffers include private schools. On a scale of 1 (Strongly Disagree) through 5 (Strongly Agree), how much do you agree with this policy?

164 responses



What additional thoughts would you like to share pertaining to buffers around schools?

70 responses

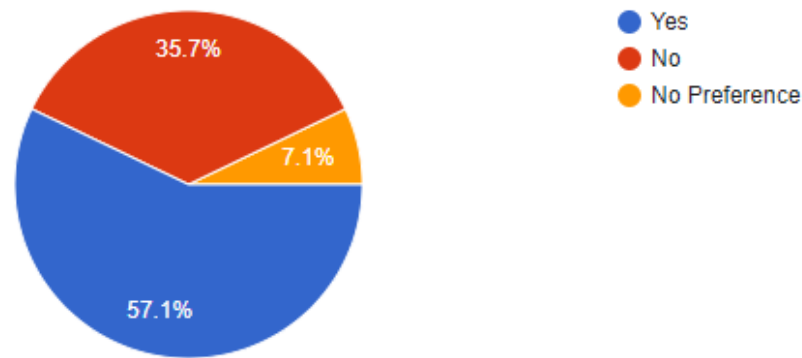
What additional thoughts would you like to share pertaining to buffers around schools?
600 feet from elementary schools! The buffers should all be 1500 at the very least.
should be more than 1500 feet
Buffers should be much greater to restrict any type of physical influence near children after they are released from school. 3,000 feet from elementary schools, day cares, and youth centers and 5,000 feet from high schools and middle schools as there is more independence for these students before and after school to frequent the neighboring areas.
Buffer should be dramatically extended
Should be 1500 around all schools. Who wants to walk by and see a store coming/going to school
Buffers are ridiculous they accomplish nothing except have the feel good politicians say they are doing something. No licenses no stores
the location should be farther away from schools. 1 mile from any school. Especially middle and high schools. IF we are to have these stores in Redondo Beach, it should as inconvenient as possible for teens to gain access to the stores.
Increasing the buffer is ridiculous. Kids attending RUHS stop in the local liquor stores all the time to buy snacks so what's the concern about a store they wouldn't even be allowed to enter.
Buffers should be significantly increased!
I think the buffer should be 2500 feet minimum.
There should be no cannabis permits whatsoever. If there is, then the buffer should be at least half a mile from any school, no matter whether it is an elementary or secondary school.

This is way too close to schools.
It should be more than a 600 foot buffer....
none. Same as alcohol...
don't care much about enforcing a buffer (and am a parent). and/or it should be the same as whatever laws are for alcohol stores.
Please keep the buffers
I recognize the need for a buffer, but it should be no greater than that surrounding liquor stores, as minors may not enter dispensaries, unlike liquor stores. Also, dispensaries are as safe if not safer for the community than liquor stores. Resist prohibitionist zeal and allow the legalization that was voted for to occur.
1000 should be enough because under 21 yo cannot go into stores. What is the buffer zones for Liquor stores?
I would like to see the 1,500 ft distance increased.
I would recommend a minimum of three blocks.
Buffer should be greater.
Where are the buffers when it comes to alcohol and coffee?
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As mentioned, the stores should be on the second floor or above. Even at 1,500 ft kids might be passing by and be more inquired because it is forbidden to them. Why advertise the use when this kind of impression can be made
You can't throw a rock without hitting a school in this city. The zone for elementary makes and even for middle school is fine. High school not so much - by that point if a teenager wants it, they don't need a legal shop to get it. These shops are 21+ anyway and they card better than your average convenience stores.
More buffer zone. Should not be within miles of school and parks
They should not be allowed in our entire city at all
Should be more of a buffer for all school zones.
Same for middle schools regarding the 1500 foot buffer.
That's basically excluding all of Redondo.
Add additional distance to that buffer. It should be nowhere near schools. Let's try half to a mile. It'd be great if we could do the same with liquor stores.
Should be a lot more space between them!!
No sales in RB.
Consideration for popular routes that middle and high school students take would also be beneficial when considering buffer areas.
This restriction regarding minors is sensible
Buffer should be 1500-ft for all schools, including elementary
State is amending their 600 ft buffer to be less. There is no reason to increase buffers, increasing buffers limits being able to have a successful cannabis program within the City
Buffers need to be triple this from schools and children of all types this should include even preschools are anything not fully developed prefrontal lobe level
Even with buffers students still get their hands on marijuana via illicit dealers. Personally I feel that marijuana is not a huge threat to high school students, among other types of drugs.
yes good idea
The farther away from the schools the better
No cannabis within 2 miles of any school. Especially considering the violence they attract.

