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To: Scottsdale Planning Commissioners

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Re: Planning Commission hearing 18 November 2020

COS Land Case 4-TA-2020 Shoeman Lane

COGS---Coalition of Greater Scottsdale-- cannot support the request In Text Amendment 4-TA-2020 to reduce the distance between a school and marijuana dispensary from 1500 feet to 650 feet.

1. This is a 57% reduction request of an existing standard with absolutely no Public Benefit.
2. When medical marijuana dispensaries were granted by the State of Arizona, the Scottsdale City Council represented their community input by establishing the 1500 foot distance minimum to an educational facility. COGS is adamantly opposed to relaxing this guideline, particularly with recreational marijuana use approved on the 2020 ballot.
3. Although the application identifies this Text Amendment as "only for the Downtown Overlay", no one is foolish enough to not expect future marijuana dispensaries to use this reduction as a precedent. The City of Scottsdale can anticipate litigation from other parts of the city as more dispensaries are permitted by the State of Arizona. The future relocation requests by existing dispensaries should be expected if this text amendment is approved.

Please discuss this issue in your public hearing on 18 November.

Respectfully submitted,

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