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## **Scotch Eighty Owners Association And Saratoga Meadows Home Owners Oppose Location of Dibella’s Marijuana Dispensary (Pot Super Store) Abutting Residential Housing**

**LAS VEGAS, NV** - The Scotch Eighty Owners Association and Saratoga Meadows Home Owners are opposing the opening of the location of a marijuana dispensary (pot super store) abutting their residential neighborhood. The proposed marijuana dispensary would turn the currently operating DiBella’s Flower Shop into a ‘Bud Shop’ of a different kind. The Scotch Eighty neighborhood is one of the oldest neighborhoods in the city, known for its historic tree landscaping and 1950’s ranch style homes.

Scotch Eighty Owners Association and Saratoga Meadows Home Owners specifically oppose Special Use Permit #55244 to be voted on by the Las Vegas Planning Commission on **Tuesday, September 23<sup>rd</sup>**. The permit would allow for the establishment of a marijuana dispensary (pot super store) store at 1925 West Charleston Avenue at Pahor Circle on land leased from DiBella Flowers. This parcel is directly across the street from UMC, Las Vegas’ only public hospital.

“It is time the politicians pull back from their blind rush for tax dollars,” stated Association President, Stephen Grogan, “and consider true impacts to neighborhoods creating, in our case, increased localized traffic, a spike in petty crime with more of an indigent-homeless population, our police are overwhelmed to deal with the issues as it is. I don’t think the state, city or county have looked at impact reports of putting marijuana dispensaries’ (future recreational pot super stores) directly in the face of children and youth.”

“It has been an on-going fight and in this issue the public is being misled,” said Grogan. “Today’s medical marijuana dispensaries will be tomorrow’s recreational pot stores, and when that occurs the overflow of customers will inundate this neighborhood and our safety and quality of community will be compromised if not destroyed.”

Says neighbor, Jessica Saylor, “Saratoga Meadows and Scotch Eighty neighborhoods already have a growing transient and indigent problem from hospital patients due to the proximity to the Medical District. I’m very concerned about having patrons of DiBella’s Pot Shop parking in front of our homes (the location only has 16 parking spots), wandering through our streets, causing crime and lighting up in front of the small children and youth that live in our neighborhoods when they return from purchasing their pot. I don’t want children to think drug use is ‘ok’ or ‘normal’ – by allowing dispensaries to be abutting residential neighborhoods the government is specifically telling us they don’t have any interest in protecting our children, home owners or our communities. If marijuana was truly for medical use - patients would be able to purchase medical marijuana in a pharmacy not from a private business on a street corner.”

“In this issue, our neighborhoods are not speaking against the State law or the ethics of marijuana usage, but against zoning laws,” stated Scotch Eighty Association Vice President, Herman Fox, “Pot users will have 37 other locations in the city and Clark County to choose from. What we are talking about is the siting of a commercial building whose operation will negatively impact residents, some who have children living within 25 feet of this location.

Grogan said he has not seen the city, county, or state take a serious look at neighborhood impacts. “It’s a land rush by the financially astute and a windfall by politicians for the mighty tax revenue dollar with little concern to maintain the quality of community and to protect our children from drug use, Nevada’s future.”

Jessica Saylor has been appointed Chairperson to head up the ‘Protect Our Neighborhood’ Action Group.

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