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ZIP CODE	TOTAL NUMBER OF RESPONSES TOTAL PER ZIP CODE	TOTAL NUMBER OF COMMENTS	EST. TOTAL NUMBER OF UNIQUE COMMENTED
60002	8	8	7
60010	2	2	2
60030	1	1	1
60031	10	6	5
60041	1	1	1
60044	3	3	2
60046	3	2	2
60048	4	3	3
60060	2	2	2
60061	5	0	0
60075	1	1	1
60087	1	1	1
TOTAL	41	30	27

AREAS OF CONCERN	
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Public safety and nuisance issues Crime/criminal behavior Substance abuse Negative impacts to youth Degradation of neighborhood (family friendly) character Incompatibility with nearby municipal regulations Competition with businesses located within municipal borders Additional burden for law enforcement Impacts of businesses on natural resources Impacts to property values Increased potency/THC levels in products available on market Potential confusion over “dispensary” terminology Interested in using THC as a topical treatment Business advertisements targeting youth 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Appropriate taxation and allocation of revenue Restrict locations to industrial districts/business parks (away from residential uses) Limit number of allowed dispensaries Add buffers around bike paths Appropriate to locate in busy, retail areas Establish minimum threshold for residential properties (i.e. group of five properties or more) to qualify for sensitive use buffering Remove passive/uninhabited open space areas and inaccessible forest preserve properties from sensitive uses. Industry business owners provide jobs and commercial property tax revenues Consumption/use already legalized; no more impactful than alcohol or tobacco consumption Additional source of tax revenue

**WRITTEN PUBLIC COMMENT
LAKE COUNTY
ZONING BOARD OF APPEALS
& PWPT COMMITTEE**

From: Angie Cevallos [REDACTED]
Sent: Wednesday, February 10, 2021 1:50 PM
Subject: Cannabis in Unincorporated Areas

Have we become so desperate for money that Illinois has become a gambling and marijuana state? Whatever happened to fiscal responsibility to ensure that taxpayers' is used appropriately?

Instead of having more potheads in the community, you should focus spending money on getting these addicts the counseling that is needed.

I see nothing good in allowing our communities to have these types of businesses. All it will bring is more destruction in the forms of accidents, less money to provide the needs a family deserves, etc.

I'm so disappointed in reading this correspondence. This is just another reason for leaving the State of Illinois.

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Angie

From: Cindy Seng
To: Lake County Cannabis Zoning
Subject: Cannabas opinion, unincorporated LC
Date: Friday, April 2, 2021 10:53:00 AM

Absolutely and emphatically we are against furthering cannabis facilities, growing and manufacturing and sales in unincorporated Lake County.

Until the powers that be can test for marijuana in a person involved in any altercation, be it criminal or in the case of automobile accidents, we feel this is just one more way to grab money out of people's pockets for municipal purposes with no regard to others' safety. This is just one more example of putting policy above responsible behavior. Please vote NO on this issue.

William and Cynthia Seng
UNINCORPORATED WARREN TOWNSHIP

From: Cheryl Van Duyse
To: Lake County Cannabis Zoning
Subject: Cannabis businesses in unincorporated LC
Date: Friday, April 16, 2021 10:25:52 AM

My opinion is that we should not allow cannabis businesses in unincorporated Lake County. My husband and I live near the Chain, which we love for the nature and outdoor recreation, but a downside is the prevalence of heavy drinking and drug use that takes place around here. Substance abuse already contributes to many of the accidents that occur on the roads and on the water. Because so much of the activity around the Chain centers around boating, where operating vehicles while impaired is not strongly regulated, this area is uniquely at risk. Having cannabis businesses here would only add to these problems.

Also of concern, we should protect the character of the Chain, which has become increasingly family friendly and environmentally conscious. With these changes has come greater investment by home owners, businesses, and developers. If the way people see this area, conduct themselves, and contribute their resources matters to quality of life for residents and value to visitors, other businesses, and the county as a whole, then I believe it is best to limit cannabis businesses to other areas where their impact would be less negatively felt.

Thank you for representing us on this issue.