If possible, put the shops far far away from the middle schools and high school.
Buffers should be much larger. These locations routinely have people in long lines and using nearby. Young kids should not be exposed to this without parental supervision. Everyone should be able to get high at home and in private, but not in front of elementary school kids.
Are students not capable of walking 1500 feet? Enforce age requirements for purchase. Don't use distance measurements as a means of limiting locations.
Not enough space.
Jr High and High School students do much, much stronger drugs than weed.
These buffers are not enough. I would like Redondo to have no visible sales within city boundaries.
Buffers don't help. Crime spreads.
The cannabis retail locations should also adhere to the 1,000-foot minimum separation between these retail stores and be required to be located in two separate council districts.
Kids will find what they want even if they have to ride their e bikes to get it
10 mile radius
The businesses should be prohibited from selling products that target minors.
More buffer distance
Allow no sales.
Needs to be a much larger buffer
1500-foot radius for ALL schools, daycare facilities, youth centers, AND parks please. They package marijuana in such creative colorful ways now with yummy sounding names, I don't want my kids to see that in a window display while walking home from daycare. The other day I passed a "Sweet Flower," and myself was so excited thinking it was a cute new bakery - WRONG, it's a weed shop. Imagine what little ones might think.
These are not enough distances to prevent children from seeking access this these drugs.
The larger the buffer from schools AND major corridors for student travel to/from school would be appreciated. We do not want large numbers of students to have to pass by a cannabis retail location going to/from school or waiting for the bus.
The buffer idea is ludicrous just seeing a store front doesn't corrupt a child. Children see liquor in stores
If a liquor store or pharmacy is not allowed near schools etc then neither should a cannabis retailer.
It should be 1500 feet from all schools
10 miles apart at a minimum
No licenses please
It should be more
I think it should be 1500 ft around all facilities whose primary purpose is the care/education/entertainment of children regardless of the children's ages. Kids purchasing is not the only or even the most concerning reason for maintaining separation. Potential violence is also of high concern.
We have many schools which will negatively impact where these ADULT businesses may function. Regulations dictate who may enter businesses, that purchases must be concealed when leaving, and use of product in public- thus impact on schools should be minimal. To assume students do not have access to transportation to go 0.25 miles is naive, especially when I know that prior to legal offerings- cannabis was often held ON school campuses.
No sites
Two miles from all schools and public parks!!
Have you noticed? ALL THE KIDS ARE DOING IT ALREADY. Tax it and educate them. Check purity or the product.

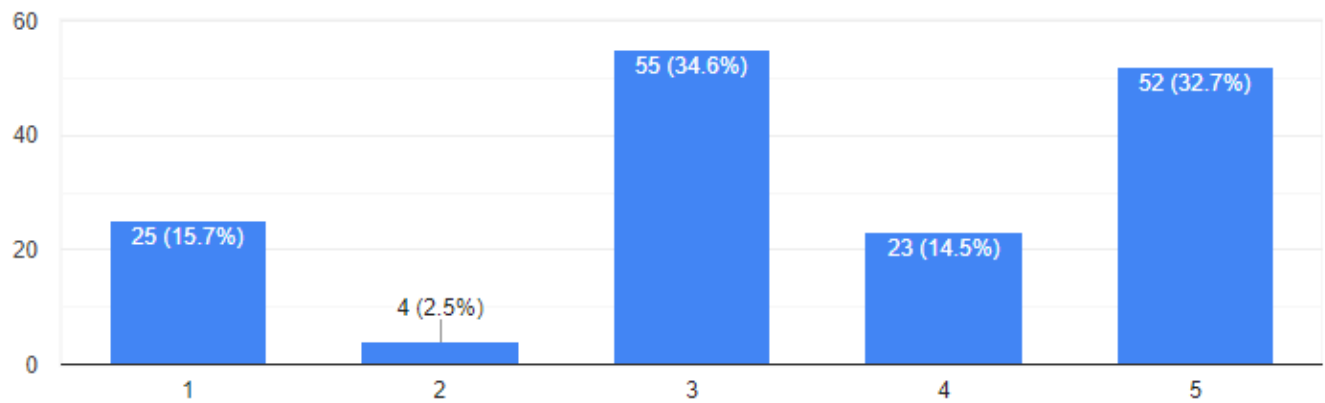
Considering that Beach Cities Transit Route 102 is a main bus line for Redondo Beach High School students to take to school, with two bus stops on Artesia Boulevard between Ridge Lane and Hawthorne Boulevard, the Planning Commission recommended removing the commercial sites along Artesia Boulevard between Ridge Lane and Hawthorne Boulevard from consideration for cannabis retailer licenses. Should the vicinity around those two bus stops be omitted?

