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Subject: Proposed Marijuana Retail Shop (JC's YuYo Destipas LLC)

Dear Grand County Clerk,

This letter is to protest the proposed request for a Marijuana Shop on Hwy 34 (jc's YuYo Destipas, LLC). We are vehemently opposed to any shop of this kind in the area. My wife and I purchased land in Mountain Shadows Estates property M-30 at 590 Mackinaw Dr., Grand Lake, Colo. last year to build our retirement home. Our plan is to build our home in 2016 and live there permanently. We chose the Grand Lake area primarily because it has a long history of being an area that is drug free, crime free, has high property values and is a very clean, small community full of beauty and nature. Because our community is small, we just don't see the need for one, let alone three, marijuana shops along Hwy 34. Let the people who buy these drugs (which are not Federally legal) buy them in the city or other larger communities. There are reports of increased crime in burglaries within 2 miles of a legal marijuana shops, additionally, often black market drug dealers come into an area to compete. We will be living in that 2 mile radius and want to be safe. Most importantly, we do not support a drug that is still being studied regarding its affects on the brain, mostly negative, especially in young users with adverse long-term affects (www.drugabuse.gov/publications/marijuana/marijuana-gateway-drug). Many of the visitors to our area are families and foreign visitors. Also, Hwy 34 is treacherous in the winter and in the summer with high volume traffic leading to a Federally owned park of pristine nature. Please keep our community drug free and crime free. If these shops come to our area, we may have to consider selling our property and choosing a different place to build our million dollar home for our retirement.

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