



**For immediate release**

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**County Cannabis Staff Report Disappoints**

**While the staff report to be presented at the Board of Supervisors this morning represents a slight movement from total prohibition, it fails to address the public health crisis faced by patients living in areas where political leaders have ignored the will the voters clearly expressed in Proposition 64. Although limits on number of business are poor policy, NORML can live with that aspect of the proposal as a first step. What we can't live with is the continued demonization of the cannabis industry reflected throughout the report: the Board needs to make a clear and unequivocal statement that the cannabis industry is welcome in Contra Costa County. "All living cannabis plants and all cannabis in excess of 28.5 grams produced by those plants must be kept in a locked room and may not be visible from an adjacent property, right of way, street, sidewalk or other place accessible to the public." Why do we not have similar regulations for radishes?**

**In our initial estimate, the proposals will get the County up to 20 or 30 points out of a possible 100 (cannabis friendly) scale developed by researchers, hardly the leadership the voters expect from the Board. 60% of voters supported Proposition 64.**

**NORML demands the Board:**

- **Go on record as welcoming the cannabis industry to Contra Costa County. Address the public health crisis by instructing staff to prepare emergency regulations permitting at least one compassionate center in Central County.**
- **Remove health department powers listed based on their biased report rooted in Reefer Madness that relies heavily on the thoroughly discredited Rocky Mountain HIDTA Reports referred to by Brookings Institute as "garbage."**
- **Vote against the recommendation to wait for tax to pass. End prohibition now.**
- **Approve 600' buffers, Map A**
- **Send staff back to drawing board on applicant selection process: the RPF, points-system has proven to be a nightmare in other jurisdictions.**

# Let us grow cannabis freely at home

**Home growing is a right.** *California has a history of cannabis home gardens. Home growing was included in the first legalization effort in 1972, recommended by the AG's California Research Advisory Council in 1989, legalized for patients in 1996, legalized for collectives in 2004 and approved by 57% of state voters by passing Proposition 64 in 2016.*

**Growing six plants outdoors is safe, clean and affordable** as a way to provide a discreet personal supply. Using sunlight reduces energy consumption and the "carbon footprint" of our community. It is much more environmentally friendly to grow outdoors and makes a lot more sense, especially for low-income people and seniors who need to conserve and save money.

**Cannabis gardens are no different than other gardens.**

Cannabis is non-toxic and safer than some house and garden plants. For example, oleander, dieffenbachia, pothos and poinsettia plants are all toxic, while bougainvillea, thistles, roses and other common yard plants have thorns that can draw blood. Discreet marijuana gardens pose no more risk than your typical outdoor vegetable garden.

**Worries about heavy use of pesticides and fertilizers are unfounded.** People who grow cannabis at home do not want to use toxic pesticides, like hired gardeners who trim hedges and kill weeds do, because we intend to consume it ourselves. Most home growers are as organic as possible, others use Miracle Gro™ type fertilizers but nothing dangerous. After all, if you plan to eat the vegetables you grow, do you poison them? No. Neither do we.

**Small indoor gardens do not require structural changes or pose risks.** People's showers often have more mold than a marijuana garden. These systems were designed for ease of use. A modern indoor garden fits inside a room or a smaller area. A tent garden requires no alterations at all, just floor space. Most homes can already accommodate two to four HID lamps with no modifications. CFL and LED lamps use less power and run cooler. Most personal indoor gardens use only two lamps, one for flowering and one for non-flowering, or a single lamp can also be used for both stages. Soil gardens don't require hydroponic systems and can simply be hand watered. Moisture liners around an indoor garden trap any spills to prevent leaks. Ventilation fans run quietly to push excess moisture outdoors. Dehumidifiers suck moisture from the air. Any problems can be mitigated.

**It's easy to solve any potential problems without county enforcement.** We already need permits to make plumbing, electrical and other structural home modifications. Unless a nuisance is causing neighbors to complain, the county should stay out of it, like any other garden. There should be only two rules: 1) Get permits before you make any significant home modifications and 2) Don't bother your neighbors. We could have community mediators to resolve any issue, we don't need ordinances and fees. **Let us grow freely.**

Contact us:



# We are your nearby neighbors and we welcome, support and encourage local businesses.

The facts are clear in Colorado, Oregon, Washington — even here in California! Cannabis businesses make good neighbors who contribute to the neighborhood.

