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Citizens Against Legalizing Marijuana

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Dear Elected Official,

The two most important responsibilities of elected officials at any level of government are first and foremost to protect the people, and secondly, to manage tax dollars. Making marijuana, a very dangerous drug, readily available threatens your ability to do either.

Young people aged 12-25 have the highest consumption rate of marijuana. This group is under the threshold of a mature brain. Marijuana causes physical changes in the developing brain reducing cognitive skills, memory, and motivation. It can cause a permanent loss of IQ by up to 8 points which moves a student a full category – from average to below average. Marijuana users are 5 times more susceptible to suicide, and 7 times more susceptible to mental illness. It is a causal factor in psychotic breaks leading to violent acts, mental illness including schizophrenia, paranoia, bi-polar disorder, addiction, birth defects, and impaired driving. All of this translates to more crime, homelessness, academic failure, traffic deaths, and incalculable damage to our environment.

Obviously there is huge money in illicit drugs. The cartels prove that. Cartels are not concerned with public health and safety or the related social costs. As with alcohol and tobacco, the social costs are 10 times the tax revenues. Increased marijuana use will be no different. Colorado's experience has shown that actual taxes on marijuana are significantly less than what was projected. And they do not come close to covering the increased costs of law enforcement, ER visits, DUI traffic accidents, regulation and crime. Additionally, the great increase in use by youth leads to very high school drop-out rates.

You only have until January 2018 to establish local ordinances to restrict retail growing and distribution of marijuana for any use. After January, only the State will have the power to grant licenses to grow, distribute, and regulate marijuana regardless of the consequences to your community. **You will lose your local control over this issue. Basing the economic future of your community at the expense of the lives and intellect of your constituents is not a good idea.**

The enclosed Brochure spells out what you can do now before it is too late to protect your citizens.

ACT NOW!

Citizens Against Legalizing Marijuana

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Citizens Against Legalizing Marijuana, (CALM), is an all-volunteer Political Action Committee dedicated to defeating any effort to legalize marijuana in California.

Campaign ID# 1326759

Watch the Marijuana Societal COSTS Soar when you Legalize it

Increased Child Exposures

Increased Addictions

Increased Marijuana Driving
Fatalities

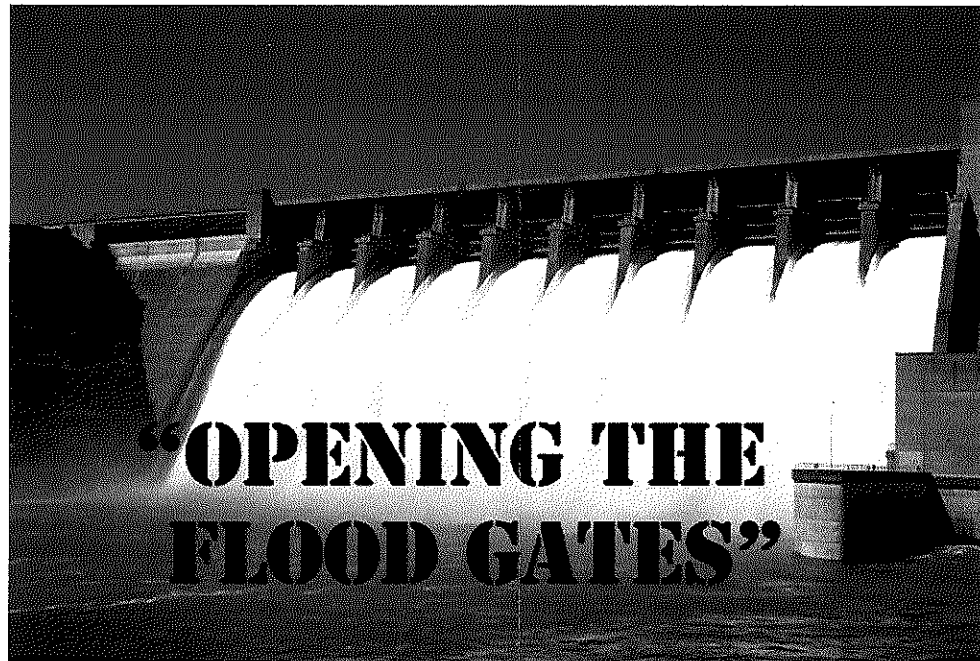
Increased Homelessness

Increased Black Market

Increased Teen Use

Increased Emergency Room
Visits

Increased Low Birth Weights



**Just like Tobacco and Alcohol – for every \$1 in Marijuana
Taxes Received will COST Society \$10**

Increase Poison Control Calls
for Marijuana Poisonings

BHO Building Explosions

Increased Hospitalizations

Increased Environmental
Damages

Increased Violence

Increased Marijuana Positive
Birth Rates

Increased Crime

HOW YOU CAN HELP

- 1. Get involved in the political process in your community, and ask your friends to join YOU.
- 2. SEND A CHECK to Citizens Against Legalizing Marijuana at the address below. Even \$5.00 helps provide support to local communities.
- 3. Credit card donations are accepted through the website www.calmca.org

