

Linda Neal

From: Ed tilton <ed_tilton@comcast.net>
Sent: Friday, March 26, 2021 5:02 PM
To: Linda Neal
Cc: Ben Berto; Mark Lockaby; Michele Gardner; Garrett Toy
Subject: Mana Bowl or Cannabis?

Hello all:

I live behind the Mana Bowl and am definitely against having this important locally owned business replaced with a chain pot store! I understand the possible new store is run by some LA based corporation that is trying to get a foothold in Marin county. Other towns have said NO, and Fairfax should also say NO!

Fairfax already has the pot store and the CBD store, I don't think we need to be Marin's 'go-to' location for cannabis. We don't need the extra traffic, parking, and hangers-out.

Please, just say NO!

Ed Tilton
14 Claus Circle
Fairfax, CA

Linda Neal

From: Lindsay Oswald <lindsayoswald38@gmail.com>
Sent: Tuesday, August 31, 2021 12:06 AM
To: Linda Neal
Subject: Mana Bowls Public Comment - Concerned Community Member

Good Afternoon,

My name is Lindsay Oswald, a member of the community who has grown up here in San Anselmo/Fairfax my whole life and graduated from what is now Archie Williams High School (Class '17), and I wanted to voice my opinion regarding Mana Bowls being kicked out of their space. I have been a regular customer of Mana Bowls since it first opened, and the thought of Mana Bowls being closed down for a corporate out of town cannabis company makes me and many others in this community very upset. Not only has Mana Bowls been a huge benefit to the community, but it is also a local business ran by Fairfax natives. I, as well as many other of my peers have frequented this establishment for lunch since we were in high school, and ask that you please reconsider the decision for Mana Bowls to be replaced by a cannabis company. I cannot stress enough how wonderful it is being able to access fresh, antioxidant-rich nutrition here in the town of Fairfax. Açai bowls are something that every single person can access and enjoy, whereas cannabis, is only accessible to adults of a certain age. I babysit kids in our community and bring the kids I babysit to get Mana Bowls and all of the kids love going! It is a wonderful place to sit down and enjoy the outdoors of Fairfax. Please take this comment into consideration and I urge the Town of Fairfax to support local businesses and the Fairfax natives who have set up shops and their very livelihoods here in our beautiful town and community. Thank you for reading my comment.

Best Regards,
Lindsay Oswald

Linda Neal

From: Alexia Cloutier <alexiacloutier@yahoo.com>
Sent: Monday, August 30, 2021 11:24 PM
To: Linda Neal
Subject: Mama bowls/dispensary

Mr Neal and the Town of Fairfax,

I wanted to voice my concerns over the proposed dispensary in the Town of Fairfax. Did you know the kids bus stop let's put right there?

Should kids and citizens be let out in front of a healthy local owned small business healthy good food community business or by a conglomerate franchise from Southern California who wants to monopolize the cannabis business?

What type of town is Fairfax- a community minded family friendly small town - or a dispassionate big city that doesn't care much about its citizens?

As a Marin native and local lover of Fairfax for many years with many friends family and clients in the area, I think the former. Prove how much you love Fairfax and do nothing allow this dispensary go take over the downtown area and kill the vibe.

Thank you in advance for the opportunity to share my beliefs with you.

Alexia Cloutier
936 Via Casitas
Greenbrae CA 94904

Linda Neal

From: Aylin Curtis <aylinsam@icloud.com>
Sent: Monday, August 30, 2021 10:34 PM
To: Linda Neal
Subject: Mana Bowls

Keep Mana Bowls! I don't think a dispensary in our town is more important than a well loved açai bowl place. Honestly disappointed it's come down to this. We want mana bowls.

Linda Neal

From: t chin <tedchin@hotmail.com>
Sent: Monday, August 30, 2021 9:58 PM
To: Linda Neal
Subject: Keeping Mana Bowls in Fairfax

With whomever this may concern,

I'm writing this in support of keeping Mana bowls in Fairfax and not letting the space go to a cannabis chain. Out of all the towns in Marin, Fairfax has always been known for creating a safe space for family-owned businesses. However, with this new move to kick out Mana bowls in favor of a corporate company, it seems like the Town of Fairfax is going against everything it stands for. This decision contrasts greatly from how the town blocked Chevron from establishing a gas station in years prior. Throughout the past couple years, Marin has gone through extreme gentrifications causing small mom-and-pop shops to shut down and close permanently. Nearly 25% of all small businesses have closed since covid has started while corporations have been bailed out by the fed. When one of these places' closes, it's like a piece of the community is torn out. I've known Malia, the daughter of the owner of Mana bowls, for almost 3 years and her and her family have been nothing but kind to me every time I've been into their shop. My story isn't alone as there are hundreds of other people, whether they're Fairfax locals or avid visitors like myself, who appreciate and love the hospitality that Mana has brought to them and the community. I hope that the board comes to the right decision and thinks about what is ultimately at stake. I think the decision you guys are going to make is going to affect not only Marin, but the rest of the Bay Area. Will you either preserve a mom-and-pop cafe that's a key part of Fairfax, or, bulldoze them out to make way for a greedy cannabis corporation that could care less about your town? Do you want to be a part of a vicious cycle that's had devastating impacts on other towns across the state or, be a beacon of hope for the preservation of small businesses? I hope that my argument effects the decision, you, the board, will make and I hope it is one that I, and much of Fairfax, wants.

Sincerely, Teddy Chin

Linda Neal

From: Hailey MOLL <haileymoll2013@gmail.com>
Sent: Monday, August 30, 2021 9:50 PM
To: Linda Neal
Subject: Mana Bowls

I have been going to both Mana and Ohana bowls for my whole life and it makes me so sad to think that this family run business might be kicked out by a corporate cannabis dispensary. This is truly devastating considering this is one of the most charming places to go in Fairfax. Please don't let such adored place be shut down for a dispensary - Hailey Moll

Linda Neal

From: Eli Rocco-Zilber <elirocco@icloud.com>
Sent: Tuesday, August 31, 2021 6:59 AM
To: Linda Neal
Subject: Let Mana bowls stay

Mana is a major part of Fairfax and I believe that it wouldn't be ok for you guys to just uproot it. Mana also offers so much more then the weed shop you want to put in is only for adults while both kids and adults can enjoy mana bowls

Let it stay - Eli

Sent from my iPhone

Linda Neal

From: Jonathan Korty <jonathankorty@gmail.com>
Sent: Tuesday, August 31, 2021 7:41 AM
To: Linda Neal
Subject: Save Mana Bowls ! No more cannabis

Hi there - I am a longtime Fairfax resident with 3 kids in the RVSD. My wife grew up here and I am on the Fairfax Festival committee. I want to make my voice heard in support of Mana Bowls staying at their location on SFD Blvd and in opposition to the proposed cannabis dispensary slated to move in. Please don't make it any easier for our local kids to get stoned. We love the healthy açai bowls and great vibes there. Todd Donaldson represents a hard working local family bringing good food to the town. I would like to speak at the town council meeting if possible on 9/16 - Thank you

🙏 Jonathan Korty --

Jonathan Korty

Musician/Producer/Fisherman-at-large

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Linda Neal

From: lisa graham <birdygraham@yahoo.com>
Sent: Tuesday, August 31, 2021 8:50 AM
To: Linda Neal
Subject: Mana Bowls/Cannabis kick out

Hello Town of Fairfax,

It was recently shared with me by a local friend, resident and business owner of Fairfax, that Mana Bowls is at threat of being kicked out by a large corporate cannabis firm from Los Angeles. We have been encouraged to share our voices of concern and to oppose this move through emails to you prior to a planning meeting scheduled to take place September 16.

While I do not live in Fairfax and instead reside in San Anselmo, I think it has been quite apparent from many here that putting cannabis retail storefront shops is not what folks want for these small towns that house so many families and young people and community minded living. While I understand that cannabis use and sale is now allowed in CA, I also feel there are plenty (if not an overabundance) of outlets available for folks to get cannabis should they need it for medical purposes or simply for personal use. We are hardly at a disadvantage when it comes to folks getting cannabis and in fact quite the opposite as Marin County is quite known throughout the State of CA for its' higher than normal use rate of cannabis and other substances along with alcohol and the ability to access. If anything, our small towns need to be focusing less on the adult centered activities of these small towns and asking the question....what more could be provided for our youth in town?

I think it is critical in this changing world we strive to keep the local merchant landscape a more wholesome environment for all. I recognize there are many who feel they want cannabis front and center....but every time I pick up a local paper or magazine highlighting Marin....the pages are full of opportunities to get cannabis delivered with no issue. Clearly we've got that covered in Marin you just need to look around.

So I hope you will reconsider bringing storefront cannabis to Fairfax. I don't think it is a smart call.

Thank you,

Lisa Graham

Linda Neal

From: Tivon Williams <tivonwilliams@callutheran.edu>
Sent: Wednesday, September 1, 2021 6:14 AM
To: Linda Neal
Subject: Mana Bowls v. Cannabis

To whom it may concern,

I'd like to voice my opinion concerning Mana Bowls. The shop is about as authentic a Fairfax, family run business as you can see these days. The owner, Tod, asked my younger brother to plant different vegetables and decorative plants in the lush garden in the back of the Mana Bowls lot. Tod employs almost exclusively local high school students, something a cannabis dispensary would not be able to do. So I ask you: think about this not as a decision between a company that makes great food and one that might have a higher net worth, but rather a decision between one that employs, feeds, and teaches our youth and one that will most certainly result in more cannabis use in that same youth population. No matter how many precautions the cannabis company may take, I assure you their product will find its way into the hands of our Archie Williams and White Hill students. When instead they could be applying for their first job, or eating healthy yet delicious food.

Cheers,

Tivon Williams

Linda Neal

From: annalisa chasan <annalisechasan@gmail.com>
Sent: Tuesday, August 31, 2021 7:14 PM
To: Linda Neal
Subject: Please SAVE MANA bowls- No cannabis!

Hello-

We love Fairfax because it's family friendly and it's a healthy place to live. Please, **please, don't make our town a place where chain stores have priority over family owned local businesses.** Mana bowls is my kids' favorite place for after school snacks and it's great to support a (relatively) inexpensive healthy food option. Cannabis is not healthy food. It's a luxury item with very questionable health "benefits."

We DO NOT need a cannabis dispensary in town. (Or the traffic that it will attract in an already congested intersection... & isn't it too close to the charter school anyway?)

Regards,
Annalisa Chasan
Fairfax lover and mom of 2 kids

Linda Neal

From: Colette Peters <colette00peters@gmail.com>
Sent: Wednesday, September 1, 2021 9:55 PM
To: Linda Neal
Subject: No to Element 7 weed dispensary

Hello,

I am against having element 7 weed dispensary. We already have one on Bolinas that I'm not in favor of.

Taking away a successful, willfully owned community supported family business like Mana Bowl to bring in a franchise is not what Fairfax needs.

Thank you

Sent from my iPhone

Linda Neal

From: Lane Arye <lane@processworklane.com>
Sent: Wednesday, September 1, 2021 9:06 PM
To: Linda Neal
Subject: No to Element 7's corporate chain store in Fairfax

Dear Ms. Neal,

I strongly urge the Fairfax Planning Commission to reject Element 7's business proposal to push out Mana Bowls, a truly local business that serves our little community.

Element 7 claims to be "California's most local cannabis company." But it is not local at all. It is a chain based in Los Angeles. They claim to have "California's largest and most local footprint." They can't have it both ways! We don't want LA in Fairfax.

Todd Donaldson is a long time community member. He created a much loved and thriving business in the heart of Fairfax. The vibe is local. The acai bowls are delicious and are enjoyed by Fairfax residents of all ages. Please don't force him and his delicious business out and replace him with an LA transplant corporate weed shop.

I can easily imagine the property owner wants the new business in there. The LA chain's website brags about their financial backing. I'm sure they are offering to pay the owner handsomely for getting rid of Todd and Mana Bowls.

They also brag about their team's experience with "packaged consumer goods (PepsiCo)." Really, we want Pepsi's marketing people to buy their way into our funky, one of a kind community?

Please vote no at the Planning Commissions meeting on September 16. Please keep Fairfax local (and delicious).

Thank you
Lane Arye

Linda Neal

From: Scarlett Wilson <scarlettw28@icloud.com>
Sent: Wednesday, September 1, 2021 8:12 PM
To: Linda Neal
Subject: Mana Bowls

Hello,

I feel very strongly about mana bowls staying open. It has been a place that my friends and I hangout and share meal. When my cousin and aunt came to town we went there and they said it was there favorite place that they have gone to. Please donnott replace this amazing shop that has supported a community of people.

Thank you.

Sent from my iPhone

Linda Neal

From: Renee Sheppard <renee@reneesheppard.com>
Sent: Wednesday, September 1, 2021 7:59 PM
To: Linda Neal
Subject: Fwd: Mana Bowls

Begin forwarded message:

From: Renee Sheppard <renee@reneesheppard.com>
Subject: **Mana Bowl**
Date: September 1, 2021 at 7:50:51 PM PDT
To: lneal@townoffairfax.org

Hi, My name is Renee Sheppard. I am sending you this email in support of Mana Bowls in Fairfax. My understanding is that there is a dispensary company pushing to take over the space. I strongly believe that this is a huge mistake to lose a healthy food establishment that all the kids and families love to another substance store. I feel that this would not bode well for Fairfax having marijuana stores open on every corner. I urge you to take a stand and do what is best for the community.