Sent from my iPhone

From: Kimberly Saunders
To: Lake County Cannabis Zoning
Cc: Hart, Sandy; Sbarra, Catherine; Danforth, Michael
Subject: BACOG comment on Cannabis Zoning Proposal
Date: Monday, April 19, 2021 4:19:49 PM
Attachments: [REDACTED]

Good afternoon,

Attached please find the written testimony provided on behalf of the Barrington Area Council of Governments (BACOG) opposing the Cannabis Zoning proposal currently under consideration: ZBA #ZON-000632-2021.

We ask that this testimony be provided to the Zoning Board of Appeals members in connection with the public hearings scheduled for April 19th and 21st, 2021.

Please let me know if you have any questions.

Thank you,
Kimberly Saunders

Kimberly B. Saunders, Executive Director
Barrington Area Council of Governments
[REDACTED]

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SUBMITTED VIA EMAIL

April 19, 2021

Lake County Zoning Board of Appeals
500 W. Winchester Rd.
Libertyville, IL 60048

RE: ZBA #ZON-000632-2021

Dear Members of the Lake County Zoning Board of Appeals:

On behalf of the local government members of the Barrington Area Council of Governments (BACOG), thank you for the opportunity to comment on the proposed amendments to Chapter 151 of the Lake County, Illinois, Code of Ordinances relating to the regulation of adult-use cannabis businesses (AUCBs) in unincorporated areas of the County.

BACOG urges you to reject the proposed zoning amendments that would permit AUCBs in unincorporated Lake County. The Illinois Cannabis Regulation and Tax Act empowers local governments to prohibit such businesses. This recognizes that whether to authorize an AUCB in a specific location is fundamentally a decision that should be made by officials in the immediate surrounding area potentially impacted by a potential AUCB. Even decision-making at the county level is too broad to fully respect the diversity of opinions on this issue. It is evident on the map provided on your website, "[Map of Adult Use Cannabis Regulation by Municipality](#)," that there is not a consensus across the County as to whether AUCBs should be permitted. Adopting a county-wide policy for unincorporated areas would disregard this important fact. Each of the BACOG municipal members has undertaken a deliberative process to determine the treatment of AUCBs that is appropriate for their residents. Placing AUCBs adjacent to communities that have chosen to prohibit them goes against the expressed will of those residents. Placing AUCBs adjacent to communities that have decided to allow them stands to unduly divert much needed revenues from those municipal coffers.

We are particularly concerned about the potential for locating AUCBs in unincorporated areas within 1 ½ miles of any municipal border. Properly authorized AUCBs must contend with a persistent illegal market for cannabis products. Municipal police forces must be ready to respond in the event this competition subjects the AUCBs to burglary, theft, or other criminal activity that extends into their jurisdiction. We respect the dedication and service of the Lake County Sheriff's Department, but also know that municipalities must plan and budget for the cost of helping to respond to issues arising at AUCBs near their borders. Accordingly, these municipalities, rather than the County, should decide whether these businesses may be located near their jurisdiction.



We appreciate the deliberative process you are undertaking with respect to the initial decision regarding AUCB regulation. As you continue to evaluate this proposal, BACOG strongly encourages you to engage directly with those municipalities and townships most directly affected. We also encourage you to continue this approach in the future. If this issue is ever reconsidered, we hope the County will commit to working with affected municipalities and townships early in the process to address the impact on our communities.

Sincerely,



Kimberly Beattie Saunders
Executive Director

CC (via email): Lake County Board Chair Sandy Hart
Lake County Board Member Michael Danforth
Lake County Board Member Catherine Sbarra
Illinois State Senator Dan McConchie
Illinois State Representative Chris Bos
Illinois State Representative Martin McLaughlin
BACOG Executive Board Members

BACOG is a voluntary organization of elected officials representing Barrington, Barrington Hills, Deer Park, Lake Barrington, South Barrington, Tower Lakes, and Barrington Township. BACOG provides support for regional planning and development and facilitates cooperative strategies for environmental and groundwater protection, legislative advocacy, and other governmental matters.



From: Kristen LaManna
To: Lake County Cannabis Zoning
Subject: input
Date: Wednesday, April 21, 2021 1:29:36 PM

Without knowing the tax revenue that would go to the local townships that have dispensaries in them, I think it would not be wise to approve Adult-Use Cannabis in Unincorporated Lake County. The board already increased the fuel tax by .05 and now we are to “give the green light” to a potential nuisance without knowing if we will gain any tax benefits from it. More info should be obtained before the Board approves this.

