

Hello members of the California cannabis advisory committee, my name is Aaron Gomez from the Eden Youth Youth Advisory Council in Alameda County. I'm writing today to share the youth perspective on cannabis dispensaries in our community.

We are concerned that a new dispensary in Hayward , Phenos Hayward, is too close to the Garden of Eden (only a 3 minute walk). Even though they are following local rules, being so close to one another can be devastating for the community. This creates a cluster of dispensaries from walking distance.

Seeing multiple dispensaries close to one another can and will cause multiple problems. Having so many dispensaries right next to each other can lead to a change of character in the citizens.

We should encourage cities to work together and organize to avoid having too many close to one another. There are schools and many youth centers nearby so having a cluster of dispensaries is dangerous.

Thank you for your time and I hope I could help solve this issue.