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Meeting Time: 03-03-26 17:00

eComments Report

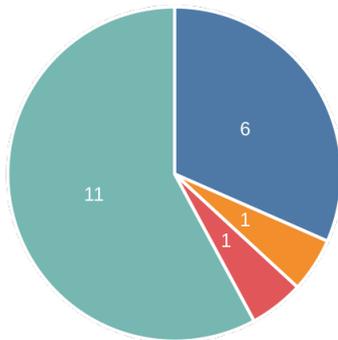
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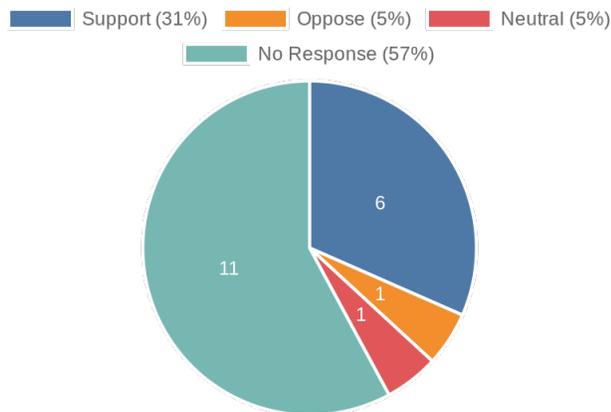
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Agenda Name	Comments	Support	Oppose	Neutral
1. Ordinance Listing 2240 Northgate Boulevard (Orbit Station) as a Landmark on the Sacramento Register of Historic and Cultural Resources (M25-025) [Noticed 02/23/2026; Passed for Publication 02/24/2026; Published 02/20/2026; 02/27/2026] File ID: 2026-00582	1	0	0	0
2. An Ordinance Amending Various Provisions of Title 17 (Planning & Development Code) Relating to Cannabis Land Uses (M25-003) [In Lieu of Pass for Publication Ordinance to be Published in its Entirety] [Published 02/20/2026] File ID: 2026-00465	3	2	0	0
3. Resolution Establishing Business Operating Permit Fees for Cannabis Consumption Lounges [Published on 02/13/2026; 02/19/2026] [Continued at the February 24, 2026 Council Meeting] File ID: 2026-00667	4	3	0	0
4. Extension of the Opportunity to Apply for and Operate a Storefront Cannabis Dispensary for the Cannabis Opportunity Reinvestment and Equity (CORE) Program File ID: 2026-00585	4	0	1	1
Public Comments-Matters Not on the Agenda	5	1	0	0
AMENDMENT MATERIAL added to Item 3 - See Agenda Item Below [Updated 02/27/2026 @ 2:50 PM]	1	0	0	0
Print Meeting Amended Agenda	1	0	0	0

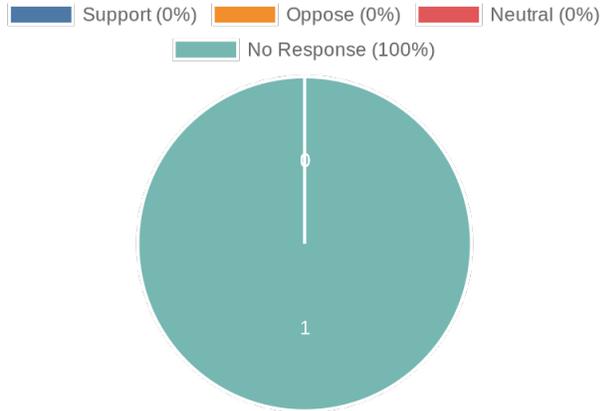
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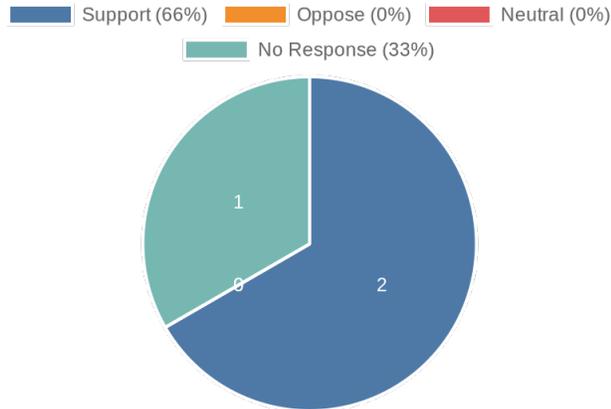
Mark Rodriguez

Location:

Submitted At: 3:05pm 02-28-26

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Overall Sentiment



Maisha Bahati

Location:

Submitted At: 7:24am 03-03-26

Hoping Title 17 makes its back on the agenda soon!