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Pertaining to license fees, the Draft Cannabis Ordinance establishes a fee of no more than 5% of gross receipts memorialized within a Development Agreement. This fee is to sunset upon the establishment of a local commercial cannabis tax. On a scale of 1 (Strongly Disagree) through 5 (Strongly Agree), how much do you agree with this policy?

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Keep the taxes reasonable at the same % or less than surrounding communities. No point having them if customers are taxed out of going local. Not to mention people will continue to obtain cannabis illegally due to the high taxes.

Tax should be flexible like how Hermosa wants to do it.

I think there should be better delineation between fees for recreational use and medical use. Recreational use should be much higher (15%) and medical use should be lower (<5%) so that those who need it for medicinal purposes are not unfairly penalized.

There should be no local cannabis tax. Prop 64 already added 20% to the normal almost 10% sales tax. That is why so many illegal sales operations exist. The public will seek out least costly alternatives.

City politicians should stop selling their souls to cannabis interests under they guise of generating tax income... you are selling our youth for your nefarious self interests

The licensing fee should be reasonable and Redondo Beach doesn't have it's own sales tax rate so why penalize cannabis businesses.

Taxes should remain high. The net effect on the surrounding community is negative from these retailers. I'm very pro business but feel strongly against cannabis retailers coming into our community.

A higher tax would be desirable, BUT increases the black market influence.

Stop overcharging and adding fees/taxes! There are more than necessary as is!

They should be high to dissuade people from selling here.

5% max!

not informed enough to have an opinion on what the taxes should be

I think the more fees the higher retail prices would be an issue. Keeping things simple and unassuming would be best to keep as much order across town as possible with no potential money grabber scheisters coming here to take over.

I don't understand why the dispensaries should be taxed locally at a different rate from other local businesses. They SHOULD be taxed, and I look forward to the city reaping the rewards of having these businesses in the city; but this tax should not be punitive, and should in no way be higher than that levied on liquor stores. The same logic applies to license fees, which have been ridiculously punitive in other communities in the state, and serve to prevent the social equity that should be an inseparable part of legalization.
Don't over-tax as this makes buying legal cannabis unaffordable for consumers and foster illegal sales
More would be great but maybe the policy should be written so it allows for reconsideration to understand how the cannabis storefront impacts city's resources that requires the general fund.
Will the tax go into the city general fund? I support taxing the product.
The taxes need to be low enough to make buying retail preferable to the street market.
If you make it cost prohibitive for Redondo Beach residents to buy "legally" in Redondo Beach, Redondo Beach residents will buy outside of Redondo Beach.
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Don't overtax them. We will still get sales tax without a local tax and it will cause more Black market dealing is taxes are too high
Any increases to prevent sales to minors would be preferred
Add a local cannabis tax.
Some of the fees should go towards an increase in police and public works presence around the area of the establishment or even to help establish a code enforcement agency to enforce permit/license regulations and verify complaints.
It is easy to hide cash transactions to discover the 5% gross.
Any tax should be annual, not a one time fee.
Would have selected "5" but something wrong with the survey and I couldn't
Due to the negative impacts of cannabis sales on a city, and the opportunity for the city to make revenue, the license fees and taxes for establishing cannabis in our city should be as high as possible. Even as high as 15-20%
What are other cities, like Los Angeles, charging for fees and taxes?
Don't understand the above policy
If we MUST have a cannabis business in the city limits it should be taxed at 50% minimum.
I would like the city council to use documentation of successful cannabis dispensary fees & community impact data before making arbitrary decisions on fees & taxes!!! These maybe new small businesses or successful retail chain stores we want them to be successful and flourish in our community,, like any other small business!!!
Highly agree on a cannabis tax
License fees should be equivalent to other business fees plus a surcharge to cover additional city services that may be required.
I would prefer to see a scale of fees versus a tax on the pot shops. Definitely not both. We want to encourage shops, not discourage them.
I have no idea how this compares to other cities & counties. Keep it LOW. People can and will get "illegal" weed to avoid the tax.
Tax the heck out of it
The higher the fees the more underground sales.
If the council insists on putting in a pot shop, tax it at 200%. The city will need the extra revenue to cover policing in the area.
This assumes that all sales of marijuana will also be subject to the state sales tax.
If we have to have it then most definitely RB should have their own tax.

