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## **PUBLIC FORUM: CANNABIS DISPENSARIES & THE COMMUNITY** **Free community event hosted by The American Institute of Architects Pasadena & Foothill Chapter on Thursday, May 30th**

May 14th, 2019 - The American Institute of Architects, Pasadena and Foothill Chapter will be hosting a free Public Forum: ***Cannabis Dispensaries & the Community / Architects Creating Blueprints for Better Communities and Safe Environments*** on Thursday, May 30<sup>th</sup>, 6:00-8:00pm at 790 E. Colorado Blvd. (ground floor conference room). To RSVP to go [www.aiapf.org](http://www.aiapf.org).

Following the passage of Measures CC and DD, the door for dispensaries was opened in Pasadena. It is not clear how the coming cannabis industry will affect the community but there is much to consider including neighborhood compatibility, zoning, and health & safety issues.

In an effort to educate and build public awareness about the impending cannabis dispensaries, AIA Pasadena & Foothill invites the community to join developers, business owners and a cannabis company for an evening discussion. Panelists will discuss the business of cannabis and the challenges of building these types of projects.

*“The application window for the City’s commercial cannabis program closed January 31st, 2019. A total of 128 applications were submitted... The applications are currently being reviewed... Applicants with the highest scores following both the review of applications and the interview will be identified to submit an application for a land use approval to receive a commercial cannabis permit. Interviews are anticipated to occur in June”*

*City of Pasadena: Commercial cannabis application website*

“With new regulations in place and a limited number of permits to be given out, cannabis is coming to Pasadena. As architects it is our responsibility to use our technical and design skills to shape the built environment. This forum will provide information to help guide our members who will be involved in the planning, permitting, and construction process for this new type project. We encourage the public to attend and to join in the conversation,” said Jay Zapata, AIA chapter president. “Architects build cities and neighborhoods and should take the lead when it comes to designing something as provocative as a dispensary or as modest as an accessory dwelling unit.”

To learn more about this and future events visit [www.aiapf.org](http://www.aiapf.org)

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