Sincerely,
Renee

Linda Neal

From: Dylan Muhlberg <dymuhlberg@gmail.com>
Sent: Wednesday, September 1, 2021 7:57 PM
To: Linda Neal
Subject: Please Save Mana Bowl

To whom this may concern,

As a Fairfax resident, I do not support Elements 7 coming into Fairfax and pushing Mana Bowls out of business. We support family run businesses not chains.

Please do not allow corporate bullying in our town and keep out hawkish interests like Elements 7, who has no existing stake or interest in our community.

Thank you for reading and considering,
Dylan

Linda Neal

From: Dylan Muhlberg <dymuhlberg@comcast.net>
Sent: Wednesday, September 1, 2021 7:51 PM
To: Linda Neal
Subject: Elements 7

To whom it may concern,

As a resident of Fairfax, I am NOT IN SUPPORT, of approving the chain dispensary Elements 7 to come into our community and push out our family run, small business Mana Bowl.

After all we have been through how could the planning commission or town council even consider allowing a situation in which one of our community members gets pushed out and has his business and his family's livelihood compromised in favor of a chain? It's unconscionable.

I ask that you vote not to allow this to happen.

Thank you for your time,
Jessica Quiroz

Linda Neal

From: Sarah Wilson <sarah@wilson.tv>
Sent: Wednesday, September 1, 2021 7:29 PM
To: Linda Neal
Subject: Mana Bowls

To Whom It May Concern,

I'm writing in support of our local Fairfax business Mana Bowls. We love eating at Mana Bowls and it's one of our daughter's favorite places! Todd has worked hard to keep the business going and it would be devastating for he and the Fairfax community to lose it to a Cannabis Dispensary. I am not against dispensaries but I don't agree with them taking space away from established local businesses that provide nourishing food and community support. Please do not let this happen. We need to help keep small, local businesses going, especially eateries that serve great meals and provide jobs for local teens.

Thank you for considering,

Sarah Wilson

sent from my iPhone

Linda Neal

From: Debra Schofield <dkschofield@comcast.net>
Sent: Wednesday, September 1, 2021 7:21 PM
To: Linda Neal
Subject: Keep Mana Bowls

It's come to my attention that the lease on Mana Bowls might be given away to a chain weed store. It's nothing against the weed it's the chain aspect of it that disturbs me. And frankly why would you displace a cool homegrown restaurant that attracts kids and young adults? Please don't let them lose their lease.

Debra Schofield
1 Sequoia Rd
Fairfax

Linda Neal

From: Lecia Arye <fel_a4@hotmail.com>
Sent: Wednesday, September 1, 2021 6:41 PM
To: Linda Neal
Subject: Mana bowls

I am writing in support of keeping mana bowls in its current location and please say NO to the dispensary. Mana bowls is a locally owned business providing a healthy treat for kids, teens and adults- it serves our whole community and is very much appreciated. The last thing we need is another way to get drugs and for a chain to take over. Thank you for protecting our locally owned small business and healthy treat option.

Sent from my iPhone

Linda Neal

From: Marissa Englund <mlenglund81@gmail.com>
Sent: Wednesday, September 1, 2021 5:33 PM
To: Linda Neal
Subject: Mana bowls

Hi!

I am writing in response to the proposed push out of mana bowls. As a business owner in town i am extremely disappointed to hear this new. Especially since we are a town built on family owned businesses, not chain stores. Regardless of what they are. If this happens to them then who's next. This is just opening up Pandora's box.

Mana bowls has been a staple in the community for a long time and i stand with Todd Donaldson. I hope the town council makes the right decision here.

Marissa

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Marissa Englund
The Color Lounge
Owner/stylist
415-218-5024

Linda Neal

From: Brian Sagar <fairfaxca@gmail.com>
Sent: Wednesday, September 1, 2021 5:29 PM
To: Linda Neal
Subject: Mana bowl - no on pot

Hi Linda,

We need to keep friendly "family" businesses in downtown. Let then put a pot dispensary out of our main downtown area!

Let's get kids in mind also.
No vote.

Brian Sagar

Sent from my iPhone

Linda Neal

From: Sarah S <oceanheart219@gmail.com>
Sent: Wednesday, September 1, 2021 4:58 PM
To: Linda Neal
Subject: Please save mana bowls

Thank you 🙏

Linda Neal

From: Alex Martin <builderalm@gmail.com>
Sent: Wednesday, September 1, 2021 1:37 PM
To: Linda Neal
Subject: save Mana Bowls

To whom it may concern,

Please don't allow Manna Bowls to become a pot shop.
We would rather have this centrally-located business continue to be a healthy place for our two teenagers to frequent. Even before legalization, it was never difficult for a resident of Fairfax or the surrounding area to buy a joint. We don't need, and don't want a pot shop.

It would be a blight on our fair town.

Thank you,
Alex Martin



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Linda Neal

From: lornakirk@comcast.net
Sent: Thursday, September 2, 2021 8:48 AM
To: Linda Neal
Subject: PLEASE do not move Mana Bowl for a weed store

Hi –

We don't want any chain places in Fairfax, so why put a weed store. Just what Marin needs is more drugs. Mana Bowl is a healthy, wholesome place where kids can go after school. NOT a weed store. Please do not do this.

Lorna Kirk
Cizen of Fairfax for 22 years
Mother of 2 teenage daughters

Linda Neal

From: Michelle Simonson <michelles21c@gmail.com>
Sent: Saturday, September 4, 2021 11:23 AM
To: Linda Neal
Subject: Mana Bowls

To whom it may concern,

I love Fairfax and I love Mana Bowls.

One of the things I appreciate about Fairfax is that we don't allow chain stores.

I have been supporting Mana Bowls since they very first opened and hope they will be with us for many years to come.

I so appreciate having a healthy, organic option when I take kids out for a treat.

I have nothing against weed, (was a big fan in my younger days!), but we already have a store that offers these options.

Please do not let this sweet (yes, pun intended!) little business get pushed out as so many of our other wonderful businesses have been.

Thank you,

Michelle Simonson

Linda Neal

From: Katie Frank <mrsfrank@me.com>
Sent: Saturday, September 4, 2021 9:32 AM
To: Linda Neal
Subject: Keep Mana Bowls

Dear Fairfax Planning Commission,

I'm writing to strongly urge you to support the local, family-run business, Mana Bowls. It is a healthy place for families and teens and has an authentic Fairfax feeling. Also, it is in a historic building that works for that business.

I'm equally opposed to Elements 7 moving in as a large, corporate weed dispensary. I am opposed to a large chain moving in, the employees who would most likely commute, the fact that it would probably want to build out the building, and the SFD location for a weed dispensary. It would prominently identify the town as more of a weed hub than a healthy, local, unique town that values its homegrown businesses.

Please support Mana Bowls and keep Elements 7 out of Fairfax.

Sincerely,

Katie Frank

Local teacher and resident

Sent from my iPhone

Linda Neal

From: Comcast <efugazzotto@comcast.net>
Sent: Saturday, September 4, 2021 8:47 AM
To: Linda Neal
Subject: Please no element 7 marijuana dispensary

To whomever, town council or planning commission of Fairfax,

I strongly oppose Element 7, a marijuana chain store trying to buy into Fairfax for a location, ESPECIALLY after it has tried to get into many other marin locations and have been rejected by them. Please do not let Fairfax be the weak greedy link to this corporate chain which will have a 24/7 security guard posted at their location, Mana bowls do not require 24/7 security guards for their business because it doesn't invite criminal elements to peruse or proliferate.

Think about what you are doing and do not be blinded \$\$\$\$\$\$\$\$ the weed business is throwing around.

Sincerely

Evangeline Fugazzotto

Sent from my iPhone

Linda Neal

From: Anna Paulsson <anna.k.paulsson@gmail.com>
Sent: Friday, September 3, 2021 5:41 PM
To: Linda Neal
Cc: Paul McPhillips
Subject: Mana bowl support

Hi!

We saw the message on Nextdoor and wanted to write in to show our support for Mana Bowl. There is a dispensary in downtown Fairfax, we don't need another one. We love Mana Bowl and would hate to see it pushed out.

Anna Paulsson and Paul McPhillips

Sent from my iPhone

Linda Neal

From: Brad Clark <brad.s.clark@outlook.com>
Sent: Friday, September 3, 2021 2:24 PM
To: Linda Neal; Ben Berto
Cc: Renee Goddard; Bruce Ackerman; Barbara Coler; Chance Cutrano
Subject: Element 7 & Mana Bowls Building

Hi Linda and Ben,

I live around the corner from Mana Bowls at 22 Claus Circle. I am reaching out to express my concern about Element 7 operating a weed dispensary at that location. The building is very near the charter school (which I believe is against town ordinance).

In addition, the adjacent Perrys deli location is visited by many grammar school children. Please do not approve Element 7 to operate their business at this location. Rumor has it they will have 24 hour security guards. I do not think this business reflects well on the town of Fairfax. Please decline their request.

Regards,
Brad Clark
22 Claus Circle

Linda Neal

From: Patrick Murphy <murphyp415@gmail.com>
Sent: Friday, September 3, 2021 1:59 PM
To: Linda Neal
Subject: Element 7

I am very concerned to hear the news that our town planning commission is considering an application to approve an Element 7 cannabis dispensary. According to the Element 7 website, a Fairfax location would be the 16th "franchise" in California.

I cannot imagine the blowback you would be hearing if someone wanted to put a Starbucks on that site. It is a very poor fit with the history and character of the town.

I respectfully request that you NOT approve the application.

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Patrick Murphy
100 Cypress Drive

Linda Neal

From: Gayle Ravenscroft <gapgam@sbcglobal.net>
Sent: Friday, September 3, 2021 1:22 PM
To: Linda Neal
Cc: Patrick Murphy
Subject: Element 7 in Fairfax?

I am writing to express my opposition to the Planning Commission approving any applications to open a chain cannabis retail outlet in Fairfax on Sir Francis Drake Boulevard. This would represent a real compromising of the boundaries that have kept Fairfax vibrant and representative of the work of local small business owners. The applicant here is NOT a local business, in fact it's an out of town chain. It would actually DISPLACE a local thriving business run by residents who have a longterm commitment to our community.

This is a small historic building with limited parking. The operating requirements for a cannabis establishment are real concerns.... 24 hour security (what would this look like exactly?) and secure storage (where would this be built?) could have real impacts on this little building. Indeed, none of these concerns apply to the current tenant business, Mana Bowls.

My understanding is that the Planning Commission approved a maximum of two permits for this dispensaries. Why would we consider granting one of these to a chain outlet in an unsuitable location?

Please do NOT approve this application. It is not appropriate for this building and certainly not for a national chain outlet.

Thank you
Gayle Ravenscroft
100 Cypress Drive
Fairfax, CA 94930

Linda Neal

From: Jennifer winslow <winslow.jennifer123@gmail.com>
Sent: Friday, September 3, 2021 11:13 AM
To: Linda Neal
Subject: Save Mana Bowl

Hello,
We love Mana Bowl! Please support our current local small businesses. How sad it would be for a local small business that has been selling healthy food for years to be pushed out for a pot business. That's just not the type of town Fairfax wants to be!

Best,
Jennifer Winslow

Sent from my iPhone

Linda Neal

From: Vicki Peet <vpeet@netopus.com>
Sent: Friday, September 3, 2021 9:38 AM
To: Linda Neal
Subject: Manna Bowl

Dear Councilmember Neal,

I am writing in support of retaining local business Manna Bowl in Fairfax in response to information I read on Nextdoor. The claim was that a chain cannabis operation wanted to purchase the building from under the current operator. If so, that seems utterly out of step with Fairfax general philosophy and policies. Please favor the local established business over a chain drug company. There are plenty of vacant storefronts that could house the Elements business.

Thank you,

Vicki Peet

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Vicki

Linda Neal

From: David Spampanato <dspampanato@gmail.com>
Sent: Friday, September 3, 2021 9:07 AM
To: Linda Neal
Subject: No to Element 7's Proposal

Hi - I've been a resident of Fairfax for the past 10 years. I and much of the community is NOT in favor of another cannabis business especially at the expense of Mana Bowls.

Mana is a youth friendly business vs a national chain "formula" business store. The impact of Element 7 to our downtown will be significant.

Please say no and help protect the character of Fairfax.

Thank you,
David

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David Spampanato
Mobile: 914.299.9062

Linda Neal

From: Elena Craig <epons@comcast.net>
Sent: Friday, September 3, 2021 7:59 AM
To: Linda Neal
Subject: Element 7 Cannabis Store

To Whom it May Concern,

I am writing to voice my concern that Mana Bowl might be replaced with a chain dispensary. Mana Bowl is in a historic building, offers a wonderful product, and fits perfectly with the current bushiness on the street. It is a small location with very limited parking and putting in a dispensary will negatively impact the other businesses on the street by causing parking congestion (worse then we have already) and sidewalk congestion. Both Mana Bowl and Perry's Deli are businesses that are frequented by young people and families. I think a dispensary is a horrible fit for that location.

