



September 17, 2018

Honorable Members of the City of Alameda Planning Board
City of Alameda Community Development Department
City Hall, 2263 Santa Clara Avenue, Room 190
Alameda, California 94501-4477

**RE: Planning Board Meeting of September 24, 2018, Agenda Item 7-A
Consideration of Cannabis Business Zoning Text Amendments
Recommendations of the Harbor Bay Business Park Association**

Dear Planning Board Members:

At the Annual Meeting of the members of the Harbor Bay Business Park Association held on August 21, 2018, the members were informed that the City of Alameda was considering a policy that would allow the expansion of cannabis related uses to include retail dispensaries in the C-M Commercial-Manufacturing Zoning Districts of the City, including the Harbor Bay Business Park which is zoned C-M-PD, and that the City's Economic Development Manager has asked for feedback from the Harbor Bay Business Park property and business owners on this proposed policy and changes to the City's Zoning Code. In the meeting, a number of the property owners in the Harbor Bay Business Park expressed that they strongly preferred not to have such uses allowed to operate in the Business Park and that cannabis dispensaries and similar retail operations would not be compatible with the existing businesses and institutions in the Harbor Bay Business Park and could bring on security problems. There were no expressions of support for a City policy that would change the City's Zoning Code to allow cannabis dispensaries or similar retail facilities in the Harbor Bay Business Park.

After the Annual Meeting of the members, the Board of Directors of the Harbor Bay Business Park Association authorized and directed its President Joseph Ernst to send letters to the City on behalf of the Harbor Bay Business Park Association expressing the concerns of the Association's members about allowing cannabis dispensary operations and facilities in the Harbor Bay Business Park and recommending that the Planning Board and the City Council not approve any Zoning Text Amendments that would allow cannabis dispensaries to locate and operate within the Harbor Bay Business Park.

The Harbor Bay Business Park Association strongly recommends that the Planning Board vote against any recommendation that the City Council approve Zoning Text Amendments that would allow cannabis dispensaries to locate and operate within the C-M-PD zoned Harbor Bay Business Park.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in blue ink, appearing to read "J. Ernst".

JOSEPH ERNST
President of the Harbor Bay Business Park Association