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Panel nixes ordinance on cannabis lounges

Evanston's Planning and Development Committee shot down changes to city code that would have allowed for cannabis consumption lounges, citing the city's Clean Air Act and the impacts of secondhand smoke.

Councilmember Devon Reid, who introduced the changes, argued that the city should make the exception despite concerns by some of the potential adverse health impacts on the community.

Senior Manager of Policy and Advocacy for the Respiratory Health Association Kelly Nichols said that proposed ventilation for cannabis lounges won't be enough to protect workers and that there is no safe amount of secondhand smoke.

"Evanstonians deserve a consistent policy that promotes health," Nichols said. [READ](#)

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