Also, there was increased crime areas mentioned in the meeting, those areas should not be in consideration for these dispensaries. It would be wise to have a LC Sherrif on your panel to provide input.

Regards,
Kristen LaManna

From: [REDACTED]
Sent: Thursday, April 29, 2021 8:57 AM
To: LB Board Members <LBBoardMembers@lakecountyil.gov>
Cc: [REDACTED]
Subject: Written Public Comment from PWPT

Board Members,

For your reference, below are the two written public comments we received from PWPT yesterday.

Barbara de Nekker (Gary read part of this text. The 3 minutes expired) | Attachments included

Dear Lake County Public Works, Planning and Transportation (PWPT) Committee,

My name is Barbara de Nekker and I am a Grayslake resident. I am writing in regards to your consideration of retail marijuana dispensaries in unincorporated areas of Lake County. For the past 20 years, I've worked in the field of drug prevention on a local, regional and national level. My goal has been to protect youth's growing minds and bodies by preventing or delaying youth initiation of smoking, drinking alcohol and marijuana use.

I also lived 3 years in the Netherlands, around the corner from a marijuana shop. On top of some of the proven research outlined below, I can attest that there are additional externalities that are hard to quantify. Just like in Illinois, marijuana shops in the Netherlands are not allowed to sell to minors, but somehow, teens still got their hands on it. Perhaps the store sold it to them anyway, perhaps they had fake identification, perhaps older siblings/friends purchased it for them or perhaps they asked a random adult to purchase it for them, often known as a shoulder tap. Teens would end up in the garage and lobby of our apartment building using marijuana. They set fire to our mailboxes and tampered with the throttle of our car.

In my work, I've read large portions of the 600 page state marijuana law and identified some concerns that unfortunately cannot be prevented or addressed by local jurisdictions. While the state law allows local jurisdictions to regulate the number and zoning of marijuana establishments, the county and municipalities cannot regulate anything else once they are allowed.

The county could not regulate the THC content of marijuana products, even though research shows a clear link to increased risk of psychosis. [A 2019 study](#) published in the respected Lancet journal looked at THC-induced psychotic episodes across 11 cities in 9 different countries. They found that capping THC content at 10% would prevent 12% of first-time psychotic episodes. The Netherlands, known for being tolerant of "soft drugs," considers marijuana over 15% THC to be a hard drug. Unfortunately, the state of Illinois set a higher tax bracket at 35% THC, making it unlikely they will ever limit THC to less harmful levels. Illinois is already seeing a rise in psychosis since legalization. The chief medical officer of Silver Oaks Behavioral Hospital in New Lenox was quoted in [the Northwest Herald](#) saying that marijuana-induced psychosis increased four-fold.

This impacts me personally, as my childhood best friend was diagnosed with schizophrenia, likely triggered by a marijuana-induced psychosis. It would be difficult for any friend or family member to deal with the psychosis of a loved one, particularly when they were under the false assumption marijuana was a harmless drug.

Additionally, the county cannot regulate products and flavors sold at the dispensaries. As proven by the vaping industry's success in hooking a new generation, flavors are key to initiating young people to addictive products. As a result, the federal government banned flavored vape cartridges in early 2020 and in September 2020, the City of Chicago banned all flavored vapes as a way to reduce youth initiation. And yet, flavored THC vapes remain available. In Lake County, one can find flavored THC vapes such as Lemon Slushie, Blue Zkittles and Bombsicle, all of which have THC content of 77% - 86%. On top of this, the marijuana industry also produces products such as pink passion popsicles with 25 mg THC each (equivalent to 2 – 3 marijuana joints), peanut butter chocolate bars with 100mg of THC and "Strahhhberry" gummies with 10mg THC each. Again, all of these products are available in Lake County. (See attached.)

The country of the Netherlands, the province of Quebec and the state of Vermont all allow adults to use marijuana but banned advertising the drug. While the State of Illinois has some restrictions regarding advertising, tobacco and alcohol advertising are more strictly regulated. The state also pre-empted local jurisdictions from any of their own advertising regulations. Because marijuana is now a for-profit business in Illinois, it is logical that the amount of advertising would increase with every marijuana establishment. While they of course are not allowed to market to minors, the vaping industry is also not allowed to market to minors. And yet, in 2019 the Lake County State's Attorney filed a lawsuit against them for illegally marketing to minors. Some school districts in Lake County have since signed on to that lawsuit.

