

Businesses Opposed to Marijuana Sales
in Guadalupe include:

Allstyles Furniture (David Brewer)
Andres Realty (Stew Jenkins)
C.L.A.S.P., Building Owner (Mike Rochlin)
El Padrecito Ministries (Father Masseo Gonzales)
El Tapatio Restaurant (Mimi and Edubey)
Guadalupe Cafe (Jose Martinez)
Guadalupe Welcoming Committee
Novidades Guerrero (Rita Guerrero)
Panda Stick
Perez Furniture (Filemon Perez)
Pink House (Kate Vercel)
Point Sal Restaurant
Super Discount (Merced Castaneda)

High-End Tourism: Preserving What We Have

Guadalupe's City Hall is an example of successful adaptive reuse, its Saracenic arches and Romanesque ornament reflecting administrative stability and attention to detail. The Spanish Colonial style is matched by numerous Main Street facades and houses. On Highway One, a line of Craftsmans constitutes Cultural Row. There are numerous parks, healthy businesses and one of the best collections of turn-of-the-century commercial buildings in the state. Preserving history generates high-end tourism and an historic core serves as a center for maintaining healthy neighborhoods.

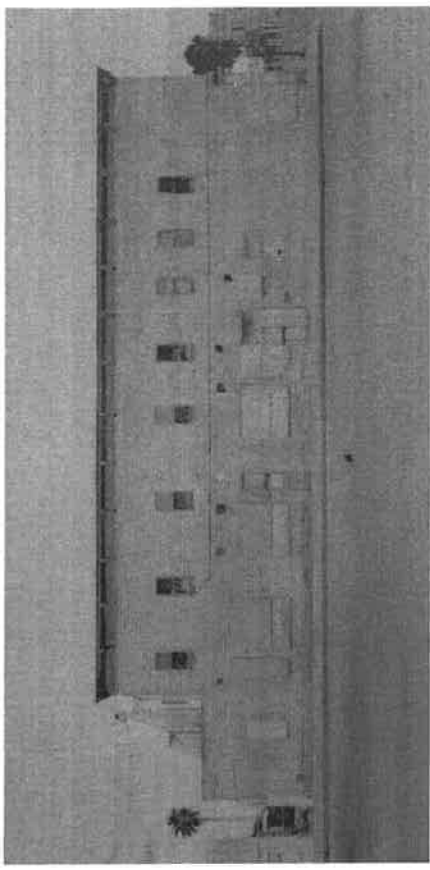
By maintaining our town, what message is communicated (especially to the city's youth)? Maintain schools—*Education is important. Maintain a library—Reading is fundamental. Maintain parks and playing fields—Athletics augment health and well-being. Maintain cultural buildings—We encourage artistic excellence, have pride of place and a respect for our history.*

However, if the city introduces Marijuana sales, the message is "get high."

There have recently been a string of burglaries, illegal firearms confiscation and links to methamphetamine addiction. Police and concerned citizens are doing their best to address these problems, and deserve commendation. Still, domestic violence, mental health issues, homelessness, animal services and the addition of approximately 1,000 new housing units overburden police and fire departments. Our city currently provides free food, access to can and bottle redemption and free bus rides from the most impacted parts of Santa Maria. Parts of the Santa Maria riverbed are used as overnight accommodation. Adding drug sales to that equation will result in social issues the town is unprepared and unfunded to address.

Instead, by maintaining the city's investments in schools, parks, buildings and infrastructure, registering for the Mills Act, and working with business to promote high-end tourism, we can keep Guadalupe a vital and financially viable place.

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Remarks Guadalupe City Council – Stew Jenkins - May 18, 2021

Mayor Julian, Honorable Council Members

Legalizing marijuana stores is of grave consequence to Guadalupe. It should be put to a vote residents, instead of being rushed into law. The proposed ordinance provides no promised revenue to the City through any tax on cannabis/marijuana; and no public health warnings are mandated on advertising or packaging.

I provided you last week with scientific studies on risks to physical and mental health caused by cannabis/marijuana.

- Three demonstrate that use of Cannabis triggers Testicular Cancer.
- One, the Comprehensive study of the increased risks from both Tobacco and Marijuana, shows that Marijuana delivers 50% more, and 75% more, respectively, of two primary chemicals that cause Lung Cancer.
- From the International Journal of Environmental Research and Public Health, a study showing extensive increases in mental illness and violence caused by increased use of Marijuana.
- A Centennial Institute study demonstrates that Cannabis causes significant increases in premature and low weight births, as well as mental and physical health problems.

City Council Members have primary responsibility for the health and safety of Guadalupe residents. This role should not be abdicated. A bottle of wine and a pack of cigarettes both come with a warning label. Even a bottle of aspirin carries a warning label.

It is critical to protecting the health and safety of Guadalupe's residents, employees, and visitors that any ordinance exposing Guadalupe to sales of Cannabis include a required Warning Labels on all packaging, advertising, and at processing and sales locations. Amend the proposal to provide:

§9.22.38, G. 7. All packaging, advertising, and at processing/sales locations must display:

HEALTH WARNING: Cannabis will impair your ability to drive a vehicle and may permanently impair your depth perception. **Driving under the influence of cannabis is a crime.**

Cannabis use has been linked to developing **Testicular Cancer, Lung Cancer and Parkinson's Disease**. Cannabis may lead to long term Mental Health conditions, including **Paranoia, Schizophrenia, and Psychosis**.

Secondhand cannabis smoke endangers children and others. Avoid cannabis if you are pregnant, it **can harm your unborn baby**.

To raise promised revenue Amend Proposed § 9.22.37 entitled "Fees and Charges" by adding a subprovision "D." to **levy a Tobacco equivalent forty percent [40%] City tax** on each cannabis product sale.