

TO: Mayor & City Council

FROM: Al Adam, Councilmember

DATE: January 12, 2021

SUBJECT: Ex Parte Communication, Agenda Item 8A – Consideration of New Location for LEAF Dispensary

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FROM: Bob Engler, Mayor Pro Tem

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From: Sean Russell <s.russell24@gmail.com>
Sent: Tuesday, January 12, 2021 3:04 PM
To: City Clerk's Office <cityclerk@toaks.org>
Cc: info@calileaf.com; paul.burnspacific@verizon.net
Subject: January 12, 2021 hearing, Agenda Item #8A - Support for Leaf Dispensary

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City Council:

As a Los Angeles native, I have now made Thousand Oaks my home for 9 plus years. I support the City Council's decision to open the proposed medical cannabis dispensary, Leaf Dispensary, on Townsgate Road. The city of Thousand Oaks, and its residents, would greatly benefit from such a local business run by reputable people like Paul Burns and Dave MacFarlane. Many of our residents drive to Los Angeles county for these medical needs, so let's try to bring this business, and medicine, to the city of Thousand Oaks and Ventura County.

Please help the progression of this proposition move forward with out further delay.

Thank you,

Samuel Russell
Resident of Thousand Oaks

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From: Austin Axen <aaxen@livingoakschurch.com>

Sent: Tuesday, January 12, 2021 4:24 PM

To: City Clerk's Office <cityclerk@toaks.org>

Subject: Comment on Agenda Item 8A: LEAF Dispensary for City Council Meeting on January 12, 2020

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To Whom It May Concern,

Please include the following comment card at tonight's city council meeting regarding the public hearing of the Consideration of New Location for LEAF Dispensary:

While our goal is to be a good neighbor to surrounding businesses, we are opposed to a cannabis dispensary operating within such close proximity to our church because we interact with children, youth, homeless individuals, those experiencing foster care, and others who are recovering from substance abuse. Under normal circumstances, we provide day care, youth events, tutoring, camps, and other activities for minors.

Regrettably, I was not able to attend the Neighborhood Meeting on December 17, 2020.

Thank you for your consideration,

Austin Axen

Lead Pastor

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From: George Pero <georgepero@me.com>
Sent: Tuesday, January 12, 2021 4:28 PM
To: City Clerk's Office <cityclerk@toaks.org>
Cc: paul.burnspacific@verizon.net; info@calileaf.com
Subject: January 12, 2021 hearing, Agenda Item #8A - Support for Leaf Dispensary

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Dear council members and colleagues,

My name is George Pero. I am a resident of Newbury Park.

I am writing to you this afternoon to submit my support to the prospect of Leaf Dispensary opening a medical cannabis dispensary in our community on Grande Vista. I have personally seen and witnessed the many benefits that cannabis provides on so many levels.

I feel that the proposed location is a good choice since, for all intents and purposes, it is generally off the beaten path.

I have also had a business relationship with both Mr. Burns & Mr. MacFarlane and find them to be honest and authentic. I have never had any concerns relating to discussions and or agreements where they have not only followed through, but exceeded my expectations accordingly on all fronts.

Regards,

George A. Pero
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Newbury Park CA 91320

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From: Ashley Huizenga <lilpunkinbabe@gmail.com>
Sent: Tuesday, January 12, 2021 4:57 PM
To: City Clerk's Office <cityclerk@toaks.org>
Subject: Cannabis dispensary

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I am submitting my comment in opposition of the dispensary being in the proposed location. It is very near a senior home, and a church with locals schools being not far either. Our church welcomes neighbors lovingly but we have many activities for children that are outdoors especially now with covid and there are better more appropriate locations. Regrettably i could not attend,
Ashley Huizenga

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From: Madison Long <longmadison421@gmail.com>

Subject: Item 9A

Date: January 12, 2021 at 3:56:54 PM PST

To: claudia4slowgrowth@gmail.com, aadam@toaks.org, bengler@toaks.org,
ejones@toaks.org, kmcnamee@toaks.org

Hi Councilmembers,

This City can do better! We could make it to 45% in 2030 and 100% by 2050. I am in favor of climate action but we need to be more aggressive, plus investments in new energy means more JOBS. We need to be role models for other cities in California and across the country, so let's set the bar high.

