

Worley Beds owner voices her “strongest opposition” to recreational marijuana on Pope’s Island

In an email dated Feb 13, 2019, Worley Beds Factory Outlet owner Martha Worley voiced her opposition to New Bedford City Council President Linda Morad.

“I would like to express in the strongest terms my opposition to the efforts being made to accommodate a recreational cannabis business at 161 Popes Island by granting them a zoning waiver. My business is located at 197 Popes Island and I have been here since 1993. Not only is Marine Park located directly across the street, but as I am sure you are aware, Noah’s Playground is also there. It seems unfathomable to me that that the council would even entertain a waiver for the very first establishment that is requesting a license to operate under an ordinance that was unanimously passed by this body. The absence of any opposition by the existing business community on the island is due to the fact that we have been unaware of when the subject will come before the council and therefore, left out of the process. May I humbly request notification when this will come before you in the future so that I and my business neighbors can be heard on this? I support and want retail and commercial businesses to thrive in New Bedford, but having a cannabis business across the street from a park and a big, very popular playground is shortsighted and just a bad idea.”

Respectfully,
Martha Worley

To get caught up on the proposed retail marijuana business

that hopes to open at the former strip club on Pope's Island, go [here](#).

The full email exchange between Martha Worley and Linda Morand can be seen here (use the arrows to read both pages):

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