Will the marijuana industry try to do the same? Well, the marijuana chain Zen Leaf now has a billboard along the highway south of Chicago featuring a raccoon wearing sunglasses with his arms up in the air like he is partying. He is very similar to the character Rocket from the very popular superhero movies Guardians of the Galaxy. This raccoon is also featured on a sandwich board outside the Zen Leaf location in Highland Park and in digital advertising (see attached). While not a cartoon, he is likely more appealing to teens than Joe Camel ever was.

Lastly, a 2019 study showed that young people (18 – 22 years of age) living within 4 miles of a marijuana dispensary are more likely to use the drug and use it more often. Because the proposed zoning would limit the stores to areas in and around Grayslake, Lake Villa, Lindenhurst, and Grant Township, this puts youth in those areas at higher risk for drug use.

Thank you for considering these facts. Please let me know if I can provide you with any further research or information.

Sincerely,

Barbara de Nekker

2019 Lancet Study on Marijuana-Induced Psychosis:

[https://www.thelancet.com/article/S2215-0366\(19\)30048-3/fulltext](https://www.thelancet.com/article/S2215-0366(19)30048-3/fulltext)

Cases of cannabis-induced psychosis during COVID-19 pandemic, Northwest Herald:

<https://www.shawlocal.com/2020/06/01/cases-of-cannabis-induced-psychosis-increase-during-covid-19-pandemic/axa9jtv/>

Edibles & Vapes with Youth Appeal

Currently sold at RISE in Mundelein Illinois (Oct 2020)

Many marijuana products, particularly edibles and vapes, have names and packaging that appeal to both teens and young children who may mistake the items for candy. After legalization, emergency poison control calls for children aged 0 to 8 more than tripled in Colorado.

Edibles:

All packages of chocolate, candy and popsicles listed below contain 100 mg of THC, equivalent to 10 marijuana joints. A serving size is a 10 mg single piece. Popsicles contain 25 mg each.



Pumpkin Pie



Strawberry Crunch



Peanut Budda Buddha



Peanut Butter



Key Lime Pie



Chocolate Dipped Mango



Tutti Frutti Flavor
Chewing Gum



Summer Peach
Gummies



Pink Passion
Popsicles (25 mg each)

Vapes:

Below are some vape oil flavors and their THC content. In the 1990s, average THC potency was 2-4%. The higher concentrations of today lead to more addiction, mental illness and psychosis.

Flavor	Product	THC Content
Lemon Slushie	Cartridge	86%
Blue Zkittles	Cartridge	86%
Wildberry	Cartridge	85%
Bombsicle	Cartridge	77%
Blueberry	Disposable Vape Pen	300 mg, 84% THC

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2019 Study on Association Between Dispensaries and Young Adult Marijuana Use:

<https://www.ncbi.nlm.nih.gov/pubmed/31183908>

Hilton Harrell Jr. (Signed up to provide public comment, but was unable to attend the meeting)

I am sorry that I could not attend your meeting, but I wanted you to know that marijuana should not be distributed near any residential, municipal nor school areas for at least 5 miles away.

I am an African-American who has seen the damage that marijuana has done to not only the communities where I've lived at but also the lives of young people now only in my family but in the public schools I attended. It's imperative that all of those within our communities consider the long-term consequences of normalizing this psychotropic drug into our communities. And if I must stand alone as one of the few last voices of reason --- I will.

Over the past two decades, our nation has been bombarded with pro-marijuana propaganda that lies to the public about his health benefits. It has been glamorized and sensationalized in Hollywood and in our music /entertainment industry, but especially on the internet. This is been an organized and planned money making marketing scheme by very wealthy and sophisticated drug pushers. Some of the more popular local pharmaceutical companies have also gotten on the gig as they were present at the State Assembly pushing for the bill SB 7 (the legalization of marijuana in the state of Illinois). It's one thing that marijuana was considered to be strictly used for medical purposes, but it's another thing that now we see the ugly Truth that the only reason why this drug was pushed for medical use if so that they would be deregulation and people would be allowed to use it for recreational purposes. Now our young people have no cultural safeguards to help them second-guess or cause them pause toward dabbling with a drug that will PERMANENTLY alter their destiny and will only limit them intellectually, physically, relationally, psychologically and economically.