Thank you for your consideration, Madison Long

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Dear City Clerk,

I'd appreciate it if you would be so kind as to make the following comments part of the official record for this evening's January 12, 2021 City Council Meeting.

Thank you for your service,

Rose Ann Witt
rawitt@verizon.net

Dear Mayor, Mayor Pro Tem and Councilmembers,

I am a longtime resident of Thousand Oaks; I have a degree in Biology from Pomona College and am a co-founder of the Conejo Climate Coalition. I am writing to urge you to set an emissions reduction target in line with science of NO LESS than IPCC's October 8th, 2018 report, Global Warming of 1.5°C (<https://www.ipcc.ch/2018/10/08/summary-for-policymakers-of-ipcc-special-report-on-global-warming-of-1-5c-approved-by-governments/>), which warned world governments that “global net human-caused **emissions of carbon dioxide (CO2) would need to fall by about 45 percent from 2010 levels by 2030, reaching ‘net zero’ around 2050**”. California Governor Newsom’s recent September 23rd, 2020 executive order (<https://www.gov.ca.gov/wp-content/uploads/2020/09/9.23.20-EO-N-79-20-text.pdf>) mandates **carbon neutrality** even sooner ... “**no later than 2045**”. Either goal is more ambitious than the proposal being considered tonight ... and NECESSARY given the urgency of our climate situation.

I’ve been following the science & observing the impacts of global heating since my first child was born in 1996. And though I’ve lived in California 42 years, until the holiday 2017 Thomas Fire, in which the Santa Ana winds blew an unprecedented 13 days, I never really gave wildfire much thought. Since my home, and my husband, were directly threatened in 2018’s Woolsey Fire, I think about it EVERY DAY. And I become anxious every time the winds howl outside my bedroom window as I try to fall asleep.

Ventura County’s average temperature has already increased 4.7F degrees, making ours the fastest warming county in the continental U.S. (The Washington Post, 12/2019, “2°C: Beyond The Limit - Fires, floods and free parking: California’s unending fight against climate change” - https://d3n8a8pro7vnm.cloudfront.net/cfrog/pages/609/attachments/original/1581544066/California_climate_change_Fires_floods_and_a_fight_over_free_parking_-_Washington_Post.pdf?1581544066) Within 20 years, that average is projected to rise 3-5F degrees more. (The VCReporter, 11/2019, “Into The Red | Climate Research Indicates 20 YEARS OF CONTINUOUSLY RISING TEMPERATURES IN VENTURA COUNTY” - <https://vcreporter.com/2019/11/into-the-red-climate-research-indicates-20-years-of-continuously-rising-temperatures-in-ventura-county/>) That could mean an extra 3 ½ weeks per year of 90-plus-degree heat, and a 500% increase in days topping 100 degrees, by mid-century. (The Union of Concerned Scientists, 7/2/2019, “Killer Heat in the United States, Climate Choices and the Future of Dangerously Hot Days” - <https://www.ucsusa.org/resources/killer-heat-united-states-0>)

Scorching temperatures make weekend hiking excursions with friends ... one of my personal passions ... inadvisable; and toxic wildfire smoke has confined all of us inside our homes for weeks at a time.

But we can expect far worse if we fail to set our emissions reductions targets where CURRENT science demands. IPCC scientists concluded that EVERY FRACTION of additional heating will substantially worsen the impacts of Climate Breakdown. That extra half a degree that IPCC’s directive is intended to avoid would almost entirely wipe out coral reefs (which are the nurseries for our fisheries) as a result of building ocean acidity; cause 10 more centimeters of global sea level rise from polar ice melt; make heat waves deadlier and more damaging to agricultural crop yields (with declining insect pollinators & crop failures leading to food scarcity); intensify wildfires & hurricanes; widely expand the geographic range of

mosquitoes carrying deadly diseases like malaria & dengue fever; cause precipitous biodiversity loss; and put massive numbers of climate refugees on the move, causing economic collapse. Closer to home, here in California, that extra half a degree would unleash a broad spectrum of seriously negative impacts ranging from extreme heat (increasing electricity demands on an already strained grid), a shrinking snowpack (reducing both water supplies and revenues from winter sports tourism), increased risk of expansive wildfires, poorer air quality (exacerbating the costs of asthma and other medical conditions) and lower crop and livestock yields (from farther ranging crop-damaging pests, increased irrigation demands, reduced chill hours for fruit and nut trees, diminished productivity of mixed conifer forests, temperature impaired wine-grape quality, and heat-stressed dairy herds).