I am a user and supporter of legal, responsible, cannabis use but this is not the right spot.

Thank you,

Elena P Craig
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415-299-1892

Linda Neal

From: Danielle Diaz <mrsdaniellediaz@hotmail.com>
Sent: Friday, September 3, 2021 6:44 AM
To: Linda Neal
Subject: Keep Mana Bowls in Fairfax!

To whom it may concern-

I have lived in the Fairfax area for twenty years and I am a frequent customer of Mana Bowls. Mana Bowls is a fantastic, friendly, Fairfax business and it would be a huge loss to our community and town character. The owner is a kind and hardworking Marin resident with a successful business. My children have grown up eating the healthy and delicious options mana bowls sells. Why would we allow another business to come in and take over? For money?! We can do better in Fairfax! I support small business and community driven companies. I plead you to keep Fairfax alive by keeping Mana Bowls in and keeping Element 7 out!

Thank you,
Danielle Diaz

Sent from my iPhone

Linda Neal

From: Tayler Wiles <taylerwiles12@gmail.com>
Sent: Friday, September 3, 2021 1:44 AM
To: Linda Neal
Subject: Mana Bowl

Hello,

I wanted to write in to give my support for Mana Bowl and for what it brings to our community. We need to do our best to keep Fairfax free of chains like ELEMENTS 7, and support the locally owned businesses we have.

Thank you,

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Linda Neal

From: Alison Hamburg <alison.hamburg@gmail.com>
Sent: Thursday, September 2, 2021 11:58 PM
To: Linda Neal
Subject: Oppose Element 7 chain

To Whom It May Concern:

I am a Fairfax resident and I was concerned to hear that the Element 7 chain may be taking over the Mana Bowls location. I oppose bringing in a corporate chain to take over a family owned, local business. Not only does it go against my values, it could bring negative consequences for Fairfax in that it would mean losing a safe location where local young people and teens can hang out, a location that fosters community. If there is a need for more marijuana dispensaries - which I don't know if there is - why not support a local, person of color run business? I hope the town council makes me proud to live in Fairfax, not ashamed to live somewhere where corporate greed is allowed to run the show.

Thank you,
Alison Hamburg
Ridgeway Ave

Linda Neal

From: Klymer Baylo <klymerkb@gmail.com>
Sent: Thursday, September 2, 2021 10:10 PM
To: Linda Neal
Subject: Element 7.-Location in Fairfax

I am writing to you to express my concern and opposition to allow Element 7 to conduct business in the town of Fairfax! It would be a disservice to our youth. The current operating business - Mana bowls is one of the few places teens have to go and be with friends.

Cannabis businesses
are not welcome in Fairfax

I strongly oppose to approving a business license to Element7, and I hope you do too!

thank you

Klymer Baylo

Sent from my iPhone

Linda Neal

From: Lynnette Shaw <lynnetteshaw13@yahoo.com>
Sent: Sunday, September 5, 2021 8:32 PM
To: Linda Neal
Subject: 2nd pot club issue

Dear Linda,

I think placing a 2nd pot club on SFD right across the street from the bus stop where all the kids hang out is a terrible idea. If there was a discreet place to place them that would be different. I feel that the Marin Alliance is covering the needs of Fairfax and a 2nd pot club would make

Both businesses fail. We are a small

Community & I know that the sales tax income is important. However this is a chain store from Chicago with 11 other stores elsewhere. I thought Fairfax was duty bound to support small

Local

Business, not out of towners. They won't support organic small

Farms like we do. They won't support all the small business products we make it a point to carry. They are a crass commercial enterprise trying to

Bully their way into our Town. I cannot make public my objections to this, but I thought you should know it is a bad move. Thank you for your time reading this.

Best regards

LYNNETTE

Sent from Yahoo Mail for iPhone

Linda Neal

From: Lynnette Shaw <marinallianceclub@yahoo.com>
Sent: Thursday, September 2, 2021 10:00 PM
To: Linda Neal
Subject: Mana Bowl

Dear Linda,

As a big fan of the Mana Bowl, I am perplexed as to why the Town would allow some chain store LA pot store to push them out. We need Mana Bowl that provides lovely low cost food to everyone!

I have found that the cannabis from LA is chemically grown, mediocre and expensive. We don't carry it, we support organic Northern CA sustainable small farmers.

I hope the Mana Bowl wins the right to stay open, it is a valuable community asset.

Thank you,
Lynnette Shaw
415.419.9394

Sent from Yahoo Mail for iPhone

Linda Neal

From: Pooja Aniker <pooja.aniker@gmail.com>
Sent: Thursday, September 2, 2021 9:45 PM
To: Linda Neal
Subject: Save Mana bowl

Hi,

I am a resident of Fairfax and writing to save Mana bowl. It is a lovely family owned business supported by the community of Fairfax. I stop there several times after a hike and it is refreshing. Todd, the owner himself, has been a long time community member. It provides a safe place at the back for teens to hang out, much preferred over a cannabis store. There is already one on Bolinas road, 2 minutes from Mana Bowl. There is no replacement for Mana Bowl, it is a special place and really loved by the community offering healthy food in a historic building. Having that replaced by a chain store that will make changes to the historic building and ruin the old, small town feel of Fairfax would be really sad. We do not need 2 cannabis stores for a small town like Fairfax with approximately 8000 people. The cannabis store will cause additional traffic to an already busy SFD boulevard. Todd has tried to buy the store from the landlord but keeps getting outbid by Element 7. We don't want Fairfax to become like every other town with chain stores. Especially in this environment, with the pandemic, what is needed more than ever is protecting small family owned businesses that are loved and supported by the community, one the community will be sad to see go and will greatly affect Todd and his family who have lived in Fairfax for a long time. I would hate to see this replaced by a chain store and hope this is not the future of Fairfax. It will quickly lose its charm and small town feel, the main reasons the Fairfax community loves it here. We don't want to see chain stores popping up, especially when two from the same industry are not needed 2 minutes apart.

Thank you for reading and for your kind consideration.

Pooja Aniker

Linda Neal

From: J Bird <marinmommabird@gmail.com>
Sent: Thursday, September 2, 2021 7:27 PM
To: Linda Neal
Subject: Let Mana Bowls stay!!

Hello,
I am a Fairfax resident, and am writing in support of Mana Bowls. I heard the disturbing news that a non local cannabis chain store wants to displace the small and locally owned Mana Bowls. Why would the town of Fairfax possibly allow this to happen??! This is a tiny town with a cannabis and a cbd shop already, both locally owned. We do not need a second especially an LA based chain! Furthermore, what do the youth of Fairfax need more? To see and walk past a cannabis store or to have an all ages, accessible, healthy treat? My kids and I LOVE Mana Bowls and appreciate that a healthy ice cream alternative exists! Do not allow Mana Bowls to be displaced. It would be hugely disappointing and not at all in keeping with the spirit of Fairfax.
Thank you
J.W.

Linda Neal

From: Nicole Lea <nicoledlea@gmail.com>
Sent: Thursday, September 2, 2021 4:58 PM
To: Linda Neal
Subject: Mana Bowls

Please do not allow a trashy weed store replace Mana Bowls or any business for that matter. We don't need more drugs in our town. It's disgusting and I thought Fairfax doesn't allow chain businesses or is this typical capitalism taking over??

Please stop this from happening

Nicole Lea

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Nicole Lea

Linda Neal

From: Mallory <mal9@comcast.net>
Sent: Thursday, September 2, 2021 4:25 PM
To: Linda Neal
Subject: Elements 7

NO!
..... no chains in fairfax.

Sent from my iPhone

Linda Neal

From: Eric Whann <ewhann@gmail.com>
Sent: Thursday, September 2, 2021 3:54 PM
To: Linda Neal
Subject: Dispensary

Good Afternoon Linda,

I live here in Fairfax and heard there was an applicant submitting for a marijuana dispensary in downtown Fairfax. Do you have an update on the status of this project and can you share the application/plans?

Thank you!

Eric

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Eric Whann
614-271-7787

Linda Neal

From: Jessie Curtner <jcurtner@gmail.com>
Sent: Thursday, September 2, 2021 3:39 PM
To: Linda Neal
Subject: Mana Bowl

Please do whatever you can to keep Mana Bowl in our community. It is such a nice fairfax place. We don't need more weed dispensaries.

Warmly,
Jessie and family
7 valley road Fairfax

Linda Neal

From: Michelle Purvey <mpurvey@gmail.com>
Sent: Saturday, September 4, 2021 4:31 PM
To: Linda Neal
Subject: Supporting Mana Bowls

Hi,

I very much support keeping Mana bowls in its location in Fairfax. My family has enjoyed it since my kids were little. My kids now 16 and 13 continue to look forward to it.

Fairfax and San Anselmo are family towns. I am very much against any marijuana dispensary. I certainly oppose a marijuana dispensary in place of Mana Bowls.

Respectfully,
Michelle Purvey
160 Pine St.
San Anselmo

Linda Neal

From: Chris Gralapp <eyeart@chrisgralapp.com>
Sent: Saturday, September 4, 2021 12:04 PM
To: Linda Neal
Subject: No Cannabis dispensary on SFD!

Dear Ms. Neal,

Fairfax does not need a SoCal chain pot dispensary on the main street--and the tactics being used to push out the present business are ruthless, reprehensible and un-Fairfaxian. This would represent a very slippery slope for our town. Keep it out. This is like a Starbuck's coming in and pushing out local mom and pop coffee shops by offering triple the rent to the building owners, a very ugly situation for locals. We have our single dispensary, an that is **quite** enough.

Do not approve this business! Too close to St. Rita's school!

Chris Gralapp
204 Ridgeway Avenue
Fairfax

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Chris Gralapp, MA, CMI, FAMI
Medical/Scientific Illustration
415.454.6567
chrisgralapp.com

Linda Neal

From: Michelle Simonson <michelles21c@gmail.com>
Sent: Saturday, September 4, 2021 11:23 AM
To: Linda Neal
Subject: Mana Bowls

To whom it may concern,

I love Fairfax and I love Mana Bowls.

One of the things I appreciate about Fairfax is that we don't allow chain stores.

I have been supporting Mana Bowls since they very first opened and hope they will be with us for many years to come.

I so appreciate having a healthy, organic option when I take kids out for a treat.

I have nothing against weed, (was a big fan in my younger days!), but we already have a store that offers these options.

Please do not let this sweet (yes, pun intended!) little business get pushed out as so many of our other wonderful businesses have been.

Thank you,

Michelle Simonson

Linda Neal

From: ake.hannah@gmail.com
Sent: Saturday, September 4, 2021 4:58 PM
To: Linda Neal
Subject: Mana bowl

Hello,

Please keep Mana bowl in Fairfax. We do not need another dispensary.

Thank you,

Hannah

Linda Neal

From: ake.hannah@gmail.com
Sent: Wednesday, September 8, 2021 8:04 AM
To: Linda Neal
Subject: Support for Mana Bowls

Hello,

Please do not allow Element 7 to purchase the building Mana Bowls currently occupies. We do not need another dispensary in Fairfax, and I support sale of the building to the owner of Mana Bowls.

Hannah Ake

Linda Neal

From: Michelle Purvey <mpurvey@gmail.com>
Sent: Saturday, September 4, 2021 4:31 PM
To: Linda Neal
Subject: Supporting Mana Bowls

Hi,

I very much support keeping Mana bowls in its location in Fairfax. My family has enjoyed it since my kids were little. My kids now 16 and 13 continue to look forward to it.

Fairfax and San Anselmo are family towns. I am very much against any marijuana dispensary. I certainly oppose a marijuana dispensary in place of Mana Bowls.

Respectfully,
Michelle Purvey
160 Pine St.
San Anselmo

Linda Neal

From: Kiea <kiea@rocketmail.com>
Sent: Saturday, September 4, 2021 9:28 PM
To: Linda Neal
Subject: Mana Bowl

Hello,

Please do not allow a weed dispensary to replace our local smoothie shop in Fairfax.

Our daughters love to go to Mana Bowl, and it would be such a shame to have a weed dispensary in its place. It also would change the feel of our family-friendly town, for all of our residents and travelers passing through.

Thank you for your consideration.

Kiea Spake-Wright
(415)250-9185

Linda Neal

From: Rebecca Lee <rlee522@gmail.com>
Sent: Saturday, September 4, 2021 6:16 PM
To: Linda Neal
Subject: Keep Mana Bowl!

Hi there,

I heard that Mana Bowl is at risk of being replaced by a marijuana dispensary. I'd like to voice my opposition to this change. As a new community member and mom, my family has loved patronizing mana bowl and will continue to do so as long as it is in town, whereas we would not patronize a weed dispensary.

Thank you!

Rebecca Bossange
6 Snowden Lane

Sent from my iPhone

Linda Neal

From: Tara Ticknor <lobotm@yahoo.com>
Sent: Sunday, September 5, 2021 4:17 PM
To: Linda Neal
Subject: No weed dispensary

To whom it may concern,

I am emailing to say “no” to the approval of a weed dispensary at mana bowls location in Fairfax. This is a prominent location where my sons, when they went to Whitehill middle, walked by everyday. It is not an appropriate business for the area and will displace a restaurant/business which we love.

