

March 26, 2010

The Honorable Todd Gloria
Chair, Land Use & Housing Committee
San Diego City Council
202 C Street, 10th Floor
San Diego, CA 92101

Dear Councilmember Gloria,

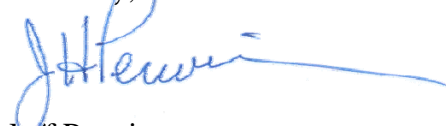
On February 22, 2010 during the regular monthly meeting of the Linda Vista Planning Group, there was a motion to accept the recommendations contained in the November 12, 2009 report of city's Medical Marijuana Task Force with a single added suggestion that collectives and cooperative dispensaries not be located with a 1,000-foot radius of "colleges and universities" along with schools and other youth facilities. The motion passed 11-4.

This recommendation was made in light of large groups of high school students and other minor children that regularly visit the University of San Diego campus for graduations, college tours, athletic events, concerts, theatrical performances, youth conferences, and sports camps especially during summer months. USD hosts the YouthLink Townhall gathering, the Kyoto Laureate Symposium, the Walk on Water competition, TRIO, Upward Bound, and the Expanding Your Horizons conference, among many other events that cater to high school-age students.

We also assume other institutions of higher education and community colleges within the city limits may have similar youth programs and concerns so the addition of "colleges and universities" to the 1000-foot buffer around medical marijuana dispensaries is a logical zoning requirement. Given the number of independent and public institutions throughout the city, this requirement would be sensible and appropriate.

Thank you for considering the opinion of the Linda Vista Planning Group and the sentiment of this community towards this important issue.

Sincerely,



Jeff Perwin
Chair, Linda Vista Planning Group

cc: council members, city attorney, mayor