It's so tragic how so many American people have reached the age of adulthood; however, they have also abdicated the very responsibilities a mature adult ought to embrace. So many other countries are surpassing our nation as we speak and it's unconscionable how America has been so demoralized that it has allowed oppressive regimes and nuclear superpowers to use cultural demoralization to assist in our own country to destroy itself by way of merely popularizing ideologies and activities that weaken the family and destroy the next generation in so many ways. For more information about this go to a book called the "Soviet art of Brainwashing" and on page 23 it's clear that the legalization of all sorts of drugs was one of the key areas that America's enemies use to facilitate in our self-destruction. It's time for more Americans to be more soberly minded before perpetuating the same destructive agenda in our day. This is not normal and it will never be normal.

The expanded use of marijuana is one of the key reasons why America is experiencing a mental health crisis in this country. Just because people legalize a psychotropic drug that has been known for inspiring schizophrenia, depression, bipolar, behavioral disorders, hallucinations, paranoia, various forms of cancer, a lower immune system, increased death on the roads by way of impaired driving, testicular cancer, infertility, psychosis, panic attacks, myelodysplasia, memory loss, kidney failure and causes birth defects such as Autism due to the fact that males who smoke marijuana are often found to father autistic children due to the fact that THC as it stored within the fatty tissues of the sexual organs literally genetically alters the sperm and leaves out an important biochemical necessary for brain development. Moreover marijuana has contributed to altered brain development, antisocial behavior which is also why those who are on weed should not even consider or think about owning a gun because the vast majority of these Mass shooters have been on marijuana like so many others using psychotropic drugs. Furthermore, those smoking marijuana tend to have severe anxiety, they have less life achievement, impaired learning and judgment, have poor education and job outcomes, and they are suicide prone.

For more information on these things I reference these book and research:

Tell Your Children: The Truth About Marijuana, Mental Illness, and Violence

https://www.amazon.com/dp/1982103671/ref=cm_sw_r_cp_apc_glt_fabc_JRD89KD8NKDR5WH5G7KB

Duke University Medical Center. "Gene linked to autism undergoes changes in men's sperm after pot use: Further study is needed to determine if the altered gene contributes to autism in children." ScienceDaily. ScienceDaily, 27 August 2019.

<www.sciencedaily.com/releases/2019/08/190827123515.htm

Kids Exposed to Cannabis In Utero Face Higher Risk of Autism

<https://www.medpagetoday.com/obgyn/pregnancy/87985>

It just makes no sense why any rational person would allow such a drug to not only be on the market, but be legalized at all. The only people who would be orchestrating and organizing the proliferation of such a toxin into our culture and Public square are either addicted to it, have been completely aloof and detached from society themselves, or somehow they're making money off the cell of this drug in some way shape or form and thus they think as a drug dealer or criminal not considering the consequences of their bad behavior.

But I assure you, those outside of America have also been involved in pushing America toward itself destruction and assisting self-absorbed easily manipulated Americans of the past who have been indoctrinated to hate their own country only to grow up becoming the demolition team that our foreign adversaries are right now using to make it much easier for our country not only to destroy itself and our children, but allow foreign adversaries to take the reins of control over our everyday lives right before your very eyes.

Please reconsider even accepting marijuana legalization in lake County let alone zoning it far far out of our district where drug dealers could groom and influence children. We just don't need this added drama. Finally the collective blood will be on the hands of the lawmakers for the lives lost and the lives damaged by making it easier for young people to adopt this drug into the daily lives. We are literally destroying our own nation's future. This must end with us.

Sincerely,

Concerned American citizen,

Hilton Harrell Jr

From: Kristen L [REDACTED]

Sent: Wednesday, April 28, 2021 9:59 AM

To: [REDACTED]

[REDACTED]

Subject: Question about Dispensary meeting today

I caught the tail-end of a removal of a buffer discussion. What buffer are you trying to remove and why the hesitancy to have to "go back and re-draw the maps"? Shouldn't the Board want to insure this is all rolled out in the best fashion and not rush it thought?