Best,

Tara Ticknor

From my cellular device

Linda Neal

From: Kevin O'Brien <kevin.obrien@orbitalinsight.com>
Sent: Sunday, September 5, 2021 2:45 PM
To: Linda Neal
Subject: Mana

Please do not turn this beloved location into yet another cannibals dispensary. It's the last thing this town needs. The town counsel should promote eating healthy bowls, not smoking them.

Keo





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Kevin E. O'Brien
Chief Executive Officer
Orbital Insight, Inc.
Mobile: 415-264-1938
kevin.obrien@orbitalinsight.com
www.orbitalinsight.com



Linda Neal

From: carl <carl@sf-arc.com>
Sent: Sunday, September 5, 2021 9:22 AM
To: Linda Neal
Subject: 1930 Sir Francis Blvd.; Application # 20-02

Dear Principal Planner Neal,

I am writing to oppose the application for 1930 Sir Francis Blvd.; Application # 20-02, conditional use permit, and formula retail permit. I am a resident of Fairfax and feel that this is completely inappropriate for the location, public safety and local business interests of Fairfax. This is located at what is essentially the gateway to Fairfax and adjacent to an important public space for people of all ages including children and young adults. Even a well run cannabis dispensary has no control over what customers do after leaving their store

Further, allowing a formula retail use will displace a local small business with a chain franchise. This is a very bad precedent that will slowly erode local businesses that are already financially stained due to the pandemic.

I am respectfully requesting that you deny this application.

Regards,

Carl Scheidenhelm

Linda Neal

From: shannon tithof <setithof@gmail.com>
Sent: Saturday, September 4, 2021 10:24 PM
To: Linda Neal
Subject: Mana Bowl

Hello,

I never write in but I can't stop thinking about Mana Bowls being replaced by a weed dispensary. I have two teenage sons and we frequent Mana Bowls often as a family and my kids go with their friends. I love that they choose to eat there and grab a healthy snack. Please don't take this away and replace it with a weed shop. Please don't.

Our town doesn't need it. Please reconsider.

Thank you.

Shannon Tithof

Sent from my iPhone

Linda Neal

From: Kali Baird <kali_baird@yahoo.com>
Sent: Monday, September 6, 2021 6:50 AM
To: Linda Neal
Subject: Please - NO to Elements 7

Hello,

Having lived in Fairfax on and off for several years, I always come back because of the qualities that make this town so special. Namely the lack of chain stores which most importantly, run out local businesses!

Now with Elements 7 wanting to move out Mana Bowl to locate there, many folks, myself included, are hopeful that this will not be approved.

The increase in traffic, lack of parking, and loss of a town favorite make a case to reject this proposal!

If there are no chain stores allowed, and this exception is made, what's next - NOT a door to open!

Thank you listening,

Kali Summer Baird

Linda Neal

From: Haila Hiller <haila.hiller@gmail.com>
Sent: Sunday, September 5, 2021 10:16 PM
To: Linda Neal
Subject: Keep Mana Bowl open!!!

Hi! I am a resident of the San Geronimo Valley with 3 young kids. We do a lot of our dining in Fairfax, go to Peri park and the library regularly, shop at Good Earth for groceries, go to soccer practices held at Fairfax's public school fields, and someday, my kids will be old enough to pass through Fairfax on their way to Archie Williams HS. As Fairfax regulars, we also love to eat at Mana Bowl!

I recently heard that the owner of the building is trying to push Mana Bowl out to lease to a dispensary instead. Please do not let this happen, this is definitely not in the best interest of the community. The owner of Mana Bowl is a local while Element 7 is a chain that's based in LA (and I thought there weren't supposed to be chains in Fairfax?) My kids don't need another weed store, they need healthy places where they can hang out with friends.

Please do not let this happen. Thanks for hearing me out!

Sincerely,
Haila Hiller
Homeowner in Forest Knolls
Mom to 3

Sent from my iPhone

Linda Neal

From: Adrienne Biggs <adybiggs@gmail.com>
Sent: Sunday, September 5, 2021 9:35 PM
To: Linda Neal
Cc: ICE Hannah Williams
Subject: Save Mama Bowl!

Please do everything possible to save Mana Bowl in downtown Fairfax from being displaced by the chain store CBD dispensary Element 7!

Adrienne Biggs

Via NextDoor post here: https://nextdoor.com/p/XbR4K_dtPFp3utm_source=share&extras=MzkxNjlzOA%3D%3D

Sent from my iPhone

Linda Neal

From: lori morgan <sobrero5@yahoo.com>
Sent: Monday, September 6, 2021 2:36 PM
To: Ben Berto; Linda Neal
Subject: Element 7

Please review: Element 7 "flips" their licenses for \$24 million in a merger with Glass House Farms as part of a \$567 million acquisition deal with Merced Park Brand Acquisition.

<https://www.shankennewsdaily.com/index.php/2021/04/13/28446/california-player-glass-house-acquired-by-canadian-spac-in-567-million-deal/>

Thank you.

Sent from Yahoo Mail for iPhone

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California Player Glass House Acquired By Canadian SPAC In \$567 Million Deal

April 13, 2021

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California cannabis retailer and grower Glass House is being acquired by Toronto-based SPAC company Mercer Park Brand Acquisition Corp (BRND) in a deal worth over a half-billion dollars. Mercer Park is aiming to pair the Glass House deal with two other acquisitions to create a company with both the largest retail and cultivation footprints in the Golden State.

Glass House currently operates more than half a million square feet of cultivation area that produces over 110,000 pounds of dry flower annually, as well as four dispensaries. Its retail business generated 365,000 transactions last year, with an average in-store order of \$65 and an average delivery order of \$101. It wholesales to approximately 250 other California retailers as well, and logged \$53 million in revenue last year.

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In addition to Glass House, Mercer Park will also acquire 5.5 million square feet of cultivation space from Southern California Greenhouse and 17 retail licenses from Element 7, a company that specializes in obtaining retail licenses. The combined cultivation footprint will give Glass House the most cultivation capacity of any company in California, according to BRND. The new stores are expected to be open by this time next year, also making the company the state leader in terms of retail footprint.

The total value of the transaction is approximately \$567 million. It breaks down into \$325 million for Glass House, \$219 million for Southern California Greenhouse, and \$24 million for the Element 7 licenses. It's expected to close before the second half of the year.

"Our inaugural flower brand launch last year was a tremendous success, with our BDS ranking increasing from #63 in the state to #2 by year-end 2020," noted Glass House co-founder and CEO Kyle Kazan. "Further, we have established a strong retail and wholesale network and best-in-class cultivation processes, all anchored by a scaled and highly efficient cost structure. We look forward to augmenting these strengths to further capitalize on the growing statewide and national CPG opportunity."

Once the deal is complete, Glass House will be a major presence in the California market. It expects to generate \$326 million in revenue for the year 2022, with an adjusted EBITDA of \$104 million. It expects those figures to grow to \$601

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million and \$240 million, respectively, in 2023. It will list on Toronto's NEO exchange under the ticker symbol GLAS.U. Kazan and co-founder and president Graham Garrar will stay on in their roles. —*Danny Sullivan*

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Linda Neal

From: Caroline Stephens <designbyposh@gmail.com>
Sent: Monday, September 6, 2021 8:35 PM
To: Linda Neal
Subject: Support for mana bowls

Hi Linda,

I'm writing to show my support for Mana Bowls. I am a Fairfax resident and have lived here for almost 30 years. Mana Bowls is a business that deserves to be in our town, a business that my kids enjoyed when they were going to school here. The fact that the owners are not only local but grew up here too, well in my opinion it would be disgraceful for our town to support their business being over run by an LA based company, no matter what they plan to sell.

Thank you!

Caroline and Monty Stephens
95 Porteous

Linda Neal

From: Margo James <margomacjames@gmail.com>
Sent: Monday, September 6, 2021 5:36 PM
To: Linda Neal; Renee Goddard; Barbara Coler; Bruce Ackerman; Stephanie Hellman; Chance Cutrano; Michele Gardner
Subject: Mana Bowls and Element 7

Hello Town Council and Planning Commission,

I am writing regarding Element 7 trying to establish a storefront in Fairfax, in the Mana Bowl location. I technically live in San Anselmo, however, I am closer to the town of Fairfax.

I am primarily concerned about having another cannabis storefront in town, particularly one that is so visible to our youth. Secondly, Element 7 is a corporate chain store. I believe there is an ordinance that prohibits "formula" businesses. I am concerned that a corporate business would change the culture of downtown Fairfax. I also think this would increase traffic substantially on Sir Francis Drake, which is already very crowded.

Please vote no to having this business in Fairfax.

Thank you,
Margo and Charlie James

Linda Neal

From: Patti Breitman <eatplants@gmail.com>
Sent: Monday, September 6, 2021 3:47 PM
To: Linda Neal
Cc: Michele Gardner
Subject: Mana bowl

Please protect Mana Bowl and do not allow a chain store selling cannabis to come to Fairfax.

Thank you.
Patti Breitman
12 Rally Ct
Fairfax
415-686-3125

Linda Neal

From: Jamet Turner <govtjanet@comcast.net>
Sent: Monday, September 6, 2021 3:10 PM
To: Linda Neal
Subject: Mana Bowl

I live at 15 Maple Ave in Fairfax. I am opposed to replacing Mana Bowl with a Los Angeles chain marijuana dispensary. I thought we had a no chain policy in Fairfax.

Sent from my iPhone

Linda Neal

From: Ann Stratton <Stratton_999@hotmail.com>
Sent: Monday, September 6, 2021 2:59 PM
To: Linda Neal
Subject: mana bowl

To the planning commission

I am a long time resident of Fairfax and oppose a weed dispensary in place of mana bowl.

Keeping our businesses in local hands is what makes Fairfax so great. I am opposed to a Los Angeles chain taking over this business. And don't think we need a weed dispensary in town.

Ann Stratton

Willow Ave

Linda Neal

From: Elisabeth Hodges <bettehodges@hotmail.com>
Sent: Tuesday, September 7, 2021 4:30 PM
To: Linda Neal
Subject: Are we back to Retail Cannabis again!

It feels like the Recall, someone is trying to bring something back that was already decided after a very long process and many Council mtgs because they didn't like the decision we came to on retail cannabis in Fairfax. Why do we want a huge Corp to be involved? I was told this is a proposal for retail Cannabis sales in Fairfax. If so, it will have a very negative effect on parking and definitely bring loads of people to town just for that business in the middle of town. Have you considered what the rest of the County will think of this town just when we were finally changing to a nice place with lots of young families. What does this do to the property values? I also understand the business will be hiring security for the business. I do not want to go thru this process again for no positive gain to our town.

I admit I don't know what exactly is being proposed but I can't think of any type of retail selling of Cannabis I would like in town. Not disapproving of it as something people want but there's no shortage of ways it's already available.

I would like to have more information on exactly what is being discussed beyond Next Door. If many people are aware why haven't I heard more about it?

Please don't rush into approving something about which there are many different opinions, many very negative.

Elisabeth Hodges
110 Manor Road
Fairfax

Linda Neal

From: marc@2910.org
Sent: Tuesday, September 7, 2021 5:55 PM
To: Ben Berto; Linda Neal; Mark Lockaby; Michele Gardner; Bruce Ackerman; Stephanie Hellman; Renee Goddard; Barbara Coler; Chance Cutrano; Adam Politzer
Subject: I DO NOT support Element 7 Mana Bowl building purchase

Dear Fairfax Council Members and Planning Commission Members,

Please include my following comments in the records for your September 16th Planning Commission meeting concerning 1930 Sir Francis Drake Blvd.

- This is not a discreet location for a cannabis storefront, it's right on Sir Francis Drake.
- There is a large teen population that is used to frequenting this business and will be exposed to the storefront constantly.
- There is a deli next door which is frequented by teens and families.
- Fairfax already has a dispensary.
- Sir Francis Drake parking is already an issue in Fairfax.
- A security guard and 24-hour cameras will be in front of the dispensary– this is not the kind of optics we want in our downtown.
- This is a big money chain trying to come into town, which I don't want.
- Element 7 is potentially disrupting a purchase by the long-time Mana Bowl's local owner by placing a much above market rate offer.
- To keep the small town character of Fairfax alive, big “predatory” national chain firms like Element 7 need to be kept out.

Thank you for listening and for caring.

Best regards,
Marc

Marc Vendetti marc@2910.org
Phone: 415-450-5309 8-5 Pacific Time

*Speak I love you in ten thousand ways without using the words
and the words will speak themselves without using the voice.
~Michael Bridge*

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Linda Neal

From: Monica Gray <Monica@niceguysdelivery.com>
Sent: Tuesday, September 7, 2021 9:48 PM
To: Ben Berto; Adam Politzer; Linda Neal; Mark Lockaby; Stephanie Hellman; Bruce Ackerman; Michele Gardner; Renee Goddard; Barbara Coler; Chance Cutrano
Subject: September 16th Planning Commission Comment on Element 7 Cannabis Dispensary at 1930 Sir Francis Drake

Please include my following comments in the records for your September 16th Planning Commission meeting concerning 1930 Sir Francis Drake Blvd.

