

July 17, 2019

Director of Community Development Arlo Stockham,

I appreciate your consideration to the following items:

- 1.) Support the DENIAL of marijuana dispensary business license to THRIVE at 7300 S. Virginia Street, Reno, NV
- 2.) Support the creation / amendment of ordinance to treat the placement of marijuana based business proximity to substance abuse treatment facilities by the same rules as schools.

The Empowerment Center is an existing 36-bedroom substance abuse treatment program for women located at 7400 S. Virginia Street, Reno, NV. The Empowerment Center has been at this location successfully treating women with substance abuse issues for 11 years. The proposed location for the THRIVE marijuana dispensary is about 15 feet away from the Empowerment Center.

1. Please DENY the business license to the THIRIVE dispensary for 7300 S. Virginia Street, Reno, NV. for the following reasons:

-Placement of the THRIVE marijuana dispensary in such close proximity to The Empowerment Center places an additional barrier to the women participating in this substance abuse treatment program to successfully complete the program.

-The proximity of these two locations also impacts the effectivity of our State and Federal funds that are funding The Empowerment Center's substance abuse treatment program.

2. Please support the creation of an ordinance or an amendment to an existing ordinance that would safely space substance abuse treatment facilities away from marijuana based businesses to ensure that any vulnerable person seeking substance abuse treatment can be successful in their sobriety.

Please support the Empowerment Center to continue providing successful substance abuse treatment to our community here in Reno by DENYING a business license to the THRIVE marijuana dispensary at 7300 S. Virginia Street, Reno, NV and create an ordinance or amendment to an ordinance to add language that substance abuse treatment facilities should be treated similarly to schools regarding the proximity of marijuana based businesses.

Sincerely,

Martha Bredemeier
Concerned Resident of Reno, Nevada