



THE CITY OF SAN DIEGO

Planning Commission Agenda
January 20, 2022 at 9:00 A.M.
Virtual Meeting

PLANNING COMMISSIONERS

- William Hofman – Chairman
- James Whalen – Vice-Chairman
- Douglas Austin
- Dennis Otsuji
- Ken Malbrough
- Matthew Boomhower
- Kelly Moden

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When the Chairman indicates it is your turn to speak, click the unmute prompt that will appear on your computer, tablet or Smartphone, or dial *6 on your phone.

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Comment on Agenda Items, Non-Agenda Public Comment may be submitted using the [webform](#) indicating the Comment type and item number (if relevant) for which you wish to submit your comment. Comments need to be received the business day prior for it to be distributed to the Planning Commission. All webform comments are limited to 200 words. Comments received after the start of the meeting but before the item is called will be submitted into the written record for the relevant item. Please go to the Planning Commission website for further instructions.

Written Materials. If you wish to submit written materials for submission into the record or have an attachment to your comment, you may email it to planningcommission@sandiego.gov or submit via U.S. Mail to 1222 First Avenue, MS 501 San Diego, CA 92101. Materials submitted via e-mail will be distributed to the Planning Commission in accordance with the deadlines described above. Materials submitted via U.S. Mail will need to be received the business day prior for it to be distributed to the Planning Commission.

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- **Items Marked with Asterisks:** Those items with an asterisk (*) will include consideration and adoption/approval of the appropriate environmental document. For additional information please see [California Environmental Quality Act \(CEQA\) Notices and Documents](#) at: <https://www.sandiego.gov/ceqa>.
- **Consent Agenda:** The Commission may take one vote to approve one or more items identified as being part of a Consent Agenda. If an item is approved in that manner, the action approved is as stated in

Staff's recommendation, which is normally set forth in the agenda and the Report to Planning Commission, and which Staff may modify prior to the vote by informing the Commission verbally or in writing.

The Consent Agenda may be voted on quickly, so if you wish to be heard, please submit your Request to Speak form 1 hour prior to the start of the meeting. Members of the Public should provide materials to the Planning Commission via the Planning Commission Secretary so they are able to thoroughly review and consider materials prior to the day of the hearing by email to planningcommission@sandiego.gov.

ANNOUNCEMENTS/NON-AGENDA PUBLIC COMMENT

This portion of the agenda provides an opportunity for members of the public to address the Commission on items of interest within the jurisdiction of the Commission. Comments relating to items on today's docket are to be taken at the time the item is heard.

Comments may be submitted using the [webform](#), checking the appropriate box. Comments received by the start of the meeting will be distributed to the Planning Commission. All webform comments are limited to 200 words. Comments received after the start of the meeting but before Non-agenda comment is called will be submitted into the written record for the meeting. Pursuant to the Brown Act, no discussion or action, other than a referral, shall be taken by the Commission on any issue brought forth under "Announcements/Public Comment

REQUESTS FOR ITEMS TO BE CONTINUED AND/OR WITHDRAWN

REQUEST FOR ITEMS TO BE PLACED ON CONSENT AGENDA

APPROVAL OF THE AGENDA

DIRECTOR'S REPORT

COMMISSION COMMENT

AGENDA ITEMS

ITEM 1: *GATEWAY CANNABIS OUTLET REQUEST FOR RECONSIDERATION – PROJECT # 660383

City Council District: 9 **Plan Area:** Southeastern San Diego

Staff: Travis Cleveland

On December 2, 2021, the Planning Commission upheld an appeal of the Hearing Officer's August 18, 2021 decision to approve a Conditional Use Permit (CUP) for a Cannabis Outlet at 995 Gateway Center Way, overturning that approval and denying the project. On December 9, 2021, the applicant addressed the Commission during non-agenda public comment to request reconsideration of their December 2 decision. If the motion to reconsider is approved by a majority of the Commission, a date will be set to rehear the item.

The project is a request for a Conditional Use Permit (CUP) to allow the operation of a 2,995-square-foot Cannabis Outlet in Suites 107 and 108 within an existing three-story, 42,530-square-foot commercial building located at 995 Gateway Center Way in the IL-3-1 Zone within the Southeastern San Diego Community Plan area and City Council District 9. [Memorandum](#)

PROPOSED ACTION

Pursuant to the Section 2.6 of the Permanent Rules of the Planning Commission, the Commission may vote to reconsider any matter to permit correction of hasty, ill-advised, or erroneous action, or to take into account added information or a changed situation that that has developed since the taking of the original vote.

DEPARTMENT RECOMMENDATION

Support the reconsideration.

ITEM 2: AMENDMENTS TO MUNICIPAL CODE RELATED TO COMMUNITY PLANNING GROUP REFORM

City Council District: All **Plan Area:** Citywide

Staff: Councilmember Joe LaCava

The City's 42 Community planning groups (CPGs) are independent organizations recognized by the City that provide community input on land use decisions, as established by Council Policy 600-24. The City Attorney issued a legal analysis in 2019 noting the current structure of CPGs conflicted with the City Charter. Amendments to the City's Municipal Code are required to bring CPGs into compliance with the City Charter. Council Policies 600-24, City Council Recognition of Independent Community Planning Groups, and 600-09, Community Planners Committee, are also being updated to ensure compliance and consistency with the City Charter. The item is exempt from CEQA. [Report No. PC-22-005](#)

PROPOSED ACTION

Process 5. Recommend that the City Council Approve or Deny the Amendments

DEPARTMENT RECOMMENDATION

Recommend that the City Council to Approve Amendments

ADJOURNMENT