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Please see the attached letter in support of Med Leaf.

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July 10, 2024

Planning Commission Public Hearing – Monday July 22, 2024

Cannabis Store at 2285 Newport Blvd - MEDLEAF

Dear Costa Mesa Planning Commissioners,

The Assistance League is focused on Transforming Lives and Strengthening Community, for 80 years, a period longer than the City's incorporation.

We were approached by members of the MEDLEAF Cannabis Retail Store to provide us the opportunity to learn more about their project and discuss ways we can work together.

We appreciate the effort as we share a common fence and will share some of the local issues.

After we spoke to the MEDLEAF team, we had some internal discussions with Staff and Volunteers. We considered issues we face like a transient population, loitering and security for our Staff and Volunteers. We recognize that the cannabis store Nectar has been open for a while and has not created any issues. In fact, we see these uses in proximity to our Store a benefit for circulation, proper security lighting and that the cannabis store's security guards can work closely together with other businesses to work on some of these neighborhood concerns.

Assistance League does not oppose the cannabis retail store next door and we look forward to working with MEDLEAF as they get open.

Please visit our Thrift Shop, open Wednesday to Saturday, 10 am to 3 pm.

We welcome your donations and have plenty of volunteer opportunities.

Thank you for considering our letter.

Julia Edwards

President