And the financial costs of not acting aggressively enough are staggering. In 2020, there were 22 weather/climate disaster events in the U.S. with losses exceeding \$1 billion EACH.

[\(https://www.ncdc.noaa.gov/billions/\)](https://www.ncdc.noaa.gov/billions/)

My husband and I have already discussed how many more years we can realistically stay in this community, where our roots run so deep, before it becomes too dangerous *not* to leave. Right now, a member of my Book Club is packing to relocate to the Pacific Northwest. At least four other families, whom I consider dear friends, and have known since we moved here 26 years ago, are also exploring their options.

Considering the health impacts, wildfires, extreme heat, and water scarcity, the Climate Crisis has become personal for me, because it threatens everything I love ... my family and friends, my enjoyment of the outdoors, my home, and my community.

Since IPCC's consensus targets were reached over two years ago, scientific data has shown that feedback loops and the pace of global heating is ACCELERATING. IPCC's directive ... 45 percent Greenhouse Gas emissions reductions from 2010 levels by 2030, reaching 'net zero' around 2050 ... is the MINIMUM target you can consider to have any chance of fulfilling your responsibility of both ensuring Thousand Oaks remains one of California's most desirable places to live, work, visit, recreate, and raise a family so it can remain prosperous going forward. Please STRENGTHEN Thousand Oaks' GHG emissions reductions target in accordance with the demands of science.

Thank you for your time and consideration.

Sincerely,

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From: Silvana Zucca long <longzucca@gmail.com>

Subject: Item 9.A. for tonight's meeting

Date: January 12, 2021 at 3:44:46 PM PST

To: kmcnamee@toaks.org, aadam@toaks.org, ejones@toaks.org, Claudia Bil-de la Pena <claudia4slowgrowth@roadrunner.com>, bengler@toaks.org

Hello City Council Members,

At tonight's meeting, please set GHG emissions reduction targets to 45% of 2010 levels by 2030 and net zero by 2050.

Help us feel like we're doing our part, thinking globally and acting locally.

Matt Long

Resident of Thousand Oaks since 1972

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Name (optional)	Community (optional)	Agenda #	In favor/ Opposed	Written Comment
	Thousand Oaks	5A	NA	Let's crack down on businesses and individuals who don't follow the rules. Other cities and counties do enforcement, so we know it's legally possible. Our county's case rate now exceeds LA County's!
Celeste Russi	Newbury Park	5A	NA	<p>I have lived in this community for over 22 years and I have always felt safe and cared for by law enforcement until recently.</p> <p>Unfortunately Covid-19 was politicized and federal, state & local leaders failed us by arguing over the scientific data of how the virus is spread and unwisely questioning masks & distancing, the only tools we have to protect ourselves & each other from the spread of virus.</p> <p>When mask mandates were finally implemented in our State and Community our Law Enforcement had also taken sides and they too failed us. I have watched neighbors argue in local businesses, I have seen so called "maskless protests" endangering customers & workers and yet Law Enforcement are not enforcing the mask mandates needed to keep us safe.</p> <p>Because of this I have to keep my family safe. Unfortunately that means we don't visit or spend money in local business or restaurants as we used to. We can't trust Law Enforcement or community members to keep us safe. And the infections and deaths continue to rise.</p> <p>If Law Enforcement gear up with protective gear to do their jobs, they must enforce the mask and distance mandates to keep us safe from the virus.</p>
Nancy Gallagher	Newbury Park	6A	NA	I support the Conejo Climate Coalition which is advising that Thousand Oaks set a GHG emissions reduction target in line with science and the IPCC's recommendation of 45 percent of 2010 levels by 2030 and net-zero by 2050 (https://www.ipcc.ch/2018/10/08/summary-for-policymakers-of-ipcc-special-report-on-global-warming-of-1-5c-approved-by-governments/). Thank you.
Paul Toro	goleta	8A	In Favor	im in favor of a shop opening up in thousand oaks ca especially leaf
Carrie Campbell	Atascadero, CA but grew up in Thousand Oaks, CA	8A	In Favor	I am a wife and mother of two impressionable teenagers who grew up in Thousand Oaks. I am anti drug use, however, pro the use of marijuana for medical purposes. My father-in-law has suffered strokes and has difficulty sleeping and is extremely anxious making it hard for his loved ones to care for him. Medical marijuana is the only thing that has worked to alleviate these symptoms without harsh side effects. I would rather see him take something natural then pump him full of prescription drugs that can have horrible effects. I am 100% in support of the Leaf Dispensary opening a shop at 3321 Grande Vista Drive and feel it would definitely benefit the community.

