

**SPECIAL MEETING  
BUILDING BOARD OF APPEALS  
CITY OF EL CENTRO, CALIFORNIA  
WEDNESDAY, NOVEMBER 04, 2021, 5:30 P.M.**

**OPEN SESSION**

The Building Board of Appeals met in a special session on Thursday, November 4, 2021 at 5:30 p.m. in Council Chambers, El Centro City Hall, 1275 Main Street, El Centro, California.

**PRESENT:** Board: Soto, Escalante, Chell, Maroke (Via Zoom)  
City Clerk/Board of Appeals Administrator Wyles, Counsel Holbrook

**ABSENT:** Alvarez

Pledge of Allegiance to the flag of the United States of America was led by Chairperson Darian Dax Chell.

**NEW BUSINESS**

1. Hearing on the following commercial cannabis business permit appeals pursuant to El Centro City Code Section 13-163 and procedures adopted by the Appeals Board.

Note: Additional documents were admitted into records by Chairperson Chell.

Commercial cannabis Business Permit Appeal Hearing: Appellant **El Centro Green Retail Outlet, Inc. (CBNP 20-06)**.

- A. Introductory Remarks – Remarks received by El Centro Green Retail Outlet, Inc.
- B. Open and Conduct the Hearing – Opened by Chairperson Chell
- C. Close the Hearing – Closed by Chairperson Chell
- D. Appeals Board Discussion – Board member Escalante complimented the City in how the appeal procedures have been handled.
- E. Determination of Whether or Not to Uphold the Appeal

Moved by Chell, second by Maroke, to approve the appeal

AYES: Chell, Maroke  
NOES: Soto, Escalante  
ABSENT: Alvarez  
ABSTAIN: None

**Motion did not pass, board discussed the motion outcome and decided to vote again.**

Moved by Chell, second by Escalante, deny the applicant, the appellant, a commercial cannabis business permit appeal hearing, appellant El Centro Green Retail Outlet, Inc. CNBP 20-06.

AYES: Soto, Escalante, Chell, Maroke  
NOES: None  
ABSENT: Alvarez  
ABSTAIN: None

Building Board of Appeals recessed from 6:55 p.m. - 7:02 p.m.

2. Hearing on the following commercial cannabis business permit appeals pursuant to El Centro City Code Section 13-163 and procedures adopted by the Appeals Board.

Note: Additional documents were admitted into records by Chairperson Chell.

Commercial cannabis Business Permit Appeal Hearing: Appellant **LEEF EC Retail, LLC (CBNP 20-09)**.

- A. Introductory Remarks – Remarks received by LEEF EC Retail, LLC
- B. Open and Conduct the Hearing – Opened by Chairperson Chell
- C. Close the Hearing – Closed by Chairperson Chell
- D. Appeals Board Discussion - Board member Escalante complimented the City in how the appeal procedures have been handled.
- E. Determination of Whether or Not to Uphold the Appeal

Moved by Chell, second by Escalante, to reject commercial cannabis business appeal hearing appellate LEEF EC Retail, LLC (CBP 20-09).

AYES: Soto, Escalante, Chell, Maroke  
NOES: None  
ABSENT: Alvarez  
ABSTAIN: None

Per Counsel Holbrook - Board Procedures: A written decision of this board in accordance with the motions made by this board will be provided within fourteen (14) calendar days of November 4, 2021. A decision will be provided on November 18, 2021.

**PUBLIC COMMENTS**

None

**ADJOURNMENT**

Being no further business, the meeting was adjourned at 8:30 p.m.

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Norma Wyles,  
Cannabis Appeals Board Administrator

APPROVED BY

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Darian Dax Chell, Chairperson