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From: Mayor
Sent: Sunday, December 12, 2021 1:54 PM
To: Nathalie Leroy
Cc: Clerk's Department; Ingrid Richards
Subject: Re: Marijuana dispensary/lounge comment

Dear Ms. Leroy. Thank you so much for taking the time to write to share your views regarding the upcoming Opt Out decisions. Public input is essential to our decision making. I am copying Assistant Village Manager Richards who will ensure your comments are saved in the compendium shared with the full board. With appreciation, Jane

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On Dec 10, 2021, at 3:19 PM, Nathalie Leroy <natleroyus@gmail.com> wrote:

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Hello and thank you for your attention on this matter.

As I understand, the village has 2 options in terms of opting in or opting out.

Opting in becomes an irreversible choice, while opting out allows for a possibility to opt-in at a later stage.

While I understand that there may be some incremental revenue derived from the sale of THC products in the village of Scarsdale, I also understand that rules and regulations are not fully established as to what products can be sold.

As such it seems that the opting out solution provides the required time to a) ensure legislation and supervision of the implementation are fine tuned b) analyze outcomes from villages who established such places.

I do not believe our village to be in dire need of revenue to have to move fast on this.

For 21+year olds who want to access recreational marijuana there will be availability locally through towns/villages that have opted in already.

It's concerning to see that children in the pride survey feel that the use of marijuana is less frowned up at their age than the use of alcohol, by their peers and by their parents. This means that our educational

programs need to further reinforce the risks to the developing brain of a child. But with immediate access, we may be sending a conflicting message.

As such it seems somewhat dangerous to authorize immediately the establishment of a dispensary or lounge, without knowing the full array of rules surrounding the sales of products with THC content.

Thank you again for taking additional comments before the final vote.

Respectfully
Nathalie Leroy