Thanks in advance,

Kristen L [REDACTED]

From: Chris Mini
To: Lake County Cannabis Zoning
Subject: Why unincorporated?
Date: Wednesday, April 28, 2021 5:03:40 PM

The mayor of Waukegan has already given the green light to 2 dispensaries. So why [REDACTED] unincorporated? Are you deliberately trying to make it difficult? How about Beach Park? No you'll probably do Ingleside or some other hard to reach place. Meanwhile people are dropping like flies from heroin/fentanyl overdoses. Or they are selling their souls for crack cocaine.

What the [REDACTED] is wrong with you people?

WRITTEN COMMENTS
SUBMITTED TO VIRTUAL PUBLIC FORUM
WEBSITE

Date	Provide your input, questions, and/or concerns directly to our project team.	ZIP/Pos	Name
4/26/2021	What parcels are unincorporated? How far must people travel to these stores?	60031	Joyce L.
4/24/2021		60061	Lillian G.
4/21/2021	I am opposed.	60075	
4/20/2021	As a conservative republican....please adopt common sense policy that allows for the local taxation of what is currently being purchased in the surrounding communities.	60010	
4/20/2021	These businesses, including retail shops, should not be allowed in residential communities, like Knollwood. Please limit this type of business to a business park where children aren't going to see lines of people, at a former coffee caboose/taco trolley, to purchase recreational drugs out in the open.	60044	Helen S.
4/20/2021	1. How likely is it that cannabis businesses in Lake County will not be allowed? (Members of the ZBA at the virtual hearing last night were expressing relief when they were shown that very few locations would be eligible according to the proposed setbacks. I am concerned that most of the members will be happy to vote to allow cannabis businesses as long as their districts are not greatly affected.) 2. Have you seen the potential sites for dispensaries in our district mapped out? (I am relying on my own use of the interactive mapping tool with the buffers indicated in the proposed changes to the UDO because it was difficult to see our area in the presentation at the hearing, but it appears that several of the locations eligible to have dispensaries are along Petite Lake, Grass Lake, and Grass Lake Road. Among these seem to be parcels corresponding to existing bars, marinas, and I believe a small resort. I can attest that there are already too many accidents on Grass Lake Road due to impaired driving, recreational and bar traffic, and some dangerous curves.) 3. Why are buffers for dispensaries proposed to be only 250 feet from residentially zoned properties where children actually live, while buffers of 500 and 1,000 feet are proposed where children attend daycare or school? (Even increasing buffers for residential properties to 500 feet would improve safety and better protect the character of the area, for people living along Grass Lake Road, for example. Buffers of 1,000 feet would eliminate most potential locations, at least the most inappropriate ones, and protect a majority of the Chain.) 4. Why are buffers being proposed for parks and forest preserves but not bike paths? (I know that Grass Lake Road has recently been improved with bike friendly shoulders in expectation of the future extension of a bike path continuing to Chain O' Lakes State Park. Recreational bicycling has already increased. Bike paths such as the one planned here will be a great asset to the county's family friendly and environmentally conscious character, but if dispensaries exist along a path, possibly even in multiple locations, it is likely to become a prime location for crime.)	60002	Cheryl V.
4/19/2021		60061	
4/19/2021		60061	
4/19/2021	My name is Cheryl Henning and I live in the Village of Antioch and grew up in Antioch Township. Since Antioch Township is one of the biggest townships in the county, chances are we could end up with several types of cannabis operations. This would, in my opinion, greatly impact our community in negative ways. Drugs, legal and otherwise, are everywhere, I'll give you that, however, adding these variety of cannabis businesses, i.e., distribution, growers, retail, etc., will just add to our community's crime and impact our residents in the most negative of ways. The fact that we are a border community allows for additional crimes to occur and in the township the police are covered by Lake County Sheriff who must police the whole county not just Antioch Township which causes another set of problems. I ask that the board vote down these operations for Antioch Township.	60002	
4/18/2021	I have no interest whatsoever in recreational use of cannabis as a psychoactive drug, but I am interested in medicinal use of CBD/THC oil (in a carrier oil) for TOPICAL USE ONLY to treat ARTHRITIS PAIN. (And no, I'm not remotely interested in smoking or consuming cannabis to treat pain.) I'm only interested in whether whole oil topical analgesic creams will be available as part of Illinois licensing.	60030	Judi

