



PUBLIC COMMENT: 555 N. Murray Blvd. Medical Marijuana Facility for optional premises cultivation operation ("555 N. Murray OPCO")

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1. Eric Lalone, Empower Training Center, 595 N. Murray Blvd

Mr. Eric Lalone called on Wednesday, May 19, 2021 about the proposed 555 N. Murray OPCO and clearly voiced his opposition to the proposed use. The main issue Mr. Lalone had with the proposed use is the likelihood of a very strong "skunk like" odor being emitted from the building that could affect his business and others. He also stated that in general he opposes legal marijuana in Colorado because of the potential social problems it inflicts on communities.

2. Jake Broeker, All Washed Laundry, jake@allwashedlaundry

"My company leases a space in the Murray Square complex for our laundromat. I understand there is a Conditional Use Permit application for use of a commercial building to grow marijuana. In my professional opinion as a long time business owner, the requested application should be denied as this location is in close proximity to school age children, a local library, and a shopping center which attracts a variety of patrons. This type of facility should be located in an industrial use on the outside of town where community traffic is limited.

Thank you so much for your consideration."

3. John D. Wickliff, 303-868-5560, jwickliff3032@gmail.com

"Good evening, William! My name is John Wickliff and I am the General Partner of the Murray Square Shopping Center. I am responding to the attached Conditional Use request for the conversion of the referenced building to a medical marijuana optional premise cultivation operation.

William, I have been the General Partner for Murray Square since 1997. My father actually built Murray Square in the late 1970's and the original partners are still involved today. This neighborhood shopping center has been a fixture in the community for over 40 years providing essential grocery and other services. It has housed only two grocery stores in that time, first King Soopers and now WalMart. Most importantly, however, Murray Square is the home to the Ruth Holley Branch of the Pikes Peak Library District. The library has been our junior anchor for nearly 18 years. In addition to the child population that uses the library daily, Ruth Holley also provides critical services to many in the community who don't have internet or computer access.

We have had some significant ups and downs over the past 15 years and nearly lost Murray Square altogether in 2010. Following 12 months in Federal Bankruptcy Court we emerged with a successful reorganization plan and have once again made Murray Square a clean, safe place for families to enjoy. This was far from the case in the early 2000's as Murray Square was on the verge of becoming a ghost town.

William, I am asking that the City NOT approve this request. I have no issues with the marijuana push we are seeing across Colorado and the rest of the country, but the bottom line is a neighborhood grocery center is simply not the place for this type of operation. There are countless concerns ranging from odor to safety. Bottom line, this type of use is not appropriate next door to a public library.

I am quite certain you will be hearing from the other occupants of Murray Square and the surrounding neighbors that this is NOT a use we want to see in our center.

Please do not hesitate to reach out with any questions or other comments or concerns. Thank you in advance for your time!

4. Guy Alldredge, 719-337-1392, guy@springsautomotivegroup.com

"This email is in response to the proposed change of use of 555 N. Murray from the existing commercial building to a medical marijuana optional premise cultivation operation.

As I am learning of this proposed change, I can tell you that I completely disagree and object to his change considering the existing businesses in the center and the proposed ones as well. It would be a detriment to the center and greatly affect not only the patrons, but also the property values."

5. Charles and Shirley Higley, chuckhigley@gmail.com

I have lived at 619 Lansing Drive for 50 years, I have seen a lot of businesses come and go from our neighborhood. I don't believe that the project CPC CU 21-00061 would bring positive impact to this neighborhood. With Mitchell High School suffering from so much poverty which I believe leads to their low performance this type of business will not help bring more economic benefits to this area.

I would love to see the City invest in positive economic development to allow the people of this part of town to have good jobs and positive outcomes.

Thank You for your time

6. Yoni Aguilera, Daniel Tires, LLC, yoniguilera1985@gmail.com

My name is Yoni Aguilera and I have my company Daniel tires on this location. I understand that people want to start new businesses, but we don't agree on having a Marijuana commercial building next door. First, there are so many stores which children go to, also there are schools and in my opinion that's not appropriate and there is also a local library which a lot of people go to. This type of businesses should be located somewhere else, not only for the smell that will be there, but for everyone's safety.

Thank you for your consideration.