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Sent: Monday, December 05, 2022 6:24 PM

To: Yogurtian, Ara <ayogurtian@belmont-ma.gov>

Subject: [EXTERNAL]Support signage for CalVerde

Hello,

I am a resident/owner of 22 Hamilton Road in Belmont. I cannot attend the next town meeting, but I am writing and support for the passage of the allowance for signage for Cal Verde business on Pleasant Street.

Thank you,
Julieta Holman

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From: Paul Joy <paul.joy1@gmail.com>
Sent: Tuesday, December 06, 2022 11:57 AM
To: Yogurtian, Ara <ayogurtian@belmont-ma.gov>
Cc: Katherine Venzke <katherine.venzke@gmail.com>
Subject: [EXTERNAL]Case No 21-11 - Cal Verde Naturals

Dear Ara Yogurtian and Belmont Planning Board,
My name is Paul Joy and I'm the Co-Chair of Belmonts Economic Development Committee, alongside Katherine Venzke. I am writing today to strongly urge favorable action on Case No 21-11 to "amend two special permits to erect a free standing sign and multiple wall signs at 1010 Pleasant Street located in a Local Business II (LBII) Zoning District."

As you are likely well aware, in September 2018 Belmont voters approved a referendum which essential capped the number of licenses for all adult marijuana retail stores at two. Town meeting as also approved the establishment of an Adult Use Marijuana Establishment Overlay District along Pleasant St between the Clark St Bridge and Trapelo Road. Furthermore, the Select Board approved a Host Community Agreement with Cal Verde Naturals LLC in November 2020.

Marijuana store dispensaries were also studied by the Belmont Structure Change Impact Group (Idea #201). They estimate the tax impact of the two locations to be \$500k per year.

Finally, Cal Verde Naturals COO, Emma Thurston, is the former chair and current member of our committee, and has helped us improve our own understanding of this fast moving industry and it's potential future impact on Belmonts local receipts. It's our assessment that Cal Verde Naturals has demonstrated a commitment to operating in a responsible manner within Belmont over the long term.

Happy to answer your questions if needed. Thanks.

Sincerely,
Paul Joy
Katherine Venzke

Co-Chairs, Belmont Economic Development Committee