Date	Provide your input, questions, and/or concerns directly to our project team.	ZIP/Pos	Name
4/18/2021	I am a trustee of the Village of Antioch in District 1. I voted against allowing recreational marijuana in our municipality. It passed 4-3 with Mayor Hanson voting in favor to break the tie. I had multiple concerns regarding allowing cannabis in Antioch not the least of which was increasing the incidence of DUI albeit with a different substance. Further, the proximity to the WI border stands to potentially recreate the "Blood Border" between the two states which existed when the alcohol drinking age in WI was 18 years of age. I also do not believe in the potential of a dispensary increasing other retail sales in Antioch. District 1 has the largest unincorporated area in Lake County. I would ask the county board to consider the ramifications of allowing dispensaries and other types of cannabis businesses be unfettered within our community. I believe that the County Board should vote against allowing cannabis businesses in the unincorporated areas of Lake County. The only saving grace of the decision that was made here in Antioch is that there is only one dispensary allowed. I would encourage the County Board members, should they make the decision to allow cannabis businesses in the unincorporated areas, to restrict the number to one in each district. That would put our very large unincorporated area on the same level playing field as those districts that have either no or very small unincorporated areas. To do otherwise would place a greater burden on our resources. If the county board made the decision to allow any number of cannabis related businesses within any district, then the taxes raised from those sales should be earmarked for projects in the respective district. This would assure that the districts that were burdened with numerous cannabis businesses would not be subsidizing districts that have small or no unincorporated areas and therefore no tax revenue from cannabis. They would not have the burdens, so they should not benefit extraordinarily from the revenue. Lastly, I do not believe that growing in transportation businesses should be allowed in the county. We voted against those in our community. It is my hope that the Lake County Board members will not only look at the revenue potential but also the risks and harms to our community as they make this decision.	60002	Mary D.
4/16/2021	Not thinking this is a good idea for unincorporated areas.	60046	
4/16/2021	Often because of the presence of much wetland, unsuitable for building, unincorporated Lake County has grown up with areas of mixed zoning where residential properties or residential/AG properties are adjacent or near to properties that are GC or GC/AG. While the original uses are now or were once compatible, with the businesses being limited to low impact, low traffic, and low visibility uses, new uses can and do sometimes negatively impact residents, especially when they are out of compliance with permitted uses for the zones or requirements such as proper screening and safe entry/exit from roads. Restriction of cannabis businesses from "residential districts" should be extended to restrict them from areas where they are in view of residential or partially residential properties, and no businesses should be approved where infrastructure does not allow for traffic safety going past, in, and out.	60002	Cheryl V
4/16/2021	My opinion is that we should not allow cannabis businesses in unincorporated Lake County. My husband and I live near the Chain, which we love for the nature and outdoor recreation, but a downside is the prevalence of heavy drinking and drug use that takes place around here. Substance abuse already contributes to many of the accidents that occur on the roads and on the water. Because so much of the activity around the Chain centers around boating, where operating vehicles while impaired is not strongly regulated, this area is uniquely at risk. Having cannabis businesses would only add to these problems. Also of concern, we should protect the character of the Chain, which has become increasingly family friendly and environmentally conscious. With these changes has come greater investment by home owners, businesses, and developers. If the way people see this area, conduct themselves, and contribute their resources matters to quality of life for residents and value to visitors, other businesses, and the county as a whole, then I believe it is best to limit cannabis businesses to other areas where their impact would be less negatively felt. Thank you for representing us on this issue.	60002	
4/14/2021	I'd welcome adult-use cannabis businesses.	60002	
4/14/2021		60046	

