

Sean Mack Quoted in a Rockland County Business Journal Regarding Towns' Decision to Opt Out of Cannabis Dispensaries and Lounges

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Sean Mack, partner and co-chair of the Cannabis & Hemp Law practice at Pashman Stein Walder Hayden, was quoted in the *Rockland County Business Journal*, "Rockland Towns & Villages Grappling with Dec. 31 Deadline on Opting-Out of Cannabis Dispensaries, Lounges." The article discusses issues arising from the decision by towns to opt-out of allowing dispensaries and lounges in their town. The article notes that Nyack had prepared a resolution for its October 28 meeting to opt out, but after hearing residents' concerns, said they needed more time to consider the issue.

"Nyack is understandably cautious and waiting for more guidance from the state but the reality is that the guidance will not tell towns and villages whether or where in town it's appropriate to have a dispensary or a consumption lounge," said Sean Mack, a Nyack resident and attorney with Pashman, Stein.

Mack said state guidelines will focus on how to make sure products are safe and operators behave responsibly.

Many who spoke during Nyack's Zoom meeting said the Village should consider zoning the under-performing upper part of Nyack for dispensaries.

"Dispensaries will be a great opportunity to turn around dilapidated buildings," Mack said. "I am working with several clients who are looking to open dispensaries in New Jersey. Most are planning high-end retail stores that look like the Apple Store or Sephora. They help create a vibrant business community."

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