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Mr. Shafer,

This comment is for the 2119 W CO Ave - retail marijuana products manufacturer proposed site.

As a lifelong resident in Colorado Springs' Westside neighborhoods, I have shown support for myriad businesses that improve and engage the community.

My wife and I do not feel that the proposed retail MJ business would be a suitable fit for the Old Colorado City neighborhood.

Our concerns are with the following:

- Its proximity to West Middle School.
- Its proximity to the Sanctuary Church and the services they provide throughout the week for the homeless and/or people in addiction recovery. This function of the church already creates its own challenges in the adjacent blocks with the volume it brings in.
- Its relative proximity to the recently completed Launchpad Apartments for young adults experiencing homelessness.
- Saturation of recreational and medical marijuana businesses along the Colorado Blvd corridor.

Given these concerns, we feel this not the appropriate location for the City of Colorado Springs to issue a business license, when there are already other options within the vicinity. The City planners yield significant power in where they allow a business to operate, and that tax revenue and retail profit are not always the best benefit to residents in the proposed area.

Thank you for considering these comments,

Josh VonLoh
Katy Picard

