

January 2, 2015

To: Grand County County Commissioners

Re. Igadl Tabernash marijuana license applications

Because of recent medical issues we have not been nor will we be able to attend any of the scheduled meetings regarding the licensing of marijuana in Grand County. That does not diminish our interest. We know you are aware of our position on marijuana based on our letter to you regarding the Grand County moratorium on marijuana licenses. But we also need to make our positions known regarding the multiple marijuana license applications for Tabernash..

We firmly believe that these applications you are considering take great advantage of the fact there was an available building suitable for Igadl's purposes in the middle of our neighborhood. We also find it ironic that the majority of the residences in the township of Tabernash are within the 1,000 foot limit that protects schools, churches and daycare facilities as detailed in the Grand County marijuana regulations. Are our homes and the adults and children that inhabit them less important? Has anyone checked to see if there is a daycare home (regulations Sec. 9, (d), 1) in that radius or a child or children being home-schooled (Sec. 2, Defined Terms-22) within that 1,000 foot limit? Either case would invalidate the applications.

There is also the Section 8, (e), 3 in the regulations that prohibits "*an undue concentration of marijuana establishment (sic)*". These multiple applications are overwhelmingly "an undue concentration" of marijuana establishments to the area involved! Sec. 3 goes on to include the requirement of *additional law enforcement resources*. Given the Denver Metro's experiences, and with even a little common sense, we all know there will be more service calls for both our law enforcement and our emergency first responders.

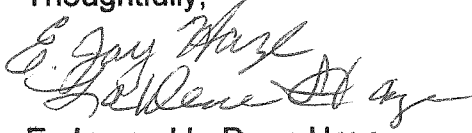
Just because we are an "unincorporated" area doesn't make us any less a *community* than an incorporated neighborhood. Those who live around us are still our friends and neighbors--- something that a marijuana business like you are considering putting into our midst could never be. There's also the issue of what such a venture will do to our water and sanitation systems that needs to be considered. We simply don't believe the proposed use for the previous lumber company building is in the best interests of the citizens of Tabernash.

We previously listed the ways a drug business negatively impacts a community with its increased burdens on both law and medical first responders and hope that you will take those issues into consideration with these license applications. We would like to point out a recent special report on marijuana that was in The Denver Post's Dec. 28, 2014 edition. The front pages were devoted to the usual articles touting the tax dollars being collected and the influx of new Colorado residents (aka "pot heads"), etc. Buried in the back of the section, tho, were articles relating to the negative side of the drug. One, headlined "*Pot unsafe for teen and young adult brains*", cited a Harvard Medical School and Northwestern University Feinberg School of Medicine study that was published in the April issue of the *Journal of Neuroscience*. The results of the study found that the use of marijuana in teens and young adults (18 - 25) caused "*changes in the volume, shape and density of two regions of the brain ---those responsible for the decision-making, judgment, motivation and emotional behavior...even in moderate users.*" (quoted from the article). Is this really what we want in our communities? Do we really want to be such a big part of what the national media is calling "the Colorado experiment"? We realize they have already put a lot of money into the building, anticipating your approval, but in our

book, that's not our problem and comes under the category of 'putting the cart before the horse' or the decision before the public hearing... What is our dilemma is hoping you understand how your approval will negatively impact our community.

There are less densely populated areas than Tabernash that could be used for Igadl's purposes. In our opinion, your decision comes down to what you as our commissioners want your legacy to be and which is valued more—the potential revenue dollars envisioned by placing this drug business in our midst or the quality of life and safety for the citizens residing in our Tabernash area.

Thoughtfully,

Handwritten signatures of E. Jay Haze and LaDene Haze in cursive script.

E. Jay and LaDene Haze

To: the Grand County Commissioners

As homeowners in both Tabernash and Westminster, CO we are extremely pleased to learn that you are considering a moratorium on marijuana licensing in Grand County.

Our primary home is in Westminster but our family spends as much time as possible in our home in Tabernash. We are deeply concerned by the interest in the marijuana business that seems to be increasing in Grand County. As observers here in the metro Denver area, we see the negative effects the legalization of marijuana is having on our community and would hate to see it happen also in Grand County.

We know that the proponents are citing statistics that do not reflect any increased problems, but they are using data that does not accurately reflect the real problems. Our son is a lieutenant on the Westminster Fire Dept. and explained to us how those statistics are created and the "loop holes" that enable such reports to be generated. For example, when the fire department's first responders fill out an injury report for an emergency call, the forms they fill out only gather medical data that is used by the medical personnel receiving the patient. There isn't any place on any of the forms to record the real cause of the incident, ie. alcohol or drug involvement. These forms are what is being erroneously used to "show no harm" from recreational marijuana.

Our son's fire/e.m.t station has had a vast increase in marijuana related emergency calls since the inception of the drug law. We doubt if we could expect anything less in Grand County, if marijuana should become as readily available as it is in the Denver area. Just in the past three weeks, two areas within a few miles from our home have been the sites of two murders linked to marijuana.

We know you must consider the property and sales tax dollars generated for the county by these businesses. But, based on what we've seen in the metro area, we seriously doubt that the tax dollars collected will match the expenses Grand County will have for increased law and emergency personnel and equipment.

We appreciate your considering our concerns. Having grown up in Tabernash and the surrounding area since the 1950's, we would hate to see the ambiance, beauty and quality of life

in our county change simply because of the easy accessibility of a drug and the people and problems it invariably attracts.

E. Jay and LaDene Haze