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THE PRESIDENT

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The Honorable Ben Hueso
President
San Diego City Council
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Dear President Hueso:

San Diego State University supports the efforts of the College Area Community Planning Board (CACPB) and other concerned citizens to limit the negative impact that medical marijuana dispensaries may have on neighborhoods and communities in the City of San Diego.

Because the university is surrounded by apartments, single-family homes, and strip malls (some of which are directly adjacent to university residence halls) in the College Area community, and the fact that more than 3,800 students are housed in on-campus residence halls and apartments near campus, SDSU respectfully requests that the Land Use and Housing Committee consider including universities and colleges in the 1,000-foot exclusion area for the zoning of medical marijuana dispensaries. Marijuana is a prohibited drug throughout the SDSU campus. It is clear that dispensaries are not compatible with our educational mission nor are they suitable for location in close proximity to homes, residence halls, and apartments.

A vote by the council to limit the establishment of medical marijuana dispensaries to at least 1,000 feet away from universities and colleges will help ensure that San Diego State University will be able to continue providing a safe and healthy environment for our students, faculty, and staff. Furthermore, it would bolster the efforts of community groups, including the CACPB, to protect the quality of life they enjoy in their neighborhoods.

Thank you for your consideration of this request. Please contact Tyler Sherer, Director of Government and Community Relations, at (619) 594-2522 or tsherer@mail.sdsu.edu if you have any questions.

Sincerely,

Stephen L. Weber
President

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c: The Honorable City Council
The Honorable Jan Goldsmith, City Attorney, City of San Diego