Christopher Loftin

Location:

Submitted At: 10:18am 03-02-26

Mayor and City Council Members,

My name is Chris, a Sacramento cannabis business owner preparing to participate in the City's consumption lounge pilot program.

I strongly support the creation of cannabis lounges and appreciate the City's leadership in moving this program forward. Lounges have the potential to increase tourism, activate commercial corridors, and generate long term tax revenue for Sacramento, as outlined in the staff analysis.

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Adding new annual fees of \$5,372 to \$7,163 on top of existing cannabis taxes and regulatory costs may unintentionally discourage participation at the very moment the City needs strong adoption for the pilot to succeed.

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I appreciate Council's work and look forward to helping make Sacramento's consumption lounge program a success.

Thank you.

Chris L.
Sacramento Business Owner

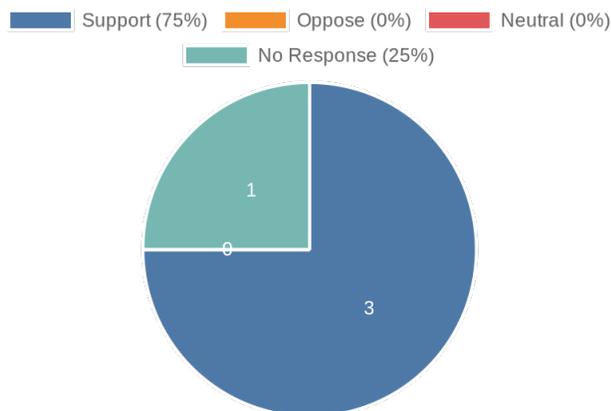
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Agenda Item: eComments for 3. Resolution Establishing Business Operating Permit Fees for Cannabis Consumption Lounges
[Published on 02/13/2026; 02/19/2026] [Continued at the February 24, 2026 Council Meeting] File ID: 2026-00667

Overall Sentiment



Alyeh Takano

Location:

Submitted At: 6:15pm 03-03-26

Thank you for approving

Maisha Bahati

Location:

Submitted At: 7:28am 03-03-26

To our Mayor and Council

Although the item regarding consumption lounge fees has been removed from today's agenda, I wanted to take a moment to express my appreciation for the revised fee structure that was previously proposed.

The adjustment to the fees better reflects the reality of a pilot program. As operators, we are preparing to make significant upfront investments in ventilation systems, mitigation measures, employee protections, tenant improvements, and ongoing compliance. Structuring the fees in a way that acknowledges this is a pilot initiative helps create a more thoughtful and sustainable path forward.

Pilot programs are intended to test, evaluate, and refine. Aligning the fee structure with that spirit demonstrates a balanced approach that supports responsible operators while allowing the City to gather data and assess outcomes before broader expansion.

Thank you for your continued consideration and for working toward a framework that is both protective of the community and feasible for small, equity-based businesses.

Christopher Loftin

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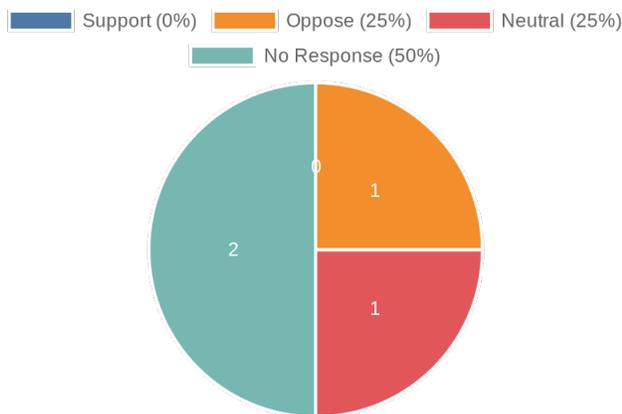
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Agenda Item: eComments for 4. Extension of the Opportunity to Apply for and Operate a Storefront Cannabis Dispensary for the Cannabis Opportunity Reinvestment and Equity (CORE) Program File ID: 2026-00585

Overall Sentiment



BLK Solutions

Location:
Submitted At: 5:14pm 03-03-26

My name is Kevin Hooks unfortunately I got a flat tire on my way to the meeting because I planned on coming to the meeting to show full support.

