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In May of 2019, three members of this council joined to amend an existing cannabis ordinance in order to protect so-called "sensitive populations" from cannabis retail establishments in general commercial zones.

There was NO evidence then, nor is there any now, that cannabis retail is a threat to members of any age group, or will exacerbate youth consumption rates. Members have been made aware of two long term studies, one by a federal agency and another by a private corporation/university collaboration that both concluded no increases in youth consumption rates after legalization. Evidence from across the nation indicates that public safety and property values are not compromised by cannabis retail in general commercial zones, only that regulating jurisdictions are making BIG MONEY by it.

The Shryne Group's Stiiizy brand is to cannabis as Starbucks and Peet's are to coffee, with over thirty retail units operational or being developed in our state alone. Fairfield and Suisun City have partnered with them to make BIG MONEY selling cannabis products. Vacaville recently amended zoning to permit retail in general commercial areas and could very likely partner with Shryne Group as well. By the end of this year, EVERY city in Solano County will be selling weed and loving the BIG MONEY it generates. We should leverage Shryne Group's expertise with equity ownership development for a second Stiiizy unit in town, if they have an interest in doing so after being insulted by a council member at the appeal hearing for the N Street use permit.

Close to nine thousand of your neighbors voted for another dispensary over eight months ago and expected action. Many of us disagree with allowing three members to observe the N Street dispensary to be without issues before agendizing Measure D talks in 2022. The people's will has been defined and should be advanced without further delay. There is NO practical reason to delay another money making business.

Accordingly, this issue should be agendized ASAP. Economic progress and jobs creation are being suppressed without cause. Supporters of the present policy should be provided an opportunity to reconsider their position in light of abundant positive performance indicators from the industry, and voter majority support for another retail store making BIG MONEY for us. There is NO gain in stalling another dispensary. Benicia cannot remain a one dispensary town forever.

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