

Donna Conkling

From: Mayor
Sent: Saturday, December 04, 2021 6:22 PM
To: Kimberly Greene-Liebowitz; Clerk's Department
Subject: RE: Cannabis

Hi Ms. Greene-Liebowitz. Thank you so much for taking the time to write to us to share your views. Yes, we are voting on December 14. Community input is essential. With appreciation, Jane

From: Kimberly Greene-Liebowitz <dr.kliebowitz2006@gmail.com>
Sent: Wednesday, November 24, 2021 11:22 AM
To: Mayor <mayor@scarsdale.com>; Clerk's Department <clerk@scarsdale.com>
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I am writing to express my opposition to cannabis in Scarsdale. I know you have a vote coming up on whether to opt out, and I really think it is better to opt out. I recognize that this means sacrificing tax revenues, but I think there are serious quality of life issues at stake.

First, I don't want my teen/tween to walk past a marijuana dispensary or a marijuana bar; they already walk past the tobacco store in Hartsdale, and that is concerning enough.

Second, It would be best if the village's message were consistent with the message parents and schools are sending kids about not using recreational drugs.

Third, although marijuana is viewed by many as "safe," it has negative effects on the developing brain, and normal brain development continues until about age 25. (see [here](#)) Additionally, it is associated with acute-onset psychosis, particularly in teens - I have treated more than one patient with this condition in the ER. ([see article](#))

Fourth, the use of marijuana in public spaces reduces the ability of others to enjoy such spaces. In recent weeks, I have had several unpleasant walks on the Bronx River Pathway in the wake of a marijuana smoker.

I realize you will have received many letters on this topic. I urge you to vote NO on cannabis in Scarsdale

Sincerely,

Kim Greene-Liebowitz

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