

LDC24-005 -Summary of Outside Referral Comments
Retail Marijuana Stores and Marijuana Production at DEA-Authorized Facilities

Referral Agency/Individual	Referral Response	Response
<u>ARAPAHOE COUNTY ASSESSOR</u>	No comments.	
<u>ARAPAHOE COUNTY OFFICE OF EMERGENCY MANAGEMENT</u>	No comments.	
<u>CITY OF CENTENNIAL</u>	No objection to provision allowing relocation of stores within the same building. Requested that DEA-authorized facilities be prohibited near Centennial, south of Arapahoe Road between I-25 and S Parker Road (similar to Arapahoe County’s prohibition on marijuana retail stores in that area).	The pending federal rescheduling of marijuana to Schedule 3 would place the drug in the same category as estrogen and acetaminophen with codeine. Arapahoe County staff does not recommend regulating the manufacture of one Federally regulated drug differently than other drugs with a similar classification.
<u>GREENWOOD VILLAGE</u>	No comments.	
<u>CITY OF SHERIDAN</u>	No comments.	
<u>I-70 REGIONAL ECONOMIC ADVANCEMENT PARTNERSHIP</u>	Supports rescheduling.	
<u>MICHAEL WEISSER</u>	Supports proposed change to allow retail stores to relocate within the same building.	

No response from the following agencies:

Adams County
Bow Mar
Cherry Hills Village
City of Aurora
City of Lone Tree
Columbine Valley
Deer Trail
Douglas County
Elbert County

Englewood
Foxfield
Glendale
Jefferson County
Littleton
Town of Bennett
Town of Parker
Washington County
Arapahoe county Public Health
Arapahoe County Sheriff – Land Use Referrals

Jason Reynolds

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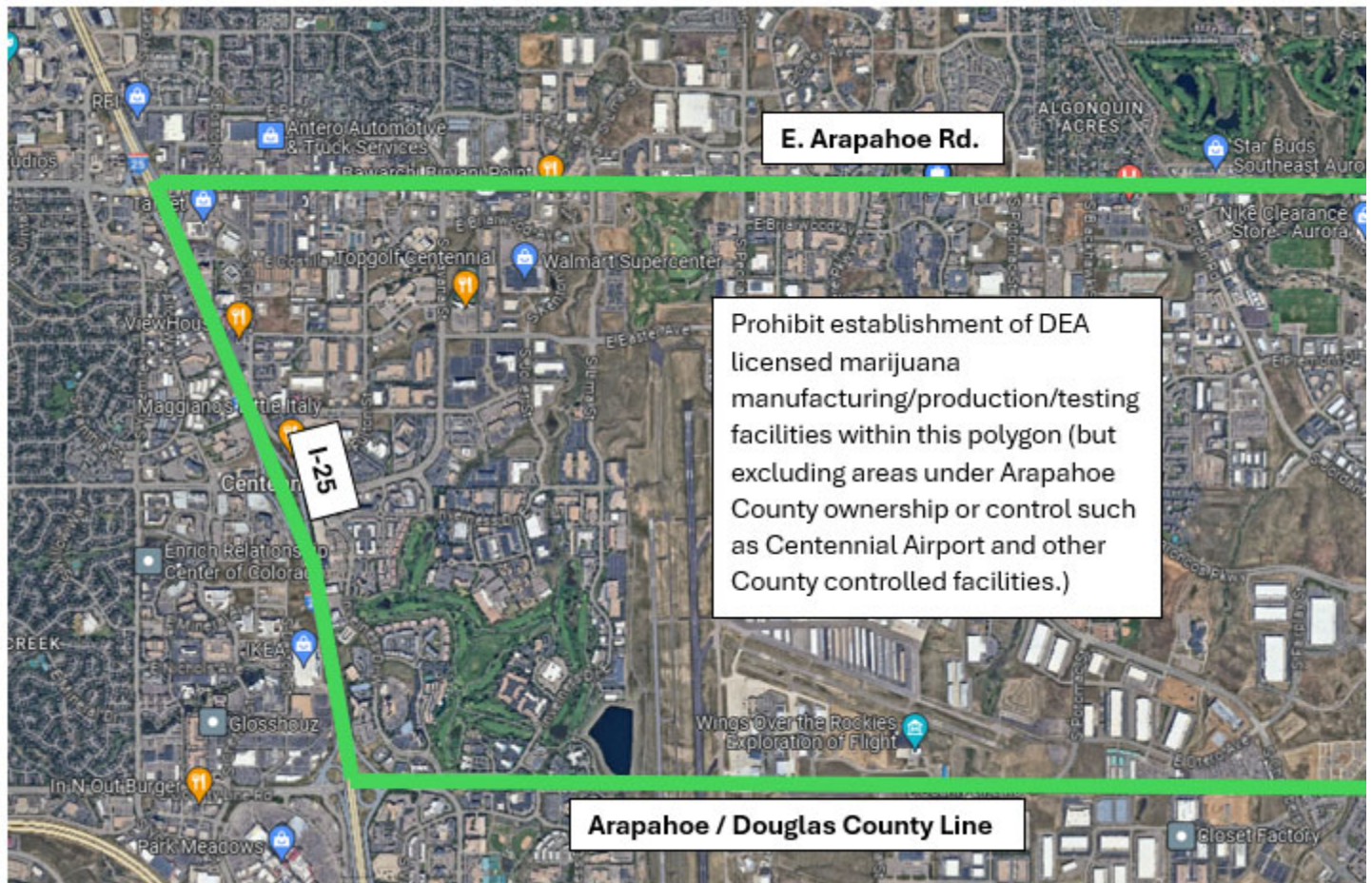
Jason,