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4/5/2021	I am strongly opposed to the selling of cannabis in unincorporated Lake County. Our county should not be authorizing dispensaries (retail sales), Growers , Processors, or Transporters. We did not have a say in it becoming legal in our state!!! Thank you for asking for input from those of us who live in the county. Our county should not be a go-to community for drug seekers. In addition to preserving our waterways and open lands from the growers, we certainly don't want the young adults in our community to have easy access to this gateway drug. We also don't need any more burdens on our police or regulators. Our family oriented county should not be contributing to the general acceptance of this harmful drug. Allowing more of this in our county only has the potential to bring harm to our county not good. The illegal market continues to operate along the more costly regulated market, and there is no evidence this has actually helped the poor in any communities where cannabis has been sold legally. Marijuana and other drug use contributes to problems in all age groups in our county, creating heavy costs on our taxpayers and challenging social burdens on our families, and I would really like to see Lake County seek other methods for balancing budgets. Thank you again for allowing me to comment.	60048	
4/5/2021	My husband and I are against selling cannabis in the Village of Lake Villa and in Lake County as a whole.	60046	
4/4/2021	I live in Unincorporated Lake County in a mostly residential area. I am against this type of business in our area due to a concern of increased crime. The possibility of property values being impacted negatively. Sincerely Helen Stein	60044	Helen S.
4/4/2021	I find this to be of no value to residential property owners who are adjacent to commercial districts and a probable cause to effect the value of our property.	60044	William S.
4/3/2021	How about opening a dispensary in Gurnee so we can get a share of the revenue.	60031	
4/3/2021		60031	
4/3/2021	I do not believe you should approve cannabis selling in unincorporated Lake County, so we should not be authorizing dispensaries (retail sales), Growers , Processors, or Transporters. Although this is legal in our state, we should not encourage more access, and we should not be a go-to community for drug seekers. In addition to preserving our waterways and open lands from the growers, we don't want the buyers/users or transporters to contribute to more driving accidents, and we don't want more access to this gateway drug. We also don't need any more burdens on our police or regulators. Lastly, we should not be contributing to the general acceptance of this harmful drug. There are always two arguments used when cannabis sales are promoted. The first is that opening it up legally will help poorer communities when we decriminalize. However, the illegal market continues to operate along the more costly regulated market, and there is no evidence this has actually helped the poor in any communities where cannabis has been sold legally. The second argument is always the tax revenue. I do not believe we should be seeking tax revenue in this way. We need to build up Lake County with positive tax revenue, not in this way. Marijuana and other drug use contributes to problems in all age groups in our county, creating heavy costs on our taxpayers and challenging social burdens on our families, and I would really like to see Lake County seek other methods for balancing budgets. Thank you for allowing me to comment.	60048	Ellen C.
4/3/2021	It's about time!!! YES for dispensary in unincorporated Gurnee. Gurnee take advantage of the tax \$\$\$ it will bring in.	60031	
4/3/2021	Do NOT allow.	60031	
4/3/2021		60031	
4/3/2021		60031	60031
4/3/2021	Let them open!	60087	Jason
4/2/2021	My husband used medical pot for cancer pain. It helped. He had a long drive to get it. Why can't it be sold in drug stores or any store that sells alcohol, cigarettes and other things prohibited for sale to minors? Several people I know used pot in college, some still use it. They are successful, law-abiding citizens. I choose not to use it, but see no harm. It's legal so treat it like any other legal item.	60002	
4/2/2021	I support recreational cannabis shops in unincorporated Lake County	60010	
4/2/2021		60061	
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4/2/2021	That loud voices will not be what the majority of people want to see. We have seen zero negative results from pot use. Want to make sure more restrictive policies are not put in place.	60048	Martin M.
4/1/2021	Cannabis growers, dispensaries, and other businesses should NOT be located in unincorporated Lake County. Impaired motor vehicle operation is a problem for which a solution hasn't been found yet. Until that happens, Lake County cannot afford the additional risks that come along with these nuisance attractions.	60031	Dirk P.
4/1/2021	I think cannabis stores should be located in a busy town area. This will help deter the younger crowd from going in, because maybe their parents would see.	60002	
4/1/2021		60048	
4/1/2021	I am absolutely in favor of this!	60060	Nicole S.

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4/1/2021	NO!!!!!!!!!!!!!!	60041	
4/1/2021		60031	
4/1/2021	What land areas are in unincorporated Lake County? Would stores be in these locations?	60031	Joyce L.
4/1/2021	Seems like a lot of rules for something that is so trivial in today's society. Was anyone who uses cannabis involved in developing these rules?	60060	Matt