

Hello members of the California Cannabis Advisory Committee, my name is Shaivya Griddalur and i'm the vice president of the Eden Youth Advisory Council. I'm speaking today to share the youth perspective on the cannabis dispensaries in our community.

We are very concerned that the new dispensary called phenos hayward which is very close to another one called garden of eden. Since Garden of Eden is in unincorporated Hayward, it technically followed the local rules but having 2 dispensaries within a 3 minute walk of eachother is immensely concerning

The new dispensary is also located right next to many facilities that are inviting to youth, like a martial arts dojo and a restaurant. Youth like myself and even younger will see people with cannabis and become influenced and think that doing cannabis is "normalized" and may just see it as something to take lightly. additionally an excess of dispensaries concentrated in a small area can affect the character and reputation of Hayward and certain communities

We acknowledge these issues and have wanted to alert members in power, such us yourselves, to try and enact change. we want to start not only enacting but seriously enforcing distance rules between youth centers or schools

Please consider our input, and on behalf of the Eden Youth Advisory Council and all of the city of hayward, we thank you for your time.