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Subject: RE: Yu Yo's Dostipos LLC

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Grand County Clerk and Recorder,

I have been a full time resident of Grand County for 15 years, and I truly believe that having recreational Marijuana shop in Grand Lake is not going to ruin the town, the community, or the county. Many people seem to be hung up on what they foresee happening to their town and county if this shop were to open; it will bring property values down, introduce a new found homeless community, or create some eye sore or different mentality to the community. I drive past one of the dispensaries in Fraser every morning and afternoon to pick my children up from Fraser Elementary, and I have never seen any kind of loitering around this shop, or a sudden increase in traffic or parking around the premise, it is not run down or delapidated, and the only homeless person I've ever seen is the one that we've seen around for the past few years since they ruined their life due to alcohol. Yes, alcohol, which seems to be a much larger issue and rampant problem within our county than Marijuana. Our children are not being approached or solicited on the school grounds to try marijuana. No one has had issues with a local bar/restaurant that is located just as close to the schools, and starts serving alcohol by 7am, so why should a store where people can purchase legal marijuana, and then take it off premise be cause for such alarm. In fact, maybe you could see a financial increase in restuarant sales, since one of the side effects of marijuana is said to be increase in hunger. Our property values in Grand County continue to rise, so the only homeless people you may see are the seasonal employees we try to bring in to work and sustain our community, but then cannot find any affordable housing. We are also not the ideal climate for homeless, I really can't foresee this being an issue.

We live in an incredible place, we are blessed to be able to wake up every morning and take in the most astonishing views that take your breath away. Our children go to school and get a wonderful education, scoring higher than most in the state standarized testing. We are able to enjoy endless activities that the area offers. We are active, have strong and positive relationships with our fellow families and friends in the county, and we are a successful and growing community. The amount of people choosing Grand County as their place to come vacation has also not gone down, but continues to grow. And this is all with legal marijuana shops opened within our community already.

The owners of Yu Yo's have strict guidelines to follow, so that certain parties, like minors and young adults under 21, cannot purchase their product. They will be out in the community educating the young population of the dangers of marijuana to youth. They are strong and smart business people and they will take the community into the stongest consideration, since this is their community as well, living here a lot longer than many who are speaking against this business. They will run the business with respect, and take great care of the shop and be mindful of the residents close by. It is a great business opportunity, and I hope that they are given the chance to contribute financially to our community by opening their doors.

Thank you for your time and consideration,

Elaine Stewart