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	Westlake Village	8A	In Favor	SUPPORT FOR LEAF DISPENSARY LOCATION, agenda Item #8A Leaf has 2 other dispensaries that have been operating very successfully for a number of years. This is not a start up business but a proven operation that should help the Thousand oaks area. Please consider this a favorable addition to our community.
D.S.	Thousand Oaks	8A	In Favor	35 years ago, originally went to Dr. Bob (Chiropractor) for natural body care. David is and has always been a deeply caring person in the realm of health and wellness of others. His respect and values are at the highest level and priority in society. A yes vote would certainly be beneficial in this matter.
Austin Axen	Newbury Park	8A	Opposed	While our goal is to be a good neighbor to surrounding businesses, we are opposed to a cannabis dispensary operating within such close proximity to our church because we interact with children, youth, homeless individuals, those experiencing foster care, and others who are recovering from substance abuse. Under normal circumstances, we provide day care, youth events, tutoring, camps, and other activities for minors.
Alex Iker		8A	In Favor	I Have known Dave MacFarlane for 35 years. I have always been proud to call him my friend. Dave is a person that has always followed through with any task put in front of him. When he puts his mind to something he does it properly, always with honesty and integrity. Dave MacFarlane and Leaf Dispensary will be a wonderful choice for Newberry Park.
John MacFadyen	Newbury Park	8A	In Favor	I am in full support of a medical dispensary on Grande Vista Drive. The benefit to the community is immeasurable as well as the positive tax implications to our city. The location is perfect. The timing is right. It's all systems go.
	Westlake Village	8A	In Favor	I fully support the new location for the Leaf, 3321 Grande Vista Drive
Joshua Lechne	Chatsworth	8A - New Loc	In Favor	I have worked with Leaf distribution and manufacturing in the past and they have continue to show dedication and professionalism towards running a compliant and clean cannabis business. As a competing Dispensary C.O.O., I have nothing but respect for the Team at Leaf, and support their ability to open at this location. I aske that the board sincerely consider and approve agenda item 8A.
Silvana Zucca	Thousand Oaks	9A	In Favor	I am writing you to ask that you make my city a leader in GHG reduction. Please bump up the requirement to 45% from 2010 levels by 2030 and net-zero by 2050. Thousand Oaks is already leading the nation in our use of clean energy and many other sustainability goals; we can't fall behind now!

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Matthew Long	Thousand Oaks	9A	In Favor	Please set GHG emissions reduction targets to 45% of 2010 levels by 2030 and net zero by 2050. Help us feel like we're doing our part, thinking globally and acting locally.
Madison Long	Thousand Oaks	9A	In Favor	This City can do better! We could make it to 45% in 2030 and 100% by 2050. I am in favor of climate action but we need to be more aggressive, plus investments in new energy means more JOBS. We need to be role models for other cities in California and across the country, so lets set the bar high.
Giovanni Long	Thousand Oaks	9A	In Favor	2030 is only nine years away, after which all signs point to greater levels of greenhouse gases starting unpredictable, unthinkable, and possibly irreversible runaway climate impacts.