#### Attachment B

# **Public Outreach Questions/Comments**

- Richard Noriega
  - Support
  - Medicinal benefits, the City could be at the forefront of doing things right and generate economic benefits
  - Limit the number of establishments
  - Delivery is difficult to regulate
  - Willing to volunteer to help vet the decision
- Richard Probst
  - Support
  - Legal businesses will help to address issues with black market businesses
- James Probst
  - Support
- Mark Tennant
  - Support
- Tina Probst
  - Support
- RB Edmonds
  - Support
  - 55-year resident
- John Brittain
  - Support
  - Will a local program help to reduce black market activities?
- Jennifer Brittain
  - Support
  - Are other local cities considering a local cannabis program?
- Gaby Angulo
  - Legal businesses have to go through rigorous testing processes prior to sale
- Hank Casillas
  - What financial benefits will dispensaries bring to the City?
  - Will Covina bring a high-quality establishment to town?

#### Library Board of Trustees and Parks/Recreation Commission

- What other communities have local cannabis programs? Have these communities experienced an increase in the number of impaired drivers?
- Discussed constraints with consumption onsite, labeling requirements
- How many businesses could be allowed per capita within our community?
- Is the City responsible for funding maintenance/operations of cannabis facilities?
- Provide additional information on fees/taxes paid by cannabis businesses. How much money would these businesses generate for our community?
- How will the Police Department handle safety/security issues at cannabis businesses? What types of security requirements would be put into place?
- How would conditional use permits help to protect the community?
- It is important to complete an educational campaign to the community on cannabis issues.
- In what locations would these businesses be allowed? In what types of zones?
- What is the motivation to review this issue?
- Is there research to demonstrate how cannabis businesses impact public safety?
- How would the selection process work for cannabis businesses?
- How much do cannabis products cost? Can a limit on purchases be enacted?

## Finance Commission

- Does the City receive inquiries from cannabis businesses about locating in Covina?
- How does a cannabis delivery system operate?
- Would costs for operations/maintenance of these businesses be the responsibility of the City?
- What types of crime impacts would this have on our community?
- What are the financial benefits of allowing these businesses to operate in the City?
- Please share a copy of the community issues survey.
- What is the timing to move forward with allowing cannabis businesses? We should fully evaluate crime and financial issues before moving forward.
- Can community members meet with the City Council Ad-Hoc Committee?
- What is the Chief of Police's perspective on cannabis businesses? What have other Chiefs experienced in communities that allow cannabis sales?
- If you currently live in Covina, you can have cannabis delivered to your home and the City receives no benefit.
- Is this the right type of use for our community?
- More data will help to alleviate misconceptions about cannabis.
- Provide a list of cities that allow cannabis businesses.

### Planning Commission

- Could high State taxes impact local taxes or revenues?
- Could the State's framework be thrust upon us?
- We should continue to study and have something ready. But we shouldn't do anything yet.
- Who would lead a ballot initiative/referendum?
- Referendums in Pasadena, South Bay, Jurupa Valley: Have any cities said no to them?
- Not persuaded that a program should be developed. But would understand the need to do so if a referendum was pushed our way.
- Discussed survey and that 55% supported local program and 57% supported stricter measures than the State.
- All parks should be included as sensitive uses since they are available to all age groups. This could also preserve future flexibility in the future for Parks/Rec programs at all parks.
- Prefers a greater boundary than 600'. Would like to see the result of a 1,000' boundary.
- City should do additional community outreach.
- Discussed overlay zone vs. zoning code amendments. Overlay zone could create a hub for these businesses.
- What boundaries do we have for business that serve alcohol?
- Are we at risk if we adopt spatial regulations for cannabis and don't use them for alcohol?
- If we don't do something the State will.
- We shouldn't include labs, cultivation, manufacturing. Retail is the only thing that should be considered.