Dear Honorable Planning Commissioners and Fairfax Town Council Members,

My name is Monica Gray and I am one of the owners of Nice Guys Delivery which is a licensed delivery service out of San Rafael. I grew up in Mill Valley but have been a resident of Lagunitas on Sir Francis Drake Blvd. for the last 6 years. I am also the mother of a 5 year old who attends Lagunitas School and a 2.5 year old who attends San Geronimo Childcare Center. Our family is always in Fairfax for shopping, dinner, Peri Park, and have many friends that live in your beautiful town.

I am writing to you regarding Element 7's proposal to have a dispensary at 1930 Sir Francis Drake Blvd. and I wanted to express my concern that even though I am a cannabis advocate and do believe that the industry needs more licenses provided so that patients and consumers can get safe access, having a dispensary in that location would not work for the community.

We do approximately 850 + deliveries a quarter to the town of Fairfax. Being a delivery service we provide safe, discrete access to cannabis. Especially during these unprecedented times, delivery has provided so many people with safe access and people do not have to leave their homes. There is no need for a consumer to go into a dispensary now.

And I wanted to remind the council as well as the public that there already is a dispensary in Fairfax (the Marin Alliance). Having two dispensaries in your small town would create unnecessary competition and would most likely draw customers away from the Marin Alliance (which from what I've been told was one of the first dispensaries in the Nation). You can't get more local than that.

Element 7 is also an extremely large company that has major funding and backing. Nice Guys Delivery (my company) is owned 50/50 by my husband and I. We have no investors. Just the two of us. We are very familiar with these large cannabis companies that are trying to come in and purchase real estate to open dispensaries but again, there is just no need when you have 5 licensed delivery services already servicing Fairfax and Marin and an existing dispensary already in Fairfax.

Additionally, being a resident of Lagunitas and driving down Sir Francis Drake every day, I am well aware of how having a dispensary in that particular location will cause a serious increase in traffic on the weekends in particular. There is also no parking and our family has found it hard enough to find parking to come into town as stores/restaurants have started to open up.

Mana Bowls is also a staple to the town. It would break my heart to see it gone and replaced by some conglomerate cannabis business. Keep it local. Support local businesses.

Please let me know if you have any questions as I would be happy to answer them from the Cannabis Industry perspective.

Thank you for your time reading this.

Warmly,

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Monica Gray

COO

Nice Guys Delivery

E: Monica@niceguysdelivery.com

Linda Neal

From: Andrew McGann <awmcgann@gmail.com>
Sent: Wednesday, September 8, 2021 5:59 AM
To: Ben Berto; Linda Neal; Mark Lockaby
Subject: Please no Element 7!

Please, we don't need a large corporate cannabis dispensary in Fairfax! Do not allow Element 7 into town! We frequent Mana Bowl regularly and it represents the best aspect of Fairfax!

Thank you!
Andrew McGann, San Anselmo

Sent from my iPhone

Linda Neal

From: Sarah Alba <albaworks@gmail.com>
Sent: Tuesday, September 7, 2021 2:55 PM
To: Mark Lockaby; Linda Neal; Ben Berto
Subject: Fwd: Element 7

Hello,
Please include my following comments in the records for your September 16th Planning Commission meeting concerning 1930 Sir Francis Drake Blvd.

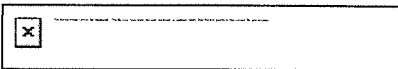
It is not often I write a complaint or a plea to the planning commission, but I am overly disappointed to hear the possibility that a large chain cannabis company is attempting to push out a local Fairfax business.

I have been going to Mana Bowls with my daughter for 10 years, since she was two years old. Todd has created a family-friendly, healthy food option for all. Mana Bowls has been our reason to go on family bike rides and frequent Fairfax more often.

A cannabis storefront is of opposite appeal.
Since when does Fairfax accept a big money chain corporation takeover over a mom & pop store?
Nonetheless, by placing an above market rate offer.
Isn't there already a dispensary in town????

Not for it.
Fairfax is not for this.
-Sarah Alba

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Linda Neal

From: Alexis Lynch <alexislynch@gmail.com>
Sent: Tuesday, September 7, 2021 2:46 PM
To: Linda Neal
Subject: 1930 Sir Francis Drake Blvd

I would like this email to be included for public comments concerning the Planning Commission's Sept 16th meeting agenda item for 1930 Sir Francis Drake Blvd.

I am very saddened to hear that the Planning Commission is considering Element 7's design proposal concerning the building in which Mana Bowls is currently housed.

From Element 7's website: "With retail licenses secured, permitted, and under development across over 25 cities in California, no other retail cannabis operator has the scale that Element 7 brings to the California market." Further, two large corporations just merged to create "the largest cannabis brand" called Glass House, and Glass House is merging with Element 7. More info can be found on [Bloomberg](#), among other places. Fairfax did implement a no chain rule for a reason, and while it's possible that Element 7 filed paperwork prior to being considered a "chain," with 25 locations it is most certainly a chain.

Fairfax does not want LARGE corporations throwing their money around to come in and change the downtown landscape. I would prefer that we keep big money chain corporations out of Fairfax and instead turn our resources to helping our locally owned businesses flourish! The owner of Mana Bowls is a local resident whose daughter attends Archie Williams High School. He is a kind hearted man trying to provide healthy meals to our community. It is one of the few Fairfax places I can consistently count on for a quick HEALTHY meal (and we need our antioxidants more than ever now!).

I was eating lunch there with my 4.5 year old last week, and a group of roughly 8 Archie Williams teens showed up with sandwiches from Peri's to sit at Mana Bowls' picnic tables in the back area. Todd welcomed them with open arms even though they had not even purchased food from him. We need more businesses providing a safe place for our teens to hang out instead of getting rid of one of the only ones that does.

I would hate to see a large chain cannabis storefront there instead. This would mean 24-hour surveillance cameras and a security guard stationed outside. Is this what we want people to see in a prominent part of Sir Francis Drake in Fairfax? It is not a discreet location for a cannabis storefront. And we already have a dispensary in town, which is discreet.

The owner of Mana Bowls attempted to purchase the building. But this big money chain corporation made a well above market offer that Todd could not match. I do not want to see Fairfax setting a standard that big money chain corporations can come push out our local businesses!

My daughter and I frequent Mana Bowls 1-2 times a week, and it would be SORELY missed.

I have no issue with cannabis. But with multiple excellent delivery services available in Marin and with an in-town dispensary, we do not need or want Element 7 here.

Thank you for listening to my opinion.

~Alexis Lynch
5 Muriel Place, Fairfax

Linda Neal

From: Sally Colwell <sallywcolwell@gmail.com>
Sent: Tuesday, September 7, 2021 9:07 AM
To: Linda Neal
Subject: Mana Bowl

Hello,

As a mother raising two children in Fairfax, I oppose Element 7. I fully support Mana Bowls, a healthy and nutritious place for our community.

Best,
Sally

Linda Neal

From: Mark Lockaby
Sent: Wednesday, September 8, 2021 9:49 AM
To: Linda Neal
Subject: FW: NO to Element 7's corporate chain store in Fairfax!

FYI

Thanks,

Mark Lockaby
Town of Fairfax
142 Bolinas Road
Fairfax, CA 94930
415-458-2370

From: Lane Arye <lane@processworklane.com>
Sent: Wednesday, September 8, 2021 9:23 AM
To: Mark Lockaby <mlockaby@townoffairfax.org>
Subject: NO to Element 7's corporate chain store in Fairfax!

Dear Mr. Lockaby

I strongly urge the Fairfax Planning Commission to reject Element 7's business proposal to push out Mana Bowls, a truly local business that serves our little community.

Element 7 claims to be "California's most local cannabis company." But it is not local at all. It is a chain based in Los Angeles. They claim to have "California's largest and most local footprint." They can't have it both ways! We don't want LA in Fairfax.

Todd Donaldson is a long time community member. He created a much loved and thriving business in the heart of Fairfax. The vibe is local. The acai bowls are delicious and are enjoyed by Fairfax residents of all ages. Todd wants to buy the property from the owner, but Element 7 has deep pockets and keeps upping their bid. Please don't force him and his delicious business out and replace him with an LA transplant corporate weed shop.

I can easily imagine the property owner wants the new business in there. The LA chain's website brags about their financial backing. I'm sure they are offering to pay the owner handsomely for getting rid of Todd and Mana Bowls.

They also brag about their team's experience with "packaged consumer goods (PepsiCo)." Really, we want Pepsi's marketing people to buy their way into our funky, one of a kind community?

On top of that, Mercer Park Brand Acquisition Corp (BRND), a Special Purpose Acquisition Company (SPAC), headquartered in Canada, has entered into an agreement to acquire Glass House Group for total of approximately \$567 million (US\$325 million for Glass House, US\$219 million for the Southern California Greenhouse and US\$24 million for the 17, Element 7 retail licensees) to create the largest Cannabis Brand platform in California!

Element 7 licenses are expected to bring the Company's retail footprint to a total of 21 open locations by the end of the first quarter 2022, representing the highest statewide store count of any single California cannabis operator!

Combined with the Southern California Greenhouse asset and 17 proposed Element 7 retail licenses, Glass House Group is poised to become the world's largest cannabis market!

BRND shareholders and the management teams of Glass House, Southern California Greenhouse, and Element 7 will roll 100% of their current ownership into Glass House Group stock, NEO Exchange under the ticker symbol GLAS.U

Read all about it here: <https://www.newswire.ca/news-releases/gh-group-inc-and-mercator-park-brand-acquisition-corp-complete-de-spac-transaction-creating-the-largest-cannabis-brand-building-platform-in-california-817834200.html>

Fairfax is one of a kind town, not a playground for multinational acquisition companies

Please vote no at the Planning Commissions meeting on September 16. Please keep Fairfax local (and delicious).

Thank you
Lane Arye

Linda Neal

From: Alex Marmur <alexmarmur@yahoo.com>
Sent: Wednesday, September 8, 2021 11:20 AM
To: Ben Berto; Linda Neal; Mark Lockaby; Michele Gardner; Bruce Ackerman; Stephanie Hellman; Renee Goddard; Barbara Coler; Chance Cutrano; Adam Politzer
Subject: No on permit for Element7/1930 Sir Francis Drake Blvd.

Please include my following comments in the records for your September 16th Planning Commission meeting concerning 1930 Sir Francis Drake Blvd.

Fairfax town council,

I submit to you my request that you deny a permit to Element7 for their request to open a cannabis retail location at 1930 Sir Francis Drake Blvd.

While I have no opposition to the consumption of marijuana, I do not believe that this is the proper location for such a store in Fairfax; this is close to many locations frequented by children, an already busy intersection and would result in the removal of an established and beloved town eatery.

Marin residents have many options for purchasing cannabis and denying this application will not take any access away from them.

Thank you,

Alex Marmur

Linda Neal

From: Arina Sue Isaacson <arina@arinainc.com>
Sent: Wednesday, September 8, 2021 11:47 AM
To: Linda Neal; Ben Berto; Mark Lockaby; Bruce Ackerman
Cc: Arina Sue Isaacson
Subject: Keep 'Element 7'/Cannabis storefront out of Fairfax!!

Please include my following comments in the records for your September 16th Planning Commission meeting concerning 1930 Sir Francis Drake Blvd.

Here are some of the reasons I oppose moving a large chain cannabis company into Fairfax:

- Not a discreet location for a cannabis storefront.
- **Large teen population that will see the storefront constantly!!!!!!!!!!!!!!**
- Fairfax already has a dispensary.
- Sir Francis Drake parking is already an issue in Fairfax.
- A security guard and 24-hour cameras will be in front of the dispensary.
- This is a big money chain trying to come into town, which we don't want.
- Disheartening to see a big money chain corporation disrupting a purchase by Mana Bowl's owner by placing a much above market rate offer and the Town potentially allowing it.

Element7 has attempted to secure licenses in other parts of Marin but has been denied.

I am hopeful they'll be denied here also.

Thank you for giving this your attention!
Arina Isaacson
1 Muriel Place
Fairfax, CA. 94930

Linda Neal

From: btownma@yahoo.com
Sent: Wednesday, September 8, 2021 10:19 PM
To: Linda Neal
Subject: Mana Bowls

Dear Planning Commission,

As a San Anselmo resident, Mana Bowls is the primary reason why our family so frequently visits Fairfax, and as a result, spend money in neighboring businesses while we are in the area.

Mana Bowls promotes a healthy way of life, is family-friendly, traffic-friendly, and sends a positive message. Element7 is a large corporate business and the anithesis of the image of Fairfax.

I urge you to continue giving so many families extra incentive to continue frequenting your town.

Kim Friedman

Linda Neal

From: Ed tilton <ed_tilton@comcast.net>
Sent: Wednesday, September 8, 2021 9:53 PM
To: Ben Berto; Linda Neal; Mark Lockaby; Michele Gardner; Bruce Ackerman; Stephanie Hellman; Renee Goddard; Barbara Coler; Chance Cutrano; Adam Politzer
Subject: REJECT CORPORATE POT STORE

Dear Planning Commission and Town Council: I live on Claus Circle, directly behind the Mana Bowls store. Please vote to reject the plan to have a pot store at 1930 Sir Francis Drake Blvd (Application #20-02). I believe that the applicant represents a large corporation that doesn't belong in our "locally owned" community. Thank you, Ed Tilton

Sent from my iPhone

Linda Neal

From: Kathy Flores <k-flores@comcast.net>
Sent: Wednesday, September 8, 2021 9:22 PM
To: Linda Neal; Ben Berto; Mark Lockaby
Subject: Reject Corporate Cannabis Store

Good evening,

What is happening to our Town of Fairfax?