Jarett has been through a lot and he is making steps to navigate this situation. There were things out of his

control and he is closer to his goal. Please grant him this extension and I also urge the council to also let the next person in the Que to also have chance to open. It was the council priority to make CORE memebbers 50% of the licenses in Sacramento and we are behind our goal. Take this opportunity to extend Jarrett as well as let another COrE member in line open up.

We should not be putting COrE members against eachother by them hoping the next one fails so they can be next up. Instead let's uplift one another by taking this opportunity to help Jarrett as well as the next person in line.

Please allow just one more year! It's a small ask for a opportunity to right the wrongs of the war on drugs!

Jerry Brown

Location:

Submitted At: 5:13pm 03-03-26

Good afternoon Mayor and Councilmembers,

I would like to offer a different perspective regarding the request for an extension for the final CORE storefront permittee.

While it may appear on the surface that five years is sufficient time to become operational, this perspective overlooks the very structural challenges that the CORE program was created to address. Many equity operators face barriers that traditional operators do not, including difficulty securing capital, limited access to compliant properties, restrictive leasing environments, and shifting regulatory requirements.

The reality is that timelines in cannabis development are not uniform. Construction delays, financing limitations, landlord negotiations, and regulatory compliance hurdles can dramatically impact progress — particularly for equity applicants who often do not have the same financial backing or institutional support.

For that reason, decisions around extensions should be evaluated carefully within the broader context of the program's equity goals.

However, if the Council determines that the extension should not be granted, I strongly believe the appropriate next step should not be to simply move down a five-year-old ranking list.

Maintaining and relying on an RFQ ranking list that is now approaching five years old is unfair to both existing and new CORE participants. In five years, individuals gain experience, form new partnerships, improve their qualifications, and new members enter the CORE program who may now be better positioned to successfully operate a storefront.

Equity programs should create evolving opportunity — not permanently freeze opportunity based on a snapshot from years ago.

If the extension is denied, the most fair and transparent approach would be to retire the existing list and open a new RFQ process that allows all qualified CORE participants to compete again under current conditions.

This would ensure that Sacramento's equity program continues to reflect the present reality of the community it was designed to support.

Thank you for your consideration.

Kevin McCarty

Location:

Submitted At: 4:51pm 03-03-26

Good afternoon Mayor and Councilmembers,

My name is Kevin McCarty. I work professionally in regulatory compliance and permitting, and over the past several years I have helped navigate dozens of complex projects through local and state approval processes, including many cannabis facilities here in Sacramento. I understand better than most how timelines can slip due

to financing issues, construction challenges, and regulatory hurdles.

But even accounting for those realities, five years is more than sufficient time for a serious operator to become operational. If a permittee is still essentially at the starting line after five years, that is not the result of normal permitting delays, it is a clear sign that the applicant was not prepared to execute a business plan when the permit was awarded.

Meanwhile, the other nine awardees have successfully navigated the process and are already operating. Granting a sixth year to a single operator who has not meaningfully advanced their project undermines the integrity of the competitive process and sends the wrong signal to those who worked diligently to meet the timeline.

The more appropriate course would be to move to the next highest-scoring applicant from the original RFQ, someone who is ready to seize the opportunity, invest their time and resources, and contribute to the goals of Sacramento's CORE program and social equity framework.

These permits were intended to create real businesses, real jobs, and real community investment, not indefinite placeholders.

For those reasons, I respectfully urge the Council to deny the requested extension.

Thank you.

Mark Rodriguez

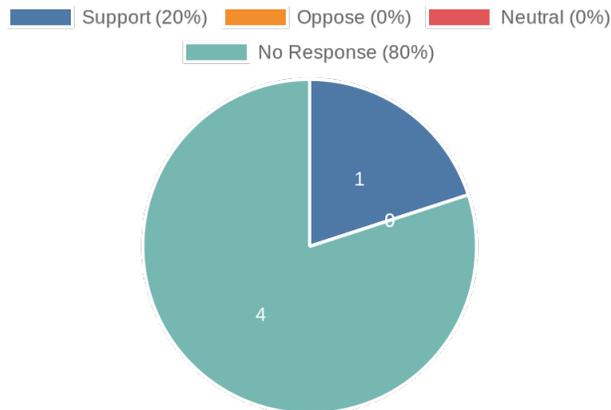
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Agenda Item: eComments for Public Comments-Matters Not on the Agenda

Overall Sentiment



Alyeh Takano

Location:

Submitted At: 6:21pm 03-03-26

I support the housing projects the opposing listed worries for running water bathrooms and other security concerns. They didn't touch on how the community would be managed. I don't know the location and am not for or against it being there. I agree importance of Public transport. I agree we need more permanent solutions for housing. I like apartment idea. I don't mind it's in the suburbs sounds safer maybe even less temptation. ALSO RETURN TYPEE. Police brutality against religious freedom and vigil isn't productive. That's really sad it's been taken as a disabled POC American woman. Using housing laws again natives it's concerning. Is my siblings in Elk Grove next?

