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To Members of the Santa Barbara City Council:

Recently the News-Press titled it's article on the City Council's committee meeting regarding medical marijuana dispensaries "Seeking common ground on medical marijuana ." I am writing to suggest that the Council would serve our city better to "seek common SENSE on medical marijuana."

It takes only common sense to know that many (most?) patrons of the dispensaries are seeking pleasure more than pain relief. The number of people whose pain needs require marijuana is a small number compared to those seeking it.

Common sense says we do not need dispensaries in downtown Santa Barbara to fill those limited needs. Grant House argues that we need to make it easily available. Why? Common sense says we need to limit availability. Sick people can find their way to our one hospital; those in genuine need will find their way to a single dispensary.

Common sense says that in a town with 17 drug and alcohol rehabilitation centers that we don't need flyers on the street announcing "discounts" for the most common gateway to drug addiction.

When it becomes necessary to load an ordinance with complicated restrictions regarding hours, locations, production restrictions and patronage restrictions doesn't common sense say we just shouldn't have them? Our city and our citizens need only one dispensary at best (worst!).

Please let common sense be applied to your interpretation of the medical marijuana laws. Other communities have.

Thank you,
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