Do we really want a greedy, Corporate Business who does not respect Fairfax' values here to ruin and destroy our small community?

Element 7, who is applying for a license to run a corporate cannabis store, is not suitable for Fairfax - or really any small community which values local small businesses.

On another note, I question the proximity of 1930 Sir Francis Drake Blvd to the Charter School's play yard, the skateboard park, the bus stop, to residential backyards where a 6yr old and 14yr old live? Their backyards are abutting with Mana Bowls parking lot and back door. What about the increase in traffic on Sir Francis Drake? How many cars do you expect daily? 100 or more?

As you know, we live in a high, wild fire danger zone and adding more cars to our already congested main thoroughfare is unacceptable and unsafe.

This email is not about banning cannabis in Fairfax, but that of a large corporate chain (Mercer Park Brand Acquisition Company who is from Canada) taking advantage of our small town by wiggling its way in and pushing out small, locally owned businesses. Any chain take over of any buildings in Fairfax is not in alignment with this community.

Keep it local!

Who is Element 7?

Element 7 is a California company specializing in obtaining dispensing retail licensees
Element7 is a business of acquiring storefront retail permits in order to sell cannabis, then sell those licensees.

Element7 recently got paid \$24million for their California permits/licenses by Mercer Park Brand Acquisition Corp, a Canadian Company.

This is Element7 business plan: They are masters at creating applications that get approval for permits in as many towns/cities as possible and then sell!

They have NO interest in Fairfax, or actual ownership of a cannabis store. Rather they just want to secure the permits and sell them off for Big Money!

Is this type of business what we need/want in Fairfax?!

Element7 is currently trying to establish a storefront in Fairfax by purchasing the building Mana Bowls occupies. Mana Bowls owner wants to purchase the building BUT Element7 keeps upping their bid. Like all small towns, Fairfax is looking for revenue but really, is this the type of business owner we want in our Town?

"Mercer Park Brand Acquisition Corp and Glass House Group Announce Business Combination to create the largest cannabis brand building platform in California"

What does this all mean?:

Mercer Park Brand Acquisition Corp (BRND), a Special Purpose Acquisition Company (SPAC), headquartered in Canada, has entered into an agreement to acquire Glass House Group for a total of approximately \$567 million (US\$325 million for Glass House, US\$219 million for the Southern California Greenhouse and US\$24 million for the 17, Element 7 retail licensees) to create the LARGEST Cannabis Brand platform in California!

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Combined with the Southern California Greenhouse asset and 17 proposed Element 7 retail licenses, Glass House Group is poised to become the world's largest cannabis market!

BRND shareholders and the management teams of Glass House, Southern California Greenhouse, and Element 7 will roll 100% of their current ownership into Glass House Group stock, NEO Exchange under the ticker symbol GLAS.U

Let's keep businesses in Fairfax to small, locally owned stores!

Thank you,
Kathy Flores

globenewsletter.com

newcannabisventures.com

forbes.com

businesswire.com

greenmarketreport.com

Linda Neal

From: Richard Long <long.richard@gmail.com>
Sent: Wednesday, September 8, 2021 9:00 PM
To: Renee Goddard; Barbara Coler; Chance Cutrano; Michele Gardner; Stephanie Hellman; Linda Neal; Bruce Ackerman
Subject: Element 7

I am a San Anselmo resident living near the boarder with Fairfax. I am against Element 7 using corporate money to displace Mana Bowls, a locally owned family business. In addition, I do not think a marijuana shop belongs on a prominent location frequented by children biking to school or grabbing snacks from Perry's. Parking and security are also big concerns. Take a look at some existing marijuana shops and you'll see they are not consistent with Fairfax's culture.

Thanks for your consideration,
Rich Long
(415) 630-0933
45 Suffield Ave

Linda Neal

From: Lauren Sandusky <lauren.n.rob@mac.com>
Sent: Wednesday, September 8, 2021 8:53 PM
To: Linda Neal
Subject: Just say no to Element 7

To the Fairfax Planning Commission and Town Council:

Just writing to request that you all deny Element 7's request to do business in Fairfax. We already have a marijuana dispensary and certainly don't need another one in our small town, particularly a chain store version - which goes against the historic ban on chain stores in Fairfax. Don't choose revenue over community.

Thanks.

Lauren and Rob Sandusky
Fairfax

Linda Neal

From: Josaphine Buennagel <jtuchel@gmail.com>
Sent: Wednesday, September 8, 2021 8:35 PM
To: Ben Berto; Linda Neal; Mark Lockaby; Michele Gardner; Bruce Ackerman; Stephanie Hellman; Renee Goddard; Barbara Coler; Chance Cutrano
Subject: Public Comment on 1930 Sir Francis Drake Blvd

Planning Committee,

Please include my following comments in the records for your September 16th Planning Commission meeting concerning 1930 Sir Francis Drake Blvd.

My name is Josa and I live in Fairfax on Wood Lane. I am submitting this comment on behalf of myself and my husband.

We do NOT wish for a large cannabis company (Element7/Glass House Brands) to enter Fairfax and (through licensing or other arrangement) set up a storefront in the Mana Bowl location at 1930 Sir Francis Drake Blvd.

A few notes on why are below:

- Marin already has several smaller, local cannabis businesses that adequately serve our local areas. And Fairfax has our own CBD dispensary already.
- A location on SFD is not a discreet location and will be seen prominently by a large teen population
- A security guard and 24-hour cameras for this business does not sound like the type of business-related concerns that would make Fairfax a more desirable, more safe, or more age-friendly community. In fact, the notion that a security guard is necessary suggests increased likelihood of crime.
- A well-funded cannabis company does not necessarily mean good things for our town and local businesses. Fairfax thrives because of its small, local non-chain shops.
- Element7 has been denied licenses in other parts of Marin and should be denied here as well.

Thank you,
Josa

Linda Neal

From: Michele Gardner
Sent: Wednesday, September 8, 2021 5:56 PM
To: Linda Neal
Subject: FW: No to Element7

From: scott tithof <tithofscott@gmail.com>
Sent: Wednesday, September 8, 2021 5:17 PM
To: Barbara Coler <bcoler@townoffairfax.org>; Bruce Ackerman <backerman@townoffairfax.org>; Stephanie Hellman <shellman@townoffairfax.org>; Chance Cutrano <ccutrano@townoffairfax.org>; Michele Gardner <mgardner@townoffairfax.org>
Subject: No to Element7

To whom it may concern,

I am a twenty year resident of Fairfax and have seen our town evolve and change. It has been great to see as new businesses have added a new flair, for the better. What I do not want to see is a recreational cannabis store in town. With online/delivery, one's ability to grow their own, etc. there is no need to add something that will add traffic, tempt youth, etc. We have a dispensary already. One is enough!

Scott Tithof
60 Belle Avenue

Linda Neal

From: Kelsey Fernandez <kelseyfernandez@yahoo.com>
Sent: Wednesday, September 8, 2021 5:41 PM
To: Renee Goddard; Barbara Coler; Bruce Ackerman; Stephanie Hellman; Chance Cutrano; Linda Neal
Cc: Michele Gardner; Ben Berto
Subject: Public Hearing 9/16/21 - 1930 Sir Francis Blvd.; Application # 20-02

Dear Fairfax Planning Commissioners and Town Council Members,

I am writing regarding the Planning Commission's Public Hearing item scheduled for 9/16/21 for a Formula Business Conditional Use Permit for a medical cannabis storefront/adult use delivery business at 1930 Sir Francis Drake Boulevard.

I am speaking as a community member and parent in opposition of granting an exception to the town's formula business ban for a corporate cannabis business. Doing so would displace a locally owned, family-friendly, safe and welcoming place for youth. In the current climate, we need more places like Mana Bowls, not less.

I hope you will consider the impact on traffic and potentially impaired driving on SFD. In order for a medical cannabis storefront business to be successful in a town of 7,500 (with another competing business in town), they will need to attract drivers coming in from other locations throughout the county.

They will also be marketing to any 18 year old that has a medical cannabis card (which could be any 18 year old with a cell phone and \$40).

Thank you for your service to our community and the time and attention you are taking in your consideration of this item.

Sincerely,
Kelsey Fernandez

Linda Neal

From: rwb999@comcast.net
Sent: Wednesday, September 8, 2021 4:53 PM
To: Linda Neal
Subject: Element 7 Application

Hi Linda,

I hope things are going well for you down there at Town Hall!

I just wanted to add my voice to the growing local concern over the pending application by Element 7.

A significant problem with the proposed business is the fact that there is very limited parking on the same side of the street at 1930 Sir Francis Drake. There is already a deli and a liquor store competing for that short-term parking, which is an obvious need for a stop-and-go type of retail store.

I'm sure the Planning Commission will hear all about townspeople's feelings about chain stores!

Best,

Rob Brennan

Linda Neal

From: Katie Frame <katrinam157@gmail.com>
Sent: Thursday, September 9, 2021 9:38 AM
To: Linda Neal; Ben Berto; mlockby@townoffairfax.org; Michele Gardner; Bruce Ackerman; Stephanie Hellman; Renee Goddard; Chance Cutrano; Barbara Coler; Adam Politzer
Subject: Element 7 Chain in Fairfax

Hello Planning Commission & Town Council,

Please note this e-mail is in regards to the upcoming planning commission meeting scheduled on 9/16 and in regards to the Element 7 proposal. I strongly oppose this chain business in Fairfax and most definitely oppose the planned location. The visible location, steps to public transit and the lack of parking in an already congested and hectic location make this proposal less than ideal.

Also, please, let's keep businesses in Fairfax to small, locally owned businesses.

Many thanks,
Katie Frame
Deer Park

Linda Neal

From: Kevin Lozaw <klozaw@comcast.net>
Sent: Thursday, September 9, 2021 10:02 AM
To: Linda Neal; Renee Goddard; Barbara Coler; Bruce Ackerman; Chance Cutrano; mgardner@townoffairfax.or
Cc: klozaw@comcast.net
Subject: No to Element 7

To those reviewing the Element 7 proposal:

I'm writing to oppose allowing Element 7 to establish a retail cannabis store in Fairfax.

Our community does not need yet another opportunity for substance abuse. We already have one of the highest (pun intended) rates of substance use of both legal and controlled substances in the State.

Adding insult to injury is the fact that this outlet would kick Mana Bowls out of its storefront. Mana Bowls is one of few town youth hang outs and offers nutritional products in a positive environment.

Spin it as much as you like, Element 7's products are specifically intended to numb the mind and they may can cause cancer and lethargy.

We don't need it.

Kevin Lozaw
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SJF Innovative Consulting, Inc. - NorCal Office
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415.260.9950

Linda Neal

From: lauriejoyce@comcast.net
Sent: Thursday, September 9, 2021 11:08 AM
To: Linda Neal; Renee Goddard; Barbara Coler; Bruce Ackerman; Chance Cutrano; mgardner@townoffairfax.or
Subject: Re: No to Element 7

Re the Element 7 proposal:

I'm writing to oppose allowing Element 7 to establish a retail cannabis store in Fairfax.

Our community does not need yet another opportunity for substance abuse. Mana Bowls is a community owned business around a healthy product. Mana Bowls is a wonderful town youth hang-out and offers nutritional products in a positive environment. Element 7's products are not a healthy addition to our community.

Keep Mana Bowls.

Laurie Joyce
102 Brookside Drive, San Anselmo

Linda Neal

From: Miriam Weinstein <sageworks1@att.net>
Sent: Thursday, September 9, 2021 8:35 AM
To: Linda Neal
Subject: Mana Bowls

The town broke it's own zoning regulations when it kicked out Casa Mañana and let it be replaced by a medical office with no walk in traffic.

Casa Mañana was a town treasure.

I don't go to Mana Bowls, but I certainly don't want it replaced by a huge chain pot store with connections to the billionaire Mercer family, who basically brought us Trump and most of his godawful cabinet. I realize the Mercer connection is not a legal issue - but it should be taken into account anyway.

I know people in town seem to think that the fact that they voted to legalize pot in CA means they voted for a pot store in Fairfax. They don't seem to discern the difference. My concern is we already have a big drinking scene, increasing crime, and don't need to be the destination for pot buyers from all over the county as well. "Oh, let's go to Fairfax for pot, it's so cute!" We are swamped by cyclists. Enough.

Miriam Weinstein
13 year resident with prior stints in Fairfax over the last 41 years.
Oak Tree Lane,
Fairfax

Linda Neal

From: jess lerner <jesslerner8@gmail.com>
Sent: Thursday, September 9, 2021 1:05 PM
To: Linda Neal
Subject: letter for planning commission today

Hi Linda,
Thank you so much for sharing this with the PC today!
Jess Lerner

Dear Planning Commissioners,
I am reaching out because I have heard about the plan for a national chain of cannabis retailers to purchase Mana Bowls, despite the local owner of Mana Bowls not wanting to leave or give up his successful community business.

This was concerning enough to me to write you a letter today.

