

SITING CANNABIS DISPENSARIES IN CANEMAH
OREGON CITY COMMISSION TESTIMONY FROM KAREN C. LYTLE BLAHA,
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DEAR COMMISSIONERS:

I am a property owner at 514 4th Avenue in Canemah. I have lived in Canemah for more than two decades. I believe that permitting cannabis dispensaries on Hwy. 99-E in Canemah would adversely impact this neighborhood that has within it a National Historic District. Here are my two main points:

1. Neighbors of Old Canemah Park at the north end of 3rd Avenue suffer from drug users of all types who frequent the park whether it's open or closed, day or night. It has become a chronic problem without an effective solution to date, despite the attention of Oregon City Police. This park may not fall within the park-prohibition boundaries for dispensaries, but it is so close it would offer a convient location for users.

2. Canemah has slowly been undergoing a renaissance since I first became a resident. At that time it was rife with run-down houses and drug problems. A memorable incident was an explosion, the result of a meth lab. Canemah had a negative reputation and I saw, and still ocassionally see, raised eyebrows when I tell folks where I live. However, when they come to visit and see the evolving renovations of historic homes and lovely new homes built under the city's strict codes, negative opinions quickly change. I think that allowing dispenaries in Canemah would tarnish the positive image we are working so hard to establish and maintain.

For these main reasons, among others, I respectfully request that the Commission exempt Canemah as an allowed cannabis dispensary location.

Sincerely,
Karen Blaha

A handwritten signature in cursive script that reads "Karen Blaha". The signature is written in dark ink and is positioned below the typed name.