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To whom it may concern,

I am a resident of the College Heights neighborhood living directly across the street from the building being discussed as a possible marijuana dispensary. For now Sticky Ypsi is a medical dispensary but they plan to apply for a permit on 11/1/19 to be a recreational dispensary and will not deny the intent to open a social club with event planning services. I strongly object to any sort of permit that would allow any adult retail business to move into this property.

Although the address is Washtenaw, the building actually sits between 1801 and 1819 Whittier, lined up with the houses and apartment buildings, with entrances on both the Washtenaw and Whittier side. The rear entrance provides access for people living in the basement apartments and to the upper commercial area. The building itself is less than 8 feet from a family inhabited house on the east side and less than 10 feet from an apartment building full of families. With such a small amount of space around the building there is no way to build a buffer zone around it, as there is surrounding most retail areas along Washtenaw. I've attached ariel shots of the building showing how close it is to surrounding houses. It's also less than 1000 feet from Candy Cane park with its very popular baseball field, 2 in home daycares, less than 2500 feet from 4 schools, 2 home care facilities, and countless families. Many of these residents received little to no notice of plans for this building, including the actual building resident.

The front parking lot is very small, with only 12 spaces and the business is expected to increase exponentially when they begin selling recreationally. This will greatly increase traffic and parking issues along all the adjoining residential streets which are already busier than most residential streets in the area.

Finally, and most importantly, recent studies out of Colorado show a substantial increase in property crimes in neighborhoods when recreational dispensaries move in. (<https://thecrimereport.org/2019/02/19/do-marijuana-dispensaries-cause-rise-in-crime/>) (original study: <https://www.tandfonline.com/doi/abs/10.1080/07418825.2019.1567807?journalCode=rjgy20>) Anything that would cause 26-1,452% increases in property crime would significantly harm the College Heights neighborhood, cost the YPD quite a bit of money and thereby increasing taxes all around. Sticky Ypsi, being a company owned by Indica LLC out of Colorado, would not be bringing significant income back to the city in the form of profits to offset this.

Although I believe marijuana should be available recreationally as well as for those using it medically, it should not be retailed out of a building in the middle of a residential neighborhood where the presence of retail recreational stores, marijuana social clubs, and/or marijuana themed event planning would cause significant problems for residents and police.

Thank you for your time and consideration.

Sincerely,

Janelle Osborne