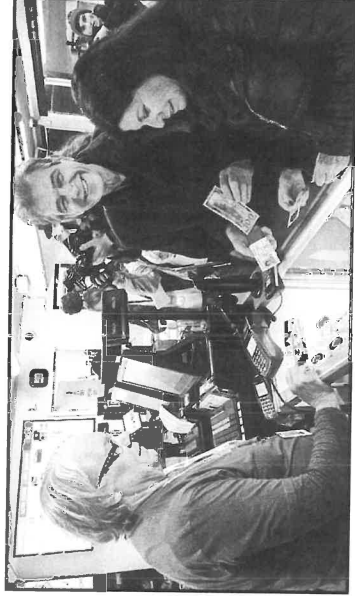
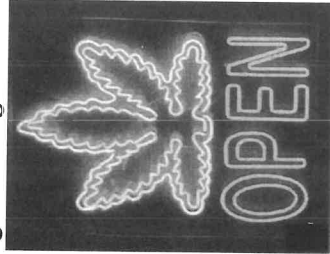
Dispensaries promote public safety and create jobs.

They upgrade our commercial zones, provide street security, protect children and generate new tax revenue.

Medical and adult cannabis consumers encourage local governments to welcome this new industry and make it inclusive, fair, affordable and easy to enter.

## It's time: license cannabis sales with on-site consumption.

*Call your City Council and County Supervisors: Licensing makes sense.*



### Sensible business regulations for cannabis should include:

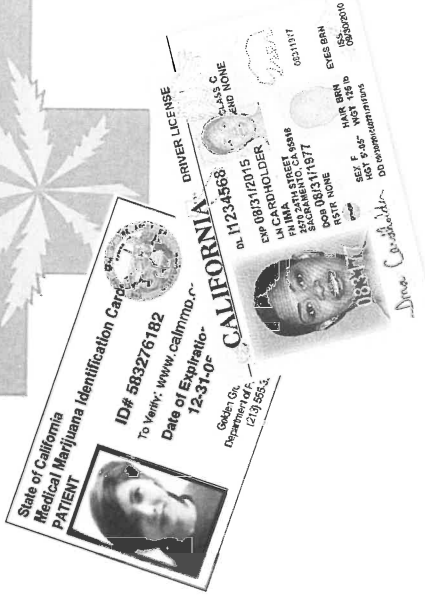
- 1) Affordable licenses that bring businesses and manufacturing jobs to our community.
- 2) Multiple local retail outlets with ample hours to spread out access and opportunities.
- 3) Delivery services for patients who can't get out to a brick and mortar shop.
- 4) On site consumption where people can relax, enjoy their cannabis and socialize.

Prop. 64, California BPC 26013.c: "Regulations issued under this division shall be necessary to achieve the purposes of this division, based on best available evidence, and shall mandate only commercially feasible procedures, [and] technology ... , nor shall such regulations make compliance unreasonably impracticable."

(dd) "Unreasonably impracticable" means that the measures necessary to comply with the regulations require such a high investment of risk, money, time, or any other resource or asset, that the operation of a marijuana establishment is not worthy of being carried out in practice by a reasonably prudent business person.

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# Licensed Cannabis Sales

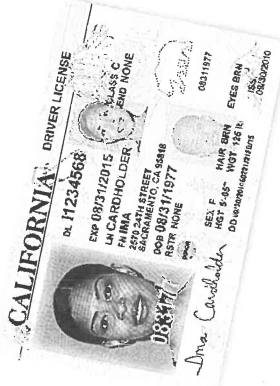


# Good for Our Public Safety

**More security, more control, better access, fewer street sales — and more tax revenue for communities**

**This is not scary. Cannabis is a plant. We are your neighbors who already consume cannabis. Help us out here.**

People have long been using cannabis in our community, safely and responsibly. California voters legalized and regulated adult use and sales in 2016, passing Prop. 64 by a solid majority.



***“Reasonable regulation should protect public health and include age restrictions on drug sales and use.”***

— Law Enforcement Action Partnership

Local governments are intended to implement the law in a way that reduces illicit sales. Failure to license sales pushes residents back to the traditional market of buying from friends or on street corners. To prevent that, localities need licensed production and retail access.

**Licensed cannabis sales require proper identification with proof of age.**

Requiring a photo ID card means that access is controlled: No one under age 21 can enter a shop and buy marijuana.

**Patients deserve safe and affordable access just like anyone else.**

Marijuana is legal. We don't force our residents to drive to another city or county to fill pharmacy prescriptions or get a six

pack of beer and a bottle of wine. Patients need compassion, not bans.

**On site consumption gives adults a safe, discreet place to partake.**

Many residents live in places that ban smoking or vaping. We need places to consume. No special accommodations are needed, other than a discreet outdoor location or a ventilated indoor location, perhaps with odor filtration.