M.S Kamau

Location:

Submitted At: 4:58pm 03-03-26

Mayor and Councilmembers,

For over 40 years, Meadowview has been stuck in the same cycle of studies, plans, and promises — with little to show for it. We are still surrounded by vacant lots, still a food desert, and still lacking affordable housing for working families, neighborhood retail, banking, and basic services.

Calling Meadowview an “opportunity area” means nothing without timelines, enforceable requirements, and accountability. After four decades, this isn't accidental — it's prolonged inaction and low expectations.

Residents aren't asking for more studies. We're asking for results.

Where are the development deadlines for city-owned land? Where is the mixed-income housing people can actually afford? Where are the neighborhood-serving businesses?

At the same time, the City finds millions for renovations, speculative land purchases that may sit idle for years, and salary increases — even while facing major budget shortfalls — yet Meadowview's blight remains untouched. That sends a clear message about priorities.

There's also the issue of respect. During Council meetings, when residents speak during non-agenda public comment, their video is reduced to a small thumbnail while the Mayor and Council appear full screen. That visual sends the message that community voices matter less. It's dismissive and it undermines real public participation. It should be corrected immediately so speakers are displayed prominently and equitably.

Equity isn't a slogan. It's measurable results and demonstrated respect. Meadowview deserves the same urgency, investment, accountability, and dignity as any other part of Sacramento. Leadership is measured by outcomes — and it's time to deliver real, permanent development now.

Additionally, If double-digit cuts are being proposed for city departments and frontline workers, then the Mayor, City Council, and senior staff must reduce their own current salaries by the exact same percentage. Leadership must share the sacrifice. Furthermore, there should be no salary increases whatsoever while the City operates in a deficit, and the City Charter must be amended to permanently prohibit pay raises for the Mayor and Council during deficit years. Fiscal accountability must be codified — not optional.

M. Kamau, Meadowview D-8

Thao Nguyen

Location:

Submitted At: 4:41pm 03-03-26

I am writing to agree with Paulina below and will reiterate by pasting the same ask below. As a person with an urban planning background, I am really disappointed with how far the proposed micro-community plans have come. This project is not supported by adequate social services and with the budget cuts, it is more evident that relying on a 2023 ordinance to approve \$5M projects without city council support is not reasonable. I am passionate about serving the unhoused, but this is a disservice and needs better interagency support to execute.

I ask that the Mayor or City Manager immediately agendize the proposal by Councilmember Lisa Kaplan, Vice Mayor Karina Talamantes, and Councilmember Rick Jennings and allow it to be heard by the full council. With two new council members, a new Mayor and a new City Manager, it is important to allow this proposal to be heard as soon as possible.

Paulina E

Location:

Submitted At: 12:09pm 03-03-26

I am writing with deep concerns about the proposed micro-community on El Centro Road and Arena Boulevard in District 1.

With the number of unanswered questions, I request that this micro-community at El Centro Road and Arena Boulevard be halted immediately.

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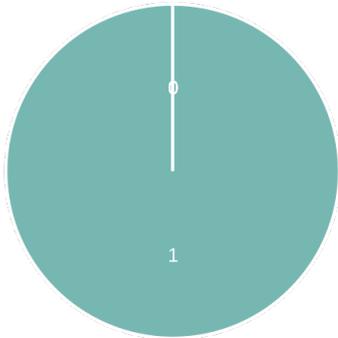
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Agenda Item: eComments for AMENDMENT MATERIAL added to Item 3 - See Agenda Item Below [Updated 02/27/2026 @ 2:50 PM]

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Mark Rodriguez

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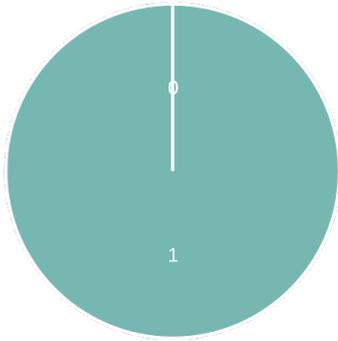
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Agenda Item: eComments for Print Meeting Amended Agenda

Overall Sentiment

Support (0%) Oppose (0%) Neutral (0%)
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