All funds will be used to help reduce the availability and use of marijuana in our communities.

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The following information is required by the State FPPC for all contributions of \$100 or more:
Name: _____
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Please detach and mail to:
CITIZENS AGAINST LEGALIZING MARIJUANA
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Email: _____
(For CALM use only); we will not share your name.

Go to <http://www.CALMca.org> to:

- 1. Order these brochures to send to friends and colleagues
- 2. Order CALM educational flyers on marijuana – English and Spanish
- 3. Learn more ways to restrict the marijuana industry’s presence in your community

Groups against further commercialization of marijuana:
(Contact us to add your group to the list.)

Senator Dianne Feinstein, California Police Chiefs Association, Teamsters, Los Angeles Police Protective League, Association of Los Angeles Deputy Sheriffs, California Hospitals Association International Faith Based Coalition, Take Back America, California Narcotic Officer’s Association, California Sheiff’s Association, CADFY, Smart Approches to Marijuana (SAM), National Families in Action, CDFC, America Cares, Courage to Speak, Moms Strong

Everyone in Colorado
Told California to vote NO on Legal Weed (Prop 64)
(*Educators, Superintendents, The Governor, Past-Governors, Mayors, the DA, Moms, High School students)

Colorado’s “Regulate and Control” policies have increased underage and adult use, poisonings, addiction, homelessness and drugged driving.

Californians MUST understand these results, so we know what to expect in California and can try to mitigate these grave consequences:

Colorado

- Colorado uses more marijuana than any other state in America since legalizing in 2012. Use among 18-25 year olds in Colorado is 74% higher than the national average, use among ages 12-17 is 62% higher, and use among 26+ year olds is 104% higher.
- Drug crimes rose 12.5% in 2015 in Denver. **Homicides were up over 74%.**
- Marijuana **poisonings are up 148%**; up 153% among children 0 to 5 year olds.
- **A marijuana business for every 47 residents** is found among Denver’s communities of color.
- Illegal drug traffickers and cartels hide among “the State’s flourishing legal marijuana industry.”

Washington

- **One-third (33%) of all DUI cases now test positive for THC,** up from 19% in 2012.
- Fatal accidents involving THC have **increased over 120% from 2010 to 2014.**
- 49% of 18-25 year-olds who used marijuana in the past month had driven a car within three hours of getting high. 16% of those young adults do this 6+ times a month.
- Marijuana driving fatalities nearly match alcohol driving fatalities (27% and 29% respectively).
- Kids ages 12-17 accounted for **74% of all state marijuana drug-busts in 2014** (up from 28.9% in 2010).
- There are 200 more recreational marijuana businesses than Starbucks outlets. These marijuana businesses are fueling massive increases in marijuana use.

Sources: 2015 Rocky Mountain HIDTA Data; Washington Post, April 14, 2016, Dozens arrested in Denver-area pot raids targeting exporter; Northwest High Intensity Drug Trafficking Area (HIDTA) office in Seattle

*Go to calmca.org for a complete list of Coloradoans.

If your city/county does not restrict marijuana activity by the end of 2017, the State can grant licenses to conduct marijuana business in your community.

