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Dear City Council Members,

I apologize for my late letter entry. I am a concerned citizen of Aurora regarding the meeting tonight to discuss the potential of a marijuana dispensary in the Historical District of Aurora.

I do not believe this will be an attractant to the current culture we have in the historic district and would rather be a deterrent to potential visitors/customers. I am not opposed to a dispensary outside of the historic district; IF AND ONLY IF proper funding will be reallocated to emergency medical response.

I have included an article to give and understanding to my position on this topic; cities with dispensaries have had a drastic incline in the number of calls to poison control and marijuana related hospitalizations. As an ER Nurse myself I am concerned that our current emergency response abilities are being stretched too thin and adding this additional burden will cause shorten response times to 911 calls and that in effect will lead to worse outcomes and increased deaths.

Therefore, it would stand to reason that if a dispensary is approved that a large portion of the tax revenue would be diverted into emergency response; i.e Aurora Fire or reinstatement of Aurora Police.

<https://www.kansascityfed.org/publications/research/rme/articles/2018/rme-1q-2018>

Thank you,

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