\$20,000 / month
I think cannabis should not have an extra tax added on besides the regular taxes that are already on purchases.
Personally, I think it should be higher.
Allow no sales of cannabis in RB.
City needs to impose 5% tax to capture cost
Fees need to be very high to offset risk to community
Should be a minimum of 20%
Establish high fees, a local tax, and a code enforcement arm to regulate their license and ensure they are abiding by any local and state regulations.
This should be the same as the tax on liquor sales.
Fees do not benefit families with Children who are at risk of abusing this drug
Prefer no cannabis establishment within the city especially in North RB
We support taxation of this product. People seem to want access to legal cannabis - but the public should be able to reap benefit through local taxation to deal with the issues that will follow. Limit the number of licenses in the city and prevent monopoly of licenses so a company cannot hold more than one license. Keep the shops away from areas where children (and especially teens) congregate.
The fee's and taxes should not be excessive make them fair.
More tax on weed is better
No licenses please
Tax >5% to help out community
Aren't business licenses paid for up front? If so, what's the timeline for establishing the businesses gross receipts? How long is a license good for? I understand the basis for the license fee sunset from gross receipts, how will the license fees be determined after that and how often will they have to be renewed? Seems like there are a lot of unanswered issues with every aspect of allowing cannabis licensing in RB.
Redondo needs to have a competitive tax rate to neighboring jurisdictions. Delivery services such as GrassDoor currently service Redondo Beach, so for any business to be viable it must make economic sense.
10 million dollars to sell drugs in city
Mayor Brand and cronies should be ashamed to prostitute themselves to the pot industry which has no stake in Redondo Beach.... They work hard to exclude areas around South Redondo but care not about the rest of the city 👍
who sets the 5% fee and oversees how we spend it? Shouldn't there be transparency on that?

Are there any additional thoughts you would like to share related to the Draft Cannabis Ordinance or pertaining to cannabis regulations?