Act immediately to prevent this.
It only takes one person to get started:

- 1. Your city/county may have ordinances that deal with “medical” marijuana businesses, but recreational use allowed in Prop 64 will require a new ordinance. This can provide protection for the community if it’s done right.**
- 2. Encourage your city/county to ban everything Prop 64 allows them to ban. They can always “un-ban” later once everyone has real experience living with recreational marijuana. Also, if a city/county decides to ban later, any license the State has already granted cannot be revoked, i.e. pot shops cannot be closed if a community decides later it doesn’t want marijuana in its commercial districts.
- 3. Prop 64 allows a city/county to ban the following commercial marijuana licenses and operating procedures:
 - o Outdoor cultivation (small, medium & large)
 - o Indoor cultivation (small, medium & large)
 - o Manufacturing (small & large)
 - o Testing
 - o Retailer (storefront)
 - o On-premise consumption
 - o Mobile Delivery
 - o Distributor (wholesaler)
 - o Microbusiness (cultivator, manufacturer, retailer, distributor – under 10K sf)
 - o Outdoor home cultivation
- 4. Start educating** friends and neighbors about the dangers of pot. Form community alliances to ensure broad community support. Note: Pro-pot businesses are very aggressive in these efforts.
- 5. Because these ordinances can be passed by majority vote of a Council or Board (voter approval is not required), it is important to set up individual meetings with your city council members and county supervisors to express your preference for a comprehensive ban in your community.

If a local governing board won’t restrict recreational marijuana by ordinance, voters do have the right to initiate a ban by ballot measure.

- 6. If your city/county insists on regulating recreational marijuana businesses instead of banning them, a small degree of public health protection may be achieved by increasing the distance of all marijuana businesses to schools, banning mobile delivery, banning on-premise consumption and setting strict hours of operation and security controls.

FYI - Landlords may prohibit growing, smoking or using pot in their rental properties, but must change the lease to say this.

FYI - Employers can maintain drug-free work places, but this is becoming more complicated in places like Colorado. Keep an eye on employment developments in policy and the courts.

** Go to calmca.org for examples of ordinances & marijuana harms

Citizens Against Legalizing Marijuana (CALM)

Marijuana continues to be illegal under Federal Law.



To the detriment of our Children and California’s future, Proposition 64 passed.

What’s legal/allowed today for recreational pot use:

- Adults can grow 6 pot plants in their home or apartment (**untaxed, unregulated, unlicensed**).
- Those 21 or older may use, give or share marijuana in a private residence.
- Pot can be **advertised in all media**.
- Pot can be promoted in any form – merchandise, swag, free subscriptions, etc.
- Transport of pot on all streets.
- **In 2018, the State will begin issuing licenses for these commercial activities in your city/county:**

- o Outdoor cultivation (small, medium)
- o Indoor cultivation (small, medium)
- o Manufacturing (small & large)
- o Testing
- o Retailer (storefront & mobile delivery)
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- There are no restrictions on the number of licenses the State can grant in your city/county.
- **Convicted felons** can acquire a license to run any kind of marijuana businesses in your city/county.

What’s not legal/not allowed today:

- Smoking pot in public – however, it only carries a \$100 fine.
- Driving under the influence of marijuana – however, the incidences of this have doubled in other rec-legal states.
- Conducting recreational marijuana related business without a license from the State.
- Using marijuana under 21.



Heavy marijuana use is linked to downward social class mobility, anti-social behaviors, and relationship conflict.¹⁶

MARIJUANA IS NO JOKE

Less than 0.1% of state prisoners are in jail for simple possession.¹⁰



Gateway to Other Drugs

- Marijuana works on the same receptor system in the brain as heroin.
- Marijuana primes the brain to seek stronger drugs.
- Marijuana is a major pathway to opioid addiction.



Marijuana and the Brain¹⁹

- Causes and exacerbates: **Addiction, Depression, Psychosis, Schizophrenia**
- Psychotic breaks / Violent acts / Anxiety
- Loss of memory, perception, motor skills
- Mental degeneration

Drugged Driving

- Driving tests show marijuana impairs reaction times, divided-attention tasks, lane-position variability (weaving), peripheral vision, cognitive function & coordination.¹
- **1 of every 8 traffic fatalities** in Colorado are marijuana related (+32% increase).²²
- Marijuana driving deaths doubled in one year after legalization in Washington.²³
- For every 1 marijuana-user death, .7 innocents die (pedestrian, bicyclists, passengers, etc.)⁷
- Combining marijuana with alcohol increases impairment up to 8 times.¹



Teen Use/Users

- Increases dramatically wherever marijuana is legalized.
- Causes irreversible IQ loss up to 8 points and higher likelihood of Amotivational Syndrome.¹³
- **1 in 6 teens who try marijuana will become addicted.**¹²
- Heavy Users are less likely to graduate.¹⁵
- **7x increase in suicide ideation.**¹⁵
- Big Marijuana's goal – teen users today become lifetime consumers tomorrow.

