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## 130 & 134 Worcester St. - Discern'd Cannabis Purveyors, Inc. - Marijuana Dispensary

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# Exhibit 9

Planning Board Public Comment Form  
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Public Comment Disclaimer: I have read and understand the Public Comment Disclaimer.

Comments: I am in disagreement to this permit for a Cannabis shop in a location that is central to Grafton, on a main street and easily visible to all children and teenagers who frequent that road. I understand that the town is allowed to have 2 shops and it is important for the financial stability of our town. But as a local pediatrician, I have concerns about the message we are giving to our youth. Marijuana is not a benign drug, especially for teens. The concentration of THC in substances sold have increased considerably, and this gives rise to overdose and addiction. The developing mind is much more likely to get addicted. Addiction in teenagers is associated with both cognitive and psychological issues. Repeated studies have shown that loosening of the marijuana laws and perceived acceptance by adults has decreased the perceived risk of use in teenagers. Grafton is very lucky to have several pediatricians, pediatric specialist, social workers and counselors in our town. They have been coming to the meetings and trying to limit the exposures for teenagers. Ask any of us, we see the negative side every week. The amount of teenagers struggling with cannabis use disorder and mental health issues stemming from use, increases every year. The perception that marijuana is safe for use is posing a danger for our kids. We cannot stop stores from opening, but I think the best way is to allow the shops to open in areas that are not easily assessible for our youth. They should not be placed in locations that are close to schools, on bus routes, near shops and restaurants that they visit. That is the main road into Grafton, everyone uses it. It will be highly visible. I think it would be better in a different place.