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Great work!
Mis-spelling of Rindge Lane. Prefer no Cannabis retail in the city.
I'm so disappointed that we are even considering this in Redondo. I cannot wait to have an opportunity to leave.
Make sure to prioritize local ownership over outside big businesses. We shouldn't give a license to the people who are being the initiative, they are are not local and not good people.
Limit sales in Redondo Beach
Delivery only
Where have you been for more than 2 years? It's about time you move forward. Redondo should be the first beach city to approve retail sales so we can capture the business from our neighbors.
No cannabis allowed. Period!!
Please, let's not have Cannabis sold in Redondo Beach.
Artesia Blvd needs to restrict cannabis retailers. There are way too many bus stops and schools nearby and there is a need for so many other types of retailers instead. Time to clean up the image of our community. These are all multi-million dollar neighborhoods now with more families and kids than ever before. The surrounding neighborhood deserves better.
As a legal business, the shops should be on the same footing as liquor stores and wine shops. Don't demonize them or impose harsher fees and taxes just because of the wares they sell.
I FAVOR NOT HAVING ANY CANNABIS BUSINESSES OR LOCATIONS WITHIN THE CITY LIMITS OF REDONDO BEACH - PERIOD
We should continue to ban cannabis sales in RB. It is bad for our community and people who do not live in our community is pushing this on RB. Please stand up to these paid lobbyists and deny this.
This whole survey presumes that cannabis permits will be allowed. We object to this altogether. There should be no draft cannabis ordinance.
This is not an ordinance, it's an attempt to monopolize the cannabis market in our area. ANYONE who supports this will be replaced quickly as a city leader.
I don't want them on Artesia Blvd or the Galleria
This is already happening through unregulated delivery. Sooner the better...
support allowing cannabis stores, should treat it the same as alcohol
We already have liquor stores. We need safe and regulated places to have cannabis stores. I believe it will curtail illegal activity
Less is more.
It feels like the Planning Commission is trying very hard to placate Prohibitionists. I feel that is the wrong attitude for the city to take. Protect public safety, of course, but let's be honest: that's relatively easy with cannabis dispensaries -- much easier that with tobacco-selling liquor stores! The kids will be fine; they aren't even allowed inside. Allow this new type of business to thrive, and let them feel welcome enough that some beautiful, well designed storefronts will come to the city and draw customers from far away.

We should quit stalling and begin doing something. People, including kids are already getting it delivered. Other cities are going to compete. I get it, it is change. But our country went through this after prohibition of alcohol in the 1920's and early 1930's. We learned a lot, we should take those lessons and realize the fact that accessibility is already there. Set standards. Have a police presence for enforcement and hefty fines and shut downs for violations. We have plenty of places to work with. Let's get this started. NOTE: This is coming from someone that really has no interest in shopping, consuming or being part of selling. This is all wasting taxpayer money and is an example of bureaucracy.
Just get it done before the people behind the initiative screw things up for the people in Redondo
Please be mindful of the residential communities and North Redondo should not have both both shops if only two are allowed in the city.
Should not be around foot traffic. Keep it in industrial out of the way places. Would be nice if the stores were high end.
Cannabis should be as readily available as alcohol, perhaps even more available than alcohol is.
The adult use marijuana act passed in 2016, this is 2022, six years later. The City of Redondo Beach had no intention of ending the prohibition on Cannabis, until the ballot initiative people came to town, now there's this mad rush to get an ordinance before the voters, while spoiling the deal with more limitations and restrictive zoning.
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Pass it already, stop moving at the speed of government.
You can slow it down and keep it out of the city but it's going to be here regardless. It would be better to make some money off of taxing tested and regulated cannabis since it is basically going in the same direction as to how alcohol is treated.
Please keep them away from kids areas. Away from corridors where we already have too many transients (none should be on artesia or galleria area) keep them in south Redondo
We don't need something that will dumb down our children We should not allow them in the city at all
The farther away the sales of these drugs are from our children the better.
Sale and use are legal in the state. No reason why users have to travel elsewhere to purchase when they can purchase locally.
Let hermosa and Manhattan have cannabis shops, why do we need to bring that to our doorstep? Redondo has enough on its plate.
No
Keep that joker who cusses all over Instagram out of our neighborhoods
Make sure they all have security 24/7
I have long felt that cannabis should be fully legal. I am not concerned that storefronts, etc. will suddenly turn Redondo Beach into a drug haven or some such over-reaction. I fully support cannabis sales in Redondo Beach.
Please place strong limits on cannabis sales. I am in strong agreement with avoiding proximity to bus stops, routes to/from schools, and limiting dispensaries altogether.
Make sure there is a covenant. These stores can look tacky, ghetto and heinous if not forced otherwise. If they're not Med Men level beautiful and supported by the city with trees and greenery making them look non-descript, they're not invited.
It's important to get this passed and in place so that we aren't hounded by outside interests.
Consideration should be given to making 5 retail locations the maximum throughout the city, following the buffer requirements. Perhaps as specific as 2 in the North, 1 in the middle and 2 in the South.
let the market dictate, not personal preference
Is there a law that says we must allow a cannabis business in our city? If so, let's get it on a ballot to repeal. If no requirement to allow for "pot Shops" in our city, then let's not allow any licenses.

