

December 2, 2022

City of Costa Mesa
77 Fair Drive
Costa Mesa, CA 92626

Dear City of Costa Mesa,

On behalf of more than 21,000 members of the United Food and Commercial Workers (UFCW) Local 324, we wish to express our strong support for Access Costa Mesa planning application for a cannabis retail storefront business at, 2001 Harbor Blvd, Costa Mesa. The ownership of Access Costa Mesa currently operates a storefront dispensary in Santa Ana under the name South Coast Safe Access which has been a long partner with UFCW local 324.

The owners of the proposed Access Costa Mesa location have had a collective bargaining agreement with UFCW Local 324 since 2016 for their Santa Ana location. Their contract has helped set a standard for cannabis industry with Union Healthcare for employees as well as holidays, vacation, and paid sick time above the California requirements.

UFCW's partnership with the ownership of Access Costa Mesa raises standards for cannabis workers across California and we are proud to represent the workers at the forefront of the legal cannabis industry. The ownership of Access Costa Mesa has a proven track record of operating in Orange County and partnering with UFCW to ensure the welfare of their employees. We strongly encourage the City of Costa Mesa to approve Access Costa Mesa planning for a retail cannabis storefront business at 2001 Harbor Blvd, Costa Mesa, CA.

Thank you for your time and consideration.

Regards,



Matthew Bell
Secretary Treasurer
UFCW Local 324



February 14, 2023

Honorable Mayor Stevens and Members of the Costa Mesa City Council
92 Fair Drive
Costa Mesa, CA 92626

Dear Mayor Stevens and Honorable Members of the Costa Mesa City Council:

I am writing in support of South Coast Safe Access' (SCSA) appeal regarding its proposed dispensary.

SCSA has an unparalleled record in its support of the labor community and working families. I had the privilege to assist UFCW organize SCSA. The owners of SCSA were not only supportive of the union, they encouraged their employees to join the union. To this day all union members are provided discounts for store purchases.

Additionally, SCSA has been a longtime supporter of the Veteran Community. Interestingly enough the owners weighed through the rebar and cement forms during the construction of Heroes Hall Veteran Museum with me. The dispensary has been sensitive to veterans' needs since its opening by offering discounts and support.

I have been assured by SCSA that if licensed in Costa Mesa it will continue to serve the Veteran Community; including a program to host a veteran outreach volunteer one day a month to assist veterans navigating through the VA system and other important issues.

Thank you for considering my input and thank you for everything you do for the entire community; including your unyielding support for our Veteran Community.

Sincerely,

VETERANS ALLIANCE OF ORANGE COUNTY

A handwritten signature in black ink that reads "Nick Berardino". The signature is fluid and cursive.

Nick Berardino
President Veterans Alliance of Orange County (VALOR)

COLGAN, JULIE

From: GREEN, BRENDA
Sent: February 16, 2023 10:38 AM
To: COLGAN, JULIE; PARTIDA, ANNA; LE, JENNIFER; DRAPKIN, SCOTT
Cc: TERAN, STACY
Subject: FW: Public Comment regarding application No. PA-22-21

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Sent: Thursday, February 16, 2023 9:12 AM
To: CITY CLERK <CITYCLERK@costamesaca.gov>
Subject: Public Comment regarding application No. PA-22-21

TO: CITY OF COSTA MESA

FROM: GRANT MCNIFF, BOARD MEMBER, CHARLE STREET

DATE: FEBRUARY 15, 2023

It has come to my attention that the city of Costa Mesa is considering

an approval for a Dispensary "Pot Shop" less than 500 feet from

Charle Street, a Homeless Shelter, 2015 Charle Street, which has

been serving the community for over 50 years. This is a violation of

Measure Q, quoted here:

From Ordinance 2021-08

Measure Q requires retail cannabis businesses to meet certain operating requirements including permitted zones, minimum of 1,000 feet separation distance from sensitive uses such as schools, childcare centers, playgrounds and homeless shelters, security measures, and a requirement for a labor peace agreement for businesses with two or more employees;

Please do not approve this application.

Another counseling recovery center has already been operating for nearly 10 years in the same building at 2001 Harbor. The landlord is insisting that it close in order to get approval for this cannabis dispensary.

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