Fetal Risk

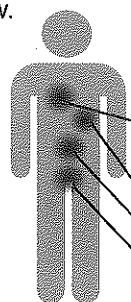
Marijuana use during pregnancy crosses the placental and blood/brain barrier and increases the baby's susceptibility to:⁵

- Lower birth weight
- Addiction later in life
- Birth defects & cancers
- Problem solving and learning difficulties later in life

Studies show genetic changes in offspring of heavy users.⁹

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Physical Health Impacts

LUNGS: Smoke from marijuana contains 4-5x the toxins, irritants & carcinogens as tobacco smoke; 20 times more ammonia.¹⁹

Increases likelihood of **HEART ATTACK**

IMMUNE SYSTEM is weakened

Negatively impacts **REPRODUCTIVE SYSTEM**¹⁴

DEATH RATE 4x higher than non-users.²⁵

Think Marijuana is harmless? You don't know POT!

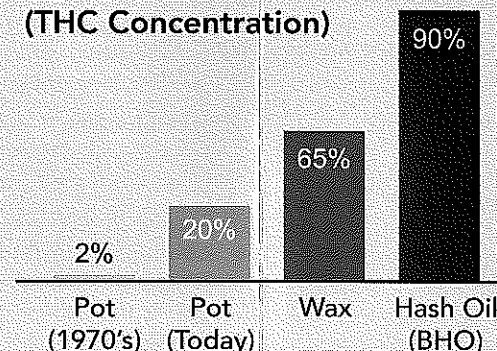
POTENCY:

Marijuana (a.k.a. Cannabis) today is

10-40x stronger than 40 years ago

THC (the mind-altering chemical in marijuana that gets a user high) is stored in fat tissue and is slowly released back into the blood stream keeping that THC in the body for many days, even weeks after the pot is used. This THC continues to negatively affect memory and emotional processing, organs and bodily systems.⁴

TETRAHYDROCANNABINOL (THC Concentration)



Crime

- **50%** of men and **30%** of women arrested for any crime test positive for marijuana.
- **70%** of inmates are addicted to drugs and/or alcohol.²
- **Guns** and other weapons are common at both large and home cultivation sites.



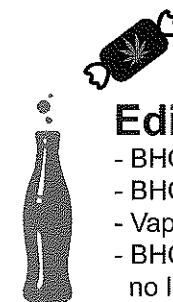
Butane Hash Oil (BHO)

- Increases THC potency to 90%²¹
- As dangerous to make and consume as meth
- Easily causes **explosions and fires** in neighborhoods where it is cooked.



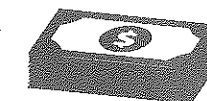
Edibles / Vaping

- BHO used in "Vaping" devices (aka e-cigarettes) creates a cancer-causing inhalant.
- BHO is used in the manufacture of candy, brownies, soda, gummies, butters, etc.
- Vaping and Edibles are **favorite ways for youth to ingest marijuana** (THC).
- BHO is not overseen by any regulatory body. There are no quality controls, no limits on potency, or limits on contaminants (pesticides, herbicides).



Marijuana is Big Money (but not for the community)

- One plant can bring \$2,000 to \$4,000 to a grower/distributor.
- **Black Markets still thrive after legalization.**¹⁸
- Tax revenues from pot sales do NOT cover **increased** crime, health care or addiction services. Revenues are projected to be less than .003% of total CA state tax revenue.⁶
- Cost of law enforcement increases, not decreases with legalization.
- CA already has 50,000 illegal cultivation sites that supply 60% of marijuana to the US.⁸



Marijuana is NOT Earth-Friendly²⁰

- 1 plant uses 6 gallons of water per day.
- Streams diverted to grow sites kill plants & animals downstream.
- Poisons and illegal fertilizers contaminate streams and forests.

Is Marijuana really Medicine?

The Federal Food and Drug Administration confirms that **whole plant marijuana and THC oils are NOT medicine.**

- Components may have medicinal value, i.e. CBD (Cannabidiol)¹¹
- To protect the public, the FDA testing and approval process determines drug safety, dosing efficacy, side effects, potency, duration, interactions, etc.
- Pot shop "baristas" who recommend this psychoactive drug make medical conditions worse (e.g. PTSD, pediatric seizures, glaucoma and even pain).²⁶

"First, Do No Harm"
Marijuana is harmful



OPPOSE MARIJUANA USE

American Medical Association
American Cancer Society
American Epilepsy Society
American Academy of Pediatrics
American M.S. Society
National Eye Institute
American Lung Association
and others²⁶

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