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From: Leanne Harvey
Sent: Wednesday, August 19, 2020 7:45 PM
To: SRosene@co.grand.co.us
Subject: Fwd: [External Sender] Opposition to Igadl's application for a retail marijuana store located at 843 West Agate Avenue, Unit A, Grandby, Colorado 80446

Hello Sara, I apologize that I had your email address incorrect when I sent this message earlier today. I am hoping you will put it into your public hearing file regarding this application. I am hoping to attend the public hearing next week.

Leanne Harvey

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From: Leanne Harvey <lleanne@co.grand.co.us>
Date: Wed, Aug 19, 2020 at 12:56 PM
Subject: Opposition to Igadl's application for a retail marijuana store located at 843 West Agate Avenue, Unit A, Grandby, Colorado 80446
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Grand County Board of County Commissioners (BOCC)

As a resident of the Lyons Homestead subdivision off Highway 34, I would like to express **my opposition** to the current application by Igadl for a retail marijuana store located at 843 West Agate Avenue, Unit A, Grandby, Colorado 80446.

Igadl's application states that the store would serve the "local and tourist population in Grand County." While the applicant indicates that there are no retail marijuana stores within a 2-mile radius of the proposed location, the applicant's main facility is only 15 miles away in the town of Fraser, and there are several other marijuana stores in nearby Tabernash and Winter Park to serve the local population. I do not believe another location is needed or welcome by most residents in Grand County, especially those of us who live between the city of Granby and Rocky Mountain National Park.

Regarding the tourist population, Grand County does not need to be on the Cannabis Vacation Tour routes! I continue to believe there are adequate options for purchasing marijuana products within areas where tourists would travel. Since it remains illegal to possess marijuana in the National Park, visitors to the Park do NOT need a retail marijuana store located near the intersection of Highway 40 and Highway 34. Similarly, residents of the town of Grand Lake have expressed extreme opposition to marijuana stores. Earlier decisions by the Grand County BOCC to deny Marijuana License Applications for establishments along Highway 34 demonstrated your sincere concern for the needs and desires of Grand County residents. I hope that the objective and professional preparatory work done by the Clerk's office regarding previous applications will be replicated regarding the Igadl application and lead to the same conclusion -- DENY the application.

I fully support the Granby Trustees in their unanimous decision in September 2019 and their reassertion earlier this month to oppose a marijuana dispensary just outside the Granby town limits. This decision was consistent with the resident's 2010 vote to NOT to allow medical marijuana dispensaries in the city and there does not appear to be support for another ballot proposition on this topic.

I am also concerned with the unintended and undesirable consequences that have accompanied marijuana legalization in the state of Colorado, especially homelessness. A 2018 study reported a surge of homeless people attracted to Colorado by legal weed. A similar "study by the U.S. Department of Housing and Urban Development found that Colorado, Washington and Oregon -- three states with legalized marijuana -- were among the top four states with an increase of chronically homeless people." Such transients could choose to pitch a tent in the forest, increasing the risk of human-

caused wildfires caused by irresponsible management of campfires or smoking. In today's environment, this is particularly alarming.

Thank you again for your preparatory efforts and careful consideration of residents' input regarding Igadl's application. I will appreciate your continued support to keep the Highway 34 corridor (including its intersection with Highway 40) free of marijuana-related establishments. Please **DENY** Igadl's application for a retail marijuana store located at 843 West Agate Avenue, Unit A, Grandby, Colorado 80446. Continue to represent the majority of Grand County residents in our opposition to additional retail marijuana stores.

Sincerely,
Leanne Harvev