Fairfax's local businesses have gone through so much during the pandemic, and we have lost many to this moment in time. We must protect those that remain, and especially those that provide quality of life for our whole community. Mana Bowls is one of these.

Mana Bowls is a wonderful local business, currently thriving, and provides a safe hangout space for kids, teens, and families, as well as provides jobs for teens (so important.) This very special local business should be protected and preserved, with effort and funding from the town to do so.

It should not be bought out by a corporate chain for profit, and those with the power to vote on this should do their very best to prevent that.

The PC and TC have the power to help shape what kind of community we live in, and we are at a critical moment where we must make decisions about what this community will be going forward. Our small businesses should be championed, protected, and celebrated as a key part of Fairfax's unique community and economy.

However, if we lose these businesses, we lose all the benefits mentioned above, and lose more of our unique community, as well as this safe space for kids and teens- and a cannabis chain would eliminate that further.

Please take these factors into account. Even if you personally want more cannabis stores, and Fairfax has authorized another for the future, that is separate from protecting our small businesses who need support in this moment of crisis, and for the community members who are served by these businesses which enhance a sense of place and connection. Please choose our community over profit to a corporation that doesn't care about Fairfax.

Thank you for taking this matter seriously.

Jess Lerner

Linda Neal

From: David Swaim <david@tamrealty.com>
Sent: Thursday, September 9, 2021 12:45 PM
To: Linda Neal
Cc: Kira Swaim
Subject: Element 7 agenda item

Good afternoon Linda, I hope you are well. Would you please forward this quick note to the planning commission. Full disclosure I am currently a third term Commissioner and sitting chair of the San Anselmo planning commission. I am solely representing my own personal views regarding this matter and by no means representing the planning commission and or the Town Of San Anselmo.

It was very disheartening to hear of element 7's application to take over a location of what I believe now is a jewel of Fairfax and one of the few places I feel I can send my teenage girls for a healthy alternative to what's going on out there these days. To close that down to open a dispensary, particularly one that is a chain with no local flavor, seems counter intuitive to what Fairfax really has become. What's next Subway taking over Perri's deli?

Downtown Fairfax is funky cool and one of my favorite places literally in the world. We don't need this, put it in a strip mall or a location where someone needs to drive to take care of their personal needs and wants. But please not this high visibility location where all our local youth seem to head out, this just seems irresponsible at best.

Anyway I'm not going on and on I will let others do that, I just wanted to voice my concerns. Thank you for volunteering I know it's, at times a thankless position. I value and appreciate what you guys do to keep Fairfax funky cool but also a world class town.

David Nolen Swaim
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Wood Lane
Fairfax

Linda Neal

From: helen Rosen <hnrosen1@yahoo.com>
Sent: Thursday, September 9, 2021 11:35 AM
To: Ben Berto; Linda Neal; lockaby@townoffairfax.org
Subject: Re: Mana Bowl displacement - correction

Dear Planning Commission,

I made an error on the last paragraph of my letter. Please correct as follows:

I implore you to seriously consider all of the reasons above as well as all of the letters and petitions that you receive from the community members who love Fairfax and do **not** want you to grant a retail license to Element 7.

Thank you,
Helen Rosen

On Thursday, September 9, 2021, 11:19:46 AM PDT, helen Rosen <hnrosen1@yahoo.com> wrote:

Dear Fairfax Planning Commission,

It has come to my attention that Element 7 has applied for a retail license which would displace Mana Bowl, a much beloved local business here in Fairfax. As a resident of this community, I am very concerned about the possibility of a large retail chain coming into our lovely, community based town.

Mana Bowl is a wonderful local business owned by a resident of Fairfax who is raising his family here. Mana Bowl serves healthy food and is even a local and safe hangout for many local teenagers, many of whom are able to obtain part time employment. I understand that Todd, the owner of Mana Bowl actually made a reasonable market valuable bid to the owner of the building but was outbid by Element 7, which is a large, multi-million dollar corporation who offered over market value to the owner of the building.

I am hoping that the Planning Commission will make the decision not to grant a license to Element 7. Besides the above paragraph describing some aspects of the importance of local business owners to our community, it will also change the flavor of Fairfax if we start to allow large chain stores to have a presence in in the town. Element 7 has been denied retail licenses in other parts of Marin and I hope you will follow suit and make that decision for Fairfax.

Additionally, Element 7 now has merged with Glass House to form an even larger corporate entity than when they applied for the license. Fairfax has a no chain retailer rule, but apparently this applies to businesses with 12+ locations, and Element 7 filed paperwork here before they had 12 locations. Do you want to have such large companies change the flavor of this town, as mentioned earlier, and even more important, drive out small business owners who are contributing to our community?

I am also very concerned about the fact that Element 7 plans to have a security guard and 24 hour cameras in front of the store. I am concerned about why Element 7 feels a need to have that type of security. Are they worried about gun violence and armed robberies that could endanger our community because of their presence? It is disconcerting to think of a lovely business like Mana Bowl, which creates community comradarie, being displaced by a company that needs a security guard.

I implore you to seriously consider all of the reasons above as well as all of the letters and petitions that you receive from the community members who love Fairfax and do want you to grant a retail license to Element 7.

Thank you very much for your consideration.

Helen Rosen

Linda Neal

From: helen Rosen <hnrosen1@yahoo.com>
Sent: Thursday, September 9, 2021 11:20 AM
To: Ben Berto; Linda Neal; lockaby@townoffairfax.org
Subject: Mana Bowl displacement

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Thank you very much for your consideration.

Helen Rosen
Wood Lane
Fairfax

Linda Neal

From: Lindsay Bolter <lindsay.bolter@gmail.com>
Sent: Wednesday, September 8, 2021 9:44 AM
To: Linda Neal; Ben Berto
Cc: Michele Gardner; Bruce Ackerman; shelman@townoffairfax.org; bcolor@townoffairfax.org; ccurtrano@townoffairfax.org; Adam Politzer
Subject: Public comment for planning commission meeting

Dear Linda and Ben,

I'd like to provide a comment to be read aloud at the September 16th Planning Commission meeting concerning 1930 Sir Francis Drake Blvd.

I am very concerned about Element 7 coming into Fairfax, and extremely opposed to it for many reasons. First of all, Element 7 is a big corporation that just merged with Glass House Brands to become an even bigger corporation with \$326M EBITDA (revenue adjusted for debt). One thing that makes our town so special is that we don't let big retailers and corporations in, which makes room for small businesses to thrive, as well as providing more unique stores and jobs for people who actually live here. There seems to be a loophole with this corporation, but the fact is, it would displace Mana bowls, owned by a local, and a fellow parent, who was outbid because he simply doesn't have the money that a big corporation does. I would hate for this to set a precedent for all small business owners to be outbid by big corporations. It's a slippery slope from Element 7 to a Walmart in town. It seems impossible, but look at Boulder Colorado and you will see the progression from a Fairfax-like town to big box city with a Walmart.

My second issue is that we already have a cannabis storefront, and this would be another one in a very conspicuous location. I think it does a disservice to the youth in our town to have this much temptation around. Pot is scientifically proven to affect memory and problem solving, mood, and cause declines in school performance and increase depression: [What You Need to Know About Marijuana Use in Teens | Fact Sheets | Marijuana and Public Health | CDC](#). Furthermore, it becomes a destination for people outside of Fairfax, and do we really want to be pulling in a bunch of pot smokers to our downtown? I am open minded but I'm not sure this is the kind of public draw we want for our town.

Third, SFD is already a nightmare for traffic for anyone trying to commute to work or take their kids to school. Adding a dispensary would just create more traffic and parking issues than we already have.

I ask you to please reject this and preserve the town we love.

Thanks for your time.

Sincerely Lindsay Bolter
204 Scenic Rd. Fairfax

Linda Neal

From: John Whitty <jjohnroody@yahoo.com>
Sent: Thursday, September 9, 2021 1:23 PM
To: Linda Neal; Ben Berto; Mark Lockaby
Subject: Please, please do not sell to Element 7, keep fairfax for small business owners. It's such a small town.

I would love to see the Mana Bowl building owned by it's current proprietor, Todd Donaldson. He's had it for years and is a very good person. I do not want larger business' in Fairfax. Thank you. John Whitty.

"IF THERE ARE NO DOGS IN HEAVEN, THEN WHEN I DIE I WANT TO GO WHERE THEY WENT." WILL ROGERS.

Linda Neal

From: Kathy Flores <k-flores@comcast.net>
Sent: Thursday, September 9, 2021 10:38 PM
To: Linda Neal; Ben Berto; Mark Lockaby
Cc: Bruce Ackerman; Stephanie Hellman; Renee Goddard; Chance Cutrano; Barbara Coler
Subject: Stop Cannabis Chain Store Company with plans for 21 locations invading Fairfax, CA
Attachments: Change.org Petition Comments.pdf

Good evening,

I wanted to share this petition with you to "**STOP Chain Store Cannabis Company from Fairfax**". This petition started yesterday evening, 9/8/21, and as of today, 9/9/21 at 10:00pm, 263 people have signed this petition, some writing comments. And these are only the people in our community who know about what is being proposed!

Please take the time to read some of the comments and track how many people are concerned that a cannabis store at Mana Bowls location is not the right place. Many kids hang out at Perry's for lunch as well families on their way to the beach. A dispensary in a small building that has very little parking and will bring 300 extra cars a day is a bad idea. Sir Francis Drake Blvd is already heavily congested and more cars will only make it worse.

Petition:
Mana Bowls... <https://chnng.it/n58DBCgxtG>

19 Comments

Change.org petition: Stop chain store cannabis company with plans for 21 locations invading fairfax ca

<https://www.change.org/p/fairfax-town-council-stop-chain-store-cannabis-company-with-plans-for-21-locations-invading-fairfax-ca?redirect=false>

Reasons for signing

Anonymous =)

mana bowls is great

Melissa Mann

Our town and kids need Mana Bowls.

Cannabis can easily be delivered and does not need another storefront in Fairfax.

Kim Baskind

We seriously do NOT need a weed dispensary. It will put out a small family owned operation. We frequent this place weekly for a good healthy meal. It's providing a wonderful service for the community. I also have tremendous concerns over a highly visible dispensary in our tow as I am raising young children who pass this location multiple times a day. This is not healthy for our kids.

marion kregeloh

Cannabis for profit run businesses should not be part of Marin county. As an educated, health-conscious and affluent community we need to become a role model when it comes to the invasion of the corporate run cannabis industry in CA, not mentioning other states. Lobbyists have worked intensively for years planning big business. All with falsely claimed benefits which science in many regards proves otherwise. The risks of such substances on young brains are very high, and the cannabis industry targets such population with teen attractive packaging, slogans and product names. Fairfax has like other MC communities problems with cannabis use among youth and substance use in MC is above average in CA. . Please see the significant data on youth use of marijuana including vaping (cannabis stores sell vaping products) at www.marincounty.org, www.marinpreventionnetwork.org.

Cannabis stores have shown increase in youth use, impaired driving and illegal activities. Foremost, as a resident of Marin, I vote against retail cannabis stores in our county in order to protect our youth. Let's talk about healthy, attractive alternatives to living full and authentic lives. Marin knows better than becoming sucked into the for profit run cannabis hype. (I am in full support for approved prescription drugs that are derived from cannabis, as further extensive research to find more sound applications for cannabis).

My son Alex became addicted to cannabis when trying to self medicate his anxieties, then needed stronger drugs and found Xanax, became addicted to latter and died April 3, 2020, from accidental Fentanyl.

poisoning. His death fuels my path of raising awareness. It is my mission to support our community finding sound and healthy strategies other than substances. The mental health crisis challenges all of us.

Marin can focus on reclaiming our innate resources to live lives in balance, and not with falsely normalized beliefs that cannabis is ok or, as advertised, heals mental health.

We can do MUCH better than that.

I would be sad to see FF become yet another enclave taken hostage by the industry. We live in an age when people like Martha Stewart sell cutely packaged cannabis substances claiming rescue and calm. Really??

Again, Marin can do better. Much better.

Let's talk.

kim smith

I don't want a corporate cannabis chain in Fairfax..

Garrett Peck

We moved to downtown BECAUSE the lack of chains and quality establishments. If you want Cannabis get it delivered like the rest of Marin. Element 7 is a toxic company

Diane Brink

We need to protect small family businesses

Marc Vendetti

One of the things that makes Fairfax the great place to live that it is, is the absence of chain stores. Let's not lose that unique small town vibe by letting a predatory chain store in that threatens the well-being of our community.

Kevin Curtis

I don't like the idea of LLC's for bulk real estate purchases!!!

Laurie Dubin

Element 7 is driving out an excellent local business where our teens hang out. It will be the only recreational cannabis retail store in Marin and will cause a backup on SFD with a blind spot - especially with stoned drivers. Element 7 is well known for using locals as a front - the small town of Fairfax doesn't need Big Cannabis in town whose only motive is Big Corporate Profits.

Brad Clark

Don't mess this up Fairfax! We don't need a McDonalds like corporate cannabis shops in town with 24 hour security. Let's not lose small town funky charm. Not to mention more traffic, parking issues and an increase in crime.

kimberly Friedman

Let's preserve a locally owned, business that promotes a great healthy place for locals/teens to congregate vs large corporate greed. Check out E7 - they are huge. Opposite the Fairfax feel.