Please work to find a balance between the needs of the community & the business realities of running a small business!!
Please keep far away from all schools but especially Adams and Parras middle schools and the High School. If can just have 1 in a location that's far away from all schools that would be optimal.
Once the genie is out of the bottle, it's tough to put back in.
High School kids old enough to purchase cannabis are going to buy it regardless of the bus stops. I found that thought pretty ridiculous. Will they share with their friends? Will a no loitering law be enforced around the pot shops? I hope so.
I hope the ER's are ready for the increase in edible overdoses in both children and anyone over 50. There is a false misconception that because it's "Legal" you can trust that dosing is both accurate and consistent. It is not! All of my friends (and myself) have discovered that printed/advertised doses of products are wildly inconsistent and sometimes horribly dangerous.
Keep these shops out of north Redondo
No outward signs of cannabis sales in Redondo. Save our youth from a fate I am all to familiar with!
There shouldn't be any pot shops allowed in RB. It's ridiculous to think eliminating stops on route 102 will stop RUHS students from getting pot. They can walk a few blocks. You'll only be hurting the people who aren't able to. If you put pot shops on Artesia, it'll just cement North Redondo's reputation as the seedy slum of the South Bay.
No owner/business can have more than one location in the city. Also, someone should write these questions so that lay people can understand them. They need to be unambiguous.
Since I feel strongly that marijuana sales should be very limited in Redondo Beach, I think it's extremely important to prevent any individual, partnership or company from owning or investing in more than one business (retail storefront or offsite delivery service) to sell marijuana in the city. Otherwise, we will open the door to a monopoly on marijuana sales in our city. Please amend the Draft Cannabis Ordinance to include a prohibition against any individual, partnership or company owning or investing in more than one cannabis sales business of any kind in the city.
If it is forced on RB to have a Cannabis store please keep it by the mall.
No cannabis businesses!!
This survey is impossible for me to complete because I would not like to see Type 10 or any combination in Redondo Beach. There are plenty of storefronts in nearby locations and delivery is already available.
The regulation should prohibit any business from having more than one license and it should prohibit any two businesses businesses that share officers, owners, investors, board members, or executives from having more than one license.
Do not allow sales of cannabis anywhere in RB.
Can we have restrict the door knockers?
I want to know who will enforce these rules!
Weed is a mind altering drugs. We do not need it in our community. If adults want to use it, they can drive or order and obtain it. Furthermore, crimes are high at these so called shops wether legal or illegal.
Need to get to work on preventing illegal retail sales like the current shop on Artesia.
Legal cannabis should be fairly regulated and easily available.
I see no harm in allowing 3 or more retailers. It will help fill up empty stores and bring more money to the area. I do not believe selling or consuming it brings more crime or addicts to the area. It is proven to be a safe alternative to pain management, and helps many forms of ailments, and therefore should be available in all cities, including North Redondo.
Nobody wants this in their backyard. Why are we even exploring this to cause more issues
No cannabis business should be allowed in a bedrock community like RB

In many areas of Los Angeles there are so many Cannabis shops and they are not nice looking but rather really dumpy storefronts. I visisted one in Palm Springs that was like a boutique jewelry store. I don't know if there is a way to make the biz owner have a nice storefront.
No licenses please
How about no Cannabis shops on Artesia or Aviation blvds
Thanks to everyone who is involved in trying to sort this out. Hopefully, at least some of my concerns will be considered.
Limiting locations based on frequently used bus routing is a horrible idea, makes the location LESS ACCESSIBLE to consumers and more importantly, patients and disabled people who use these products as therapeutics. The 232 is also a bus line that is frequented by students, however PCH is one of the largest commercial corridors in our city and restricting commercial presence here would also disadvantage consumers.
Do not issue any permits in Redondo,
NO POT IN REDONDO BEACH!! CITY OFFICIALS SHOULD STOP PROSTITUTING THEMSELVES FOR THE SAKE OF TAX REVENUES!! IF YOU WANT TO GET POT GO TO LA!!