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Commission and Mr. Leibowitz, I see that Bluepoint Wellness is trying again to expand their business into offering Medical/ Recreational marijuana at the current location. When permission was granted by this Commission quite a few years ago the documentation allowing the current location included language that recreational marijuana can **never** be sold out of this location.

A few years ago the owner of this business approached the P&Z and tried to change the language in the permitting documentation to allow the sale of recreational marijuana. The then current P&Z director, Danielle Dobin very aggressively told the applicant that there is **no way** this will happen and ended the meeting. Now they are back and going to try it again under a different Director.

Keep in mind that Regent's Park which is a residential community is only about 100 feet away from the current Blue Point Wellness location. In fact Regents' Park wraps around this location and almost in all respects the property line is 100-125 feet away. The residents of Regent's Park have absolutely no desire to be exposed to a recreational marijuana retail store. Regent's Park has about a dozen children living in the development and many times they will ride their bikes in the parking lot that is available for the customers of Bluepoint Wellness.

There is no reason to have a recreational marijuana store located near a residential development and in a strip mall that has a restaurant and liquor store almost adjacent to the proposed marijuana retail store.

I do believe that this Commission will act like Ms. Dobin did and tell the applicant **vociferously** that this request is a non-starter.

Thank You for your consideration in this matter.

Tom Bloch, President Regent's Park Condo. Association Regent's Park Tax District.