Diana Perdue

Fairfax is the antithesis of this type of corporate business. No thank you

Michelle Leopold

We need to stop Big Cannabis from going into Marin, with their deep pockets to finance any means to bully their way in to our community. Plus, Marin has zero retail cannabis stores, yet already has one of the highest rates of youth drug and alcohol use. We do not need more easy access to addictive substances for our youth. (It is so easy for an 18 year old to get a "medical marijuana" card; just go to any delivery service and click on "I'm under 21".) We already have pot delivery throughout Marin, we don't need retail pot stores. If you need to talk to a budtender, call your delivery service or drive to SF. Big Cannabis, often supported by Big Tobacco, just wants to get more people hooked to line their pockets - same playbook as alcohol & tobacco. But today's products are 20-99% THC, not 2-4% "Woodstock pot", and young adult brains are at risk. Learn more at marin4publichealth.org or search what laws CO just implemented to protect young adults.

Jess Lerner

Please support and protect our local Fairfax businesses! They have been through so much during the pandemic, and need the TC's and PC's support. They should not be pushed out for a national corporate chain of cannabis shops. Mana Bowls is a special community spot, kids love it, and it's a safe, healthy happy place for them to be. Please protect this important local business and don't allow Fairfax to be bought by corporate chains.

Kathy Flores

I am against any Corporate owned chain taking over any building in FF. These big companies main goal is to ruin and destroy small communities. Keep Mana Bowl, a locally owned community minded family in business. Teenagers, families love Mana Biwl and hire teenagers to work there

Benjamin Vishny

Fairfax has enough stoners already

Linda Neal

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Sent: Thursday, September 9, 2021 10:38 PM
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Linda Neal

From: scram@sonic.net
Sent: Thursday, September 9, 2021 11:14 PM
To: Ben Berto; Linda Neal; Mark Lockaby; Michele Gardner; Bruce Ackerman; Stephanie Hellman; Renee Goddard; Barbara Coler; Chance Cutrano; Adam Politzer
Cc: arzachel@sonic.net; scram@sonic.net
Subject: Element7

Dear Fairfax Planning Commission, Town Council, and Interim Town Manager,

My husband and I request that you vote against allowing Element7 to take over small businesses and operate in Fairfax. Element7's business model is opportunistic and disruptive, and is not supportive or characteristic of small communities such as ours.

Especially at this time, we all need to do what is best to support and enrich our small town. Please vote no to Element7 and allow our small businesses and community to thrive.

Thank you,
Kristin Amlie and Jason Witherspoon
Fairfax, CA homeowners

Linda Neal

From: photo <photobykir@aol.com>
Sent: Thursday, September 9, 2021 11:52 PM
To: Michele Gardner
Cc: Ben Berto; Linda Neal; Mark Lockaby; Michele Gardner; Bruce Ackerman; Stephanie Hellman; Renee Goddard; Barbara Coler; Chance Cutrano; Adam Politzer; Kirstin Radasch
Subject: Please Keep Element7 out of Fairfax

Dear Fairfax Staff and Council Members -

I respectfully request that the Town of Fairfax oppose Element7 and their application to open up a cannabis store in the current location of Mana Bowls on Sir Francis Drake. I also request that Fairfax continues to oppose any chain store applications or permits for doing business in the town of Fairfax.

Element7 is currently trying to establish a storefront in Fairfax by purchasing the building Mana Bowls occupies. Additionally, the Mana Bowl' store owner is attempting to purchase the building and yet Element7 continues to increase their bid to purchase because they have millions in investment capital backing their plan to do so. Element7 is not locally owned and they do not fit into the bylaws of our general plan.

Element 7 is a California company specializing in obtaining cannabis dispensary retail licenses. They acquire storefront retail permits in order to sell cannabis, then they proceed to eventually sell those licenses.

Element7 was paid \$24million for their California permits and licenses by "Mercer Park Brand Acquisition Corp", a Canadian Company.

Let's keep businesses in Fairfax small and locally owned as our general plan states — no chains stores! Let's keep a cannabis store away from high trafficked areas where local high school students hang out! Archie Williams high school teens eat at Perry's Deli, right next door, daily. Many teens also purchase meals at Mana Bowls and use their back parking area to hang out. Not only is this the wrong business location for cannabis, it's the wrong company for Fairfax. We kept out Chevron, we need to do the same with Elemebt7!

Element7 business plan is clear. They are strategic at creating applications that get approval for permits in as many towns and cities as possible, with the intention to eventually sell them. It's clear they are a chain and not local to Fairfax or even Marin County..

Is this type of business what we need or want in Fairfax? No, it is not.

A description:

"Mercer Park Brand Acquisition Corp and Glass House Group Announce Business Combination to create the largest cannabis brand building platform in California"

What does this mean?

"Mercer Park Brand Acquisition Corp (BRND), a Special Purpose Acquisition Company (SPAC), headquartered in Canada, has entered into an agreement to acquire Glass House Group for total of approximately \$567 million (US\$325

million for Glass House, US\$219 million for the Southern California Greenhouse and US\$24 million for the 17, Element 7 retail licensees) to create the largest Cannabis Brand platform in California.

Element 7 licenses are expected to bring the Company's retail footprint to a total of 21 open locations by the end of the first quarter 2022, representing the highest statewide store count of any single California cannabis operator.

Combined with the Southern California Greenhouse asset and 17 proposed Element 7 retail licenses, Glass House Group is poised to become the world's largest cannabis market.

BRND shareholders and the management teams of Glass House, Southern California Greenhouse, and Element 7 will roll 100% of their current ownership into Glass House Group stock, NEO Exchange under the ticker symbol GLAS.U"

Keep Element7 out of Fairfax!

Sincerely,

Kirstin Asher
Fairfax, Ca

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Linda Neal

From: Bridget Clark <msbridgetaclark@gmail.com>
Sent: Thursday, September 9, 2021 11:58 PM
To: Linda Neal; Renee Goddard; Barbara Coler; Bruce Ackerman; Stephanie Hellman; Chance Cutrano
Cc: Michele Gardner
Subject: Exemption for Element 7

Dear Fairfax Planning Commission and Town Council,

Please do not allow for an exemption for Element 7. They are a corporate chain cannabis business. This does not fit in Fairfax. Do not sell out and give in to to a chain store business. This will result in a local family business who will be pushed out of a shop they just remodeled in the past year. This sets a bad precedent if you allow this to happen. The town didn't allow Chevron to come in due to the formula store ordinance. Why make an exception? Please do not cave in to a big cannabis business.

Sincerely,

Bridget Clark

Linda Neal

From: Michael Goldman <mgoldfx@comcast.net>
Sent: Thursday, September 9, 2021 4:21 PM
To: Linda Neal
Subject: PLEASE DENY ELEMENT7 OPERATION IN FAIRFAX at the Mana bowls location

To: Linda Neal, Principal planner, Town of Fairfax,

SEPTEMBER 9, 2021 4:05

Linda Neal, please forward this to the planning commission.

I am a long term and current resident of Fairfax, CA.. I was a kid in 1946 when we moved here. I went to Fairfax Central School in first and second grade. I, with my parents, moved around Marin. When I got married at 19 moved back to Fairfax. It was always for the kids. I went to Drake HS and later my Daughter did the same. My granddaughter is at Archie Williams HS as I write this..

I have followed the meetings about pot from the beginning. The arguments are multitudinous with a wide spectrum of opinions both for and against the issues. Some issues have been resolved. Pot is legal, That's done. But the devil is in the details. The application we are addressing is for the company Element7. This Co. wants to buy the building, displace Mana Bowls, and sell their pot smack in the middle of Fairfax. Mana bowls is a very popular cafe. Included in their wide spectrum of clientele are pre-teens, teenagers . They are attendees at White Hill School, Brookside School, Archie Williams school and I am sure a few others. The workers at Mana Bowls are mostly teens and twenty year olds. These kids and young adults go there after school and especially on the weekends. Sometimes before or after Mana Bowls the patrons go to Perry's Deli.. That side of the street is teeming with life principally because of Perry's and Mana Bowls.

All this happens in mid downtown right across from the Parkade . The Parkade and the Steps are less than 100 feet away. We know our young people are safe because we can watch them happily in the space we have created for them When school is out the middle schoolers take the bus to the stop 50 feet from mana bowls. Now of course White Hill School is far away from the subject property. But the students are dropped 50 feet away.

There was a rule in the state code I believe that a dispensary cannot be within 600 feet of a School. That came up with the pot clinic located at School Street Plaza. Lynette Shaw was granted an exemption because she 250 feet from the ball field. Google maps says Mana Bowls Lot is less than 600 feet from the ball park property. Furthermore, considering that Lynette Shaw dispensary was granted an exemption I would suggest that The 2nd site, the one in question be granted and extension. I mean let the next dispensary be 350ft plus 600 ft for a total of 950 ft from the ballpark and school. Your capricious exemption to protect Lynette Shaw could be balanced with a fair ruling to protect Fairfax Kids.

Element 7 has presented themselves as friendly, mostly locally owned retail business. This subterfuge is certainly not appreciated by be and I am sure when the Fairfax population learns the truth then that population, specifically the voting population will not be amused.

Element7 is and extremely well funded state-wide business. They brag that they have 12 current locations soon to be 14 locations with more on the way. I am not sure if they are a corporation or franchise, but whatever it is they are slick and smooth, and I doubt they care one bit about Fairfax and the Middle Schoolers and the High Schoolers.

On their website they brag that they will be the most TAXED AND CONTROLLED cannabis business California has ever seen. What business advertises that . THE MOST TAXED POT YOU HAVE EVER SEEN. Because they do not care how high

the prices are. Are you going to go to our neighboring towns and cities and say "Our Planners and Town Council got the best deal. " These people let us tax the pot the most. CONTROLLED, well yes they will be controlled, but we are assured ELEMENT 7 WILL BE THE MOST CONTROLLED THAT CALIFORNIA HAS EVER SEEN".

I Personally am furious that our Politicians have let this deal get so far along. The Mana bowls site is obviously a terrible location.

Element7 is using our Town by promising our politicians that they will be rewarded TAX AND CONTROL.

With one stroke of the pen half the downtown area will be irreversibly scarred. LOVE OUR KIDS** **STAND UP FOR THE KIDS ** SAVE FAIRFAX **VOTE NO ON ELEMENT 7 ** WE, THE VOTERS, WILL NOT FORGET THIS. ** NO CHAIN STORES IN FAIRFAX**

Respectfully yours,

Michael Goldman,
Fairfax, CA

Linda Neal

From: Erin Billman <erinbillman@gmail.com>
Sent: Thursday, September 9, 2021 7:34 PM
To: Ben Berto; Linda Neal; Mark Lockaby; Michele Gardner; Bruce Ackerman; Stephanie Hellman; Renee Goddard; Barbara Coler; Chance Cutrano; Adam Politzer
Subject: If the Next Door rumors are true

Dear Planning Commission and Town Council, If the Next Door rumors are true, please do what you can to support a great local business (Mana Bowl) and don't allow a chain with deep pockets to displace them.

Thanks for helping keep Fairfax a thriving local community.

Best,

Erin Billman

Sent from my iPhone

Linda Neal

From: Katherine Porter <kporter@srcs.org>
Sent: Thursday, September 9, 2021 8:47 PM
To: Ben Berto; Linda Neal

No no no no to the element 7 proposal. Please.

I have children, I am a teacher for high school, I love next door to middle school....what are we doing considering a dispensary on the way home from school??

The content of their business is Not appropriate for a small town. What are we teaching our young children- that it is totally normal to be altered on a regular basis?? And our community loves supporting small local business. I am so sad to think of this new Business in our town -both the politics of big business and the image of our town changes as we become accepting of this. The spirit of our town relies on being a small town with local sweet businesses, a healthy joyful place for youth...element 7 goes against who we are as a town.

Kate Porter

Sent from my iPhone

Linda Neal

From: David Sindell <dsindell@gmail.com>
Sent: Thursday, September 9, 2021 9:11 PM
To: Linda Neal
Subject: Cannabis on drake

I live in Oak Manor, I'm fine with cannabis, but in no way is it appropriate to put a cannabis shop where Mana Bowls is. It's outrageous, will increase traffic (there's no parking there) and bring a negative impact to the tiny central downtown. It would be a shame. There is already a perfectly adequate dispensary half a mile away.

Please don't allow this.


Best,
David Sindell

Linda Neal

From: Jacqueline Senator <jsenatororcutt@gmail.com>
Sent: Thursday, September 9, 2021 3:45 PM
To: Ben Berto; Linda Neal; Mark Lockaby; Michele Gardner; Bruce Ackerman; Stephanie Hellman; Renee Goddard; Barbara Coler; Chance Cutrano; Adam Politzer
Subject: Opposition to Element7 in Fairfax

Dear Fairfax Supervisors, Planners and Managers,

Please support locally owned business in our community by stopping those interested in gross corporate gains that directly impact our homes, our neighbors and our local business economy.

Stop  Element7 from profiting themselves at the cost of our community. Please create bylaws that require community approval!

Thank you  for keeping Fairfax friendly to its community 

Sincerely, Dr Jacqueline Senator
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