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Attached is letter and documents from Matt Vaughn, President, Medical Marijuana Caregivers Association CCUP19-0005

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Dear El Dorado County Planning Commission,

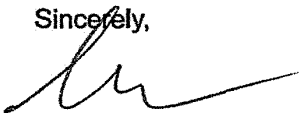
After the passage of SB420, which defined collective production for qualified cannabis patients, I incorporated Medical Marijuana Caregivers Association of El Dorado County, MMCA, as a nonprofit in January, 2004, "to make medical marijuana available to those who qualify in accordance with SB 420 as defined by California Health and Safety Code, Section 11362.7." No euphemistic business name with a cloudy description, my intent was clear.

MMCA was originally located in the City of Placerville with a business license issued February 5, 2004, I served on the City Council's Medical Marijuana Citizens' Advisory Committee. I was not happy with the final draft of the city ordinance in that sales were restricted to cannabis flower only, sales of informational materials and paraphernalia were prohibited and the ability to freely associate with other qualified patients to exchange information, advice and provide comfort was called loitering and not allowed. With that, I moved the business to an office in Diamond Springs and then on to the building MMCA currently occupies on Alhambra Dr, Cameron Park in 2005. I applied for and received a business license for MMCA by right from El Dorado County, but in August, 2005, El Dorado County Planning Commission voted to remove the word "dispensary" from county code deliberately with the intent to place Federal law above state law and with no notice to established stakeholders. MMCA was then informed that it's business license was not allowed by the county Treasurer/Tax Collector.

Since then I have been active with medical cannabis organizations, both local and state level to help bring safe and affordable access to cannabis for El Dorado County patients, all the while fending off threats posed by the Sheriff's and District Attorney's offices. When Prop 64 was enacted, MMCA obtained a Medical Retailer license passing background checks and with local permission allowed by the El Dorado Planning Department as "grandfathered". It's been nearly 19 years of struggle and sacrifice to get here, before the Planning Commission, to recognize the legitimacy of the Medical Marijuana Caregivers Association and to open it's doors for adult cannabis sales.

Planning Department staff recommends denial based on the Sheriff's background check through HdL that was based on an unfair interpretation of incomplete information. The Sheriff and El Dorado County are currently the defendants in litigation regarding the background checks currently required by the county for cannabis licensing. Our attorney will present supporting information at the October 13, 2022 public hearing.

Sincerely,



Matt Vaughn,
President
Medical Marijuana Caregivers Association

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MRS. CLAUS wave to the crowds along the parade route in Placerville Sunday. Waving behind
Rachel Jacobs, 13.

Parade tradition continues

By **JESSI MARTIN**
Staff writer

Despite fears that the show would not go on, the McIntire family successfully managed to coordinate the Placerville Christmas Parade

“Every entry showed up, and then some,” Patterson said.

There were veterans, Boy Scouts, Girl Scouts, Cubs and Brownies, high school marching bands, private business floats, equestrian clubs, and emergency personnel.

POT ADVOCATES — Nick Vaughn, 18, left, and his father, Matt Vaughn believe marijuana can help the sick. Matt Vaughn hopes to open a cannabis club in the area. The dog's name is Zoe.



Medical marijuana advocate aims to open club here

By **RYAN MCCARTHY**
Staff writer

The man who hopes to open the first Bay Area-style cannabis club in El Dorado County draws upon his days in Plano, Texas when his gas station was the first in the 1970s to sell beer and wine after alcohol regulations eased.

“Everybody got over it,” Placerville resi-

dent Matt Vaughn, 50, recalled.

He was in his early 20s, a self-described longhair in North Texas, when Vaughn said he had his first round with legal restrictions. Those involved “blue laws” governing alcohol and aimed at regulating morals and conduct.

Now it's medical marijuana — not beer

see **MARIJUANA**, page A-1

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Re: Medical Marijuana Citizens' Advisory Committee

Dear Committee Members:

I apologize for not sending this letter to you sooner, as I want to express the City's sincere appreciation and thanks to each of you for serving on the Citizens' Advisory Committee to City staff regarding the Medical Cannabis Ordinance. Each of you provided City staff with very valuable and insightful comments.

As of course you know, the City Council adopted the revisions to the ordinance which were recommended by all of you and staff. Thank you again for all of your efforts in bringing this matter to a successful conclusion.

Very truly yours,

John Driscoll
City Manager/City Attorney
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9/22 Comment for Item 22-1613, Medical Marijuana Caregivers Association (CCUP19-0005)

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Thu, Sep 22, 2022 at 8:15 AM

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Good morning,

Attached please find a comment regarding Item 22-1613 on the Planning Commission agenda (continued to 10/13, but still listed on the 9/22 agenda). I will be submitting additional materials related to this item prior to the 10/13 hearing date.

Thank you.

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Re: Item 22-1613, Medical Marijuana Caregivers Association (CCUP19-0005)

Dear Honorable Planning Commissioners:

My office represents Mr. Matthew Vaughn with regards to the commercial cannabis use permit application, CCUP19-005, submitted by Medical Marijuana Caregivers Association ("MCCA"). It is our honor to represent Mr. Vaughn, a glaucoma patient and dedicated advocate for medical cannabis.

MMCA is one of the county's "existing medical marijuana distribution facilities [retail storefronts]," and has been paying local taxes and employing people from the local community for many years. MMCA has an active state license from the California Department of Cannabis Control, which conducted their own review of Mr. Vaughn's background using the standard LiveScan process utilized by other jurisdictions and deemed him fit to hold a cannabis license.

The hearing on this item has been continued until October 13, 2022 and I look forward to speaking with you on that date in detail about why denial of this permit – which, contrary to most applications before this body, would not mean that a new business would not be allowed to open, but rather would mean that an existing licensed cannabis retail business that has served local patients for nearly 20 years and contributed to the local economy in taxes and job creation would have to *shut down* – would be a grave error that lacks proper legal justification and would violate my client's rights. This attempt by the El Dorado County Sheriff's Office (which is already involved in litigation related to this issue) to control the cannabis permit process and block applications based on vague and subjective criteria must be resisted. Therefore, I ask that the Planning Commission approve this application at the hearing on October 13.

Please do not hesitate to contact me with any questions about this matter.

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