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Sent: Monday, November 21, 2022 5:03 PM
To: Chambers, Aimee; Berschet, Paige
Subject: Please forward to the commissioners regarding 165 Brainard Road

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P & Z Commissioners --

Would you please examine the answer to the statement below highlighted in **blue** -- regarding my concerns in **green** at the bottom of this email. Respectfully, I disagree with Director Chambers' observations (a rare disagreement).

I have grave concerns about locating a grow-produce-sell facility near other grow-only facilities. That is clearly an unfair advantage that grossly lacks in equity, when the whole purpose of this cannabis industry in Connecticut is to encourage EQUITY?? Why should people come into Hartford to buy cannabis-related products, possibly at a higher price, when a manufactory that both grows, produces, and sells is located right off the highway?

I believe that is something for the Planning & Zoning Commission to tackle head on. If you decide to allow both grow-produce-sell at this location, I believe you are handing a death sentence to establishments that haven't even been approved yet in Hartford. Therefore, please deny the "sale" portion of 165 Brainard Road application and take up this issue more formally at a later date.

I will be sending these concerns to other applicants and the Social Equity Council as well.

Thank you,

Alyssa Peterson

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Sent: Thursday, November 3, 2022 at 05:32:17 AM EDT

Subject: Re: Following up on MARG and South End topics

Hello Alyssa,

In speaking with corporation counsel, in the absence of the moratorium being adopted we are still required to follow the current regulations.

With regard to your question on cannabis- I understand your points about competitive advantage but in general zoning does not/ is not meant to control for private market issues. We had a great deal of discussion about this in crafting the regulations and in thinking through how many of these permits we would allow, either out right or through separation requirements. Our goal is to encourage the growth of the industry and, the cultivation facilities will serve businesses statewide. The regulations do not prohibit the collocation of uses in the ID zone.

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Aimee Chambers, AICP

Director of Planning

City of Hartford

On Oct 25, 2022, at 9:59 AM, Alyssa Peterson <alyssa.peterson@att.net> wrote:

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Morning Aimee --

At our MARG meeting 10 days ago, I was tasked with following up on "text changes" to be made to our ordinances or rules regarding the allowance of vape or smoke shops.

I understood there was a moratorium on further permitting until this was resolved. The staff presentation has been pushed off to the November 22nd meeting.

Therefore, can you please confirm that because the Application for this moratorium went in August 2022 and was already calendared on your agenda, that the building purchased last month next to the South End Senior Center and Police Sub-Station can not apply for a vape permit until AFTER this matter is resolved? The purchase date was 9-9-2022.

The South End has been inundated with these shops which should be limited in number, especially if they are now going to have an "X-rated" or lingerie feature to them, as in the pathetic example right off a major highway exit to Hartford at Airport Road. This would NOT happen in Avon, Simsbury, or Old Wethersfield.

Also, I am confused by the Brainard Road P & Z application re: cannabis growth and sales. We have just approved two grow facilities in the South End. How are they to compete with a facility that BOTH grows and sells? Will these two approved facilities possibly open and close, and the new jobs and new tax income will cease? Why would this competitive edge (growing AND sales) be allowed, and are they really asking for a variance?

Thank you for any answers you can provide,

Alyssa Peterson

Hartford resident



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November 17, 2022

Dear Hartford Planning & Zoning Commissioners,

I am writing to express my strong support for the Insa, CT, LLC, application for a retail site and cannabis cultivation at 165-167 Brainard Road. Insa has partnered with a social equity applicant pursuant to the cannabis legislation and has shown their commitment to Hartford and the local community.

I support the application and the site location. Insa has shown its experience and expertise in Springfield with their retail site and Easthampton with the cultivation facility. Insa CT, LLC is committed to providing extensive local job opportunities and ensuring the safety and security of the facility.

Please feel free to contact me at ----- if you have any questions.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in blue ink, appearing to read "Marilyn E. Rossetti".

Marilyn E. Rossetti
Assistant Majority Leader