The City of Centennial appreciates the opportunity to offer comments on Arapahoe County Referral # LDC24-005, Retail Marijuana Store and Marijuana Production at DEA Authorized Facilities.

After a review of the proposed amendments, the City of Centennial offers the following comments:

- The City offers no comments on LDC changes that allow for the relocation of existing medical/retail marijuana retail stores within existing buildings.
- Similar to the sentiments found in Centennial's response to Arapahoe County Referral #LDC22-004 (and highlighted in Centennial Resolution No. 2022-R-49), the City of Centennial strongly advocates that the Board of County Commissioners prohibit the establishment of DEA licensed marijuana manufacturing/production/testing facilities from an area generally bounded by E. Arapahoe Rd. to the north, S. Parker Rd. to the east, the Arapahoe/Douglas County line to the south, and I-25 to the west, but excluding areas under Arapahoe County ownership or control such as Centennial Airport and other County controlled facilities. This prohibition would eliminate the possibility of newly established DEA licensed marijuana manufacturing/production/testing facilities being located along or near E. Arapahoe Rd., S. Parker Rd., E. Broncos Pkwy., the I-25 and Dry Creek Interchange, Inverness Business Park, Dove Valley, and other areas.

Please let us know if you have any further questions.



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**COMMENTS BY THE
I-70 REGIONAL ECONOMIC ADVANCEMENT PARTNERSHIP (COLORADO)
TO DOCKET DEA 1362/A.G. ORDER 5931-2024
“SCHEDULES OF CONTROLLED SUBSTANCES: RESCHEDULING OF MARIJUANA”
JULY 22, 2024**

This rural organization urges adoption of the proposed rule as is and with all deliberate speed.

Rescheduling sparks new scientific ingenuity and jobs where agriculture, bio-technical, bio-medical and career awareness meet in eastern Colorado.

Legitimate medical uses of marijuana are accepted by HHS but under heavy restriction. A looser regime under Schedule 3 gives biomedical experts wiggle room to research, develop, test and evaluate new products and uses. New product and process patents are a certainty.

REAP agrees that DOJ’s eight factors be considered if and when making the change. Current knowledge about abuse, risk, public health and dependence is important. But there is a chicken and egg dilemma. Applied to bio-medical, experts can better define those factors but only under Schedule 3.

One expert is bio-tech leader Kazmira. With 25 employees and seven patents, it turns medical grade hemp into legal cannabinoid products. It sticks to a botanical over synthetic approach. Additionally, it introduces rural students to futures in agriculture, chemistry, business and medicine.

Kazmira will be first out of the gate upon Notice of Final Rule. That’s the needed spark.

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August 9, 2024

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Dear Ms. Orkild-Larson:

I have read the proposed Amendment to the Marijuana Ordinance that has been proposed, and as a licensee in Arapahoe County I would like to express my support for the change in the Ordinance to allow relocation within the same premises. I think it makes economic sense and common sense to move forward with this Amendment.

Respectfully submitted,

COLORADO COMPASSIONATE CAREGIVERS,
LLC


MICHAEL H. WEISSER

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cc: Jason Renyalds