**Licensed sales provide added safety and security by having a security guard and video monitoring streets.**

Los Angeles Police Department set out in 2009 to document its claim of an increase in crime around medical marijuana clubs. The report showed just the opposite — there was less crime associated with cannabis dispensaries than with banks, even though the city stuck dispensaries in higher crime areas to begin with.

**Licensed sales protect consumers by ensuring the purity and potency of products that are on the market.**

A big part of public safety is making sure people are not getting unsafe products. People want to know that they are getting labeled, quality controlled, safe and affordable cannabis products.

**Remember to accommodate:**

- **Affordable license fees**
- **Multiple retail outlets**
- **Delivery services**
- **On-site consumption**



**Over-taxing and over-regulating have the same effect as a ban by pushing people into the unregulated market.**

Bans are a form of bigotry and discrimination. Cannabusinesses are good neighbors who contribute to society. Don't kill the golden goose, losing business to nearby locales and propping up the underground market. Give us a chance and you'll see.

Here is a great opportunity to create small shops and keep that money right here in our local community, where it belongs.

***“One argument for legalizing pot has been to reduce illegal trafficking. But by imposing taxes that are too high on legal weed, politicians give pot heads an incentive to go back on the illegal market.”***

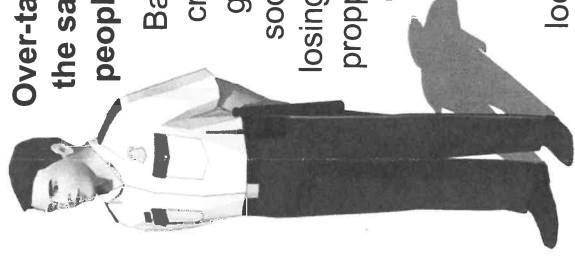
— Wall Street Journal, Nov 1, 2017

**Issuing more licenses and supporting a cottage industry creates competition and jobs for community residents.**

The traditional cannabis market created a thriving cottage industry with jobs that support thousands of our friends and neighbors. Let's bring them above board. Moderate, sensible regulation will allow these small businesses to come above board, thrive and grow.

Competition helps keeps quality high and prices competitive. Let the market decide.

***Call your Senator & Congressperson: Deschedule and let the States decide.***



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Board of Supervisors - Marijuana Public Comment  
April 24, 2018

Good morning Supervisors,

My name is Ali Wohlgemuth. I am a resident of Contra Costa County and work at Bay Area Community Resources where I provide alcohol and other drug prevention services to youth in West County.

While responsible marijuana use among adults is one thing, among children, it's entirely different. As a drug, MJ effects cerebral systems like memory, learning, and attention. Studies suggest that children's brains, still in developmental stages, are negatively affected by marijuana use, and that regular youth use of MJ can result in a significant loss of IQ. Marijuana use is associated with a 7-fold increase in risk of depression and a 5-fold increase in suicidal ideation. These are not things we want for our children.

As emerging marijuana companies grow, they will use the same tactics as Big Tobacco to sell addictive substances to any market available, including our youth. In Richmond, there has been a billboard marketing marijuana, directly across from Nystrom Elementary School, subjecting our children to the daily promotion of a substance that is harmful to their development. It would be a real shame for this persistent exposure to be normalized countywide.

Limiting youth exposure to marijuana advertising, on store fronts, billboards, and media outlets, particularly near in youth sensitive areas, is critical to health of our young people.

As a resident of Contra Costa County, it is my sincere hope that the board is taking into account all facets necessary to prevent youth marijuana use and protect the health of our young people.

**REQUEST TO SPEAK FORM (2 minute limit)**

Complete this form and place it in the upright box near the speaker's podium, and wait to be called by the Chair.

*Personal information is optional. This speaker's card will be incorporated into the public record of this meeting.*

**NAME (Print)** Qing Wang

*To ensure your name is announced correctly, you may include phonetic spelling.*

Address: 3676 stonehenge way

City: San Ramon CA 94582

Phone: 925.353.7387

I am speaking for: ☐ Myself

☒ Organization: Eastbay Trinity

Chinese Church

I wish to speak on Agenda Item # D.3

Date: 04/24/18

My comments will be: ☐ General

☐ For

☐ Against

☐ I wish to speak on the subject of:

☒ I do not want to speak but would like to leave comments for the Board to consider.  
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If you have handout materials, please give them to the Clerk.

Avoid repeating comments made by previous speakers.

In lieu of speaking, I wish to submit these comments:

① Marijuana <sup>smoke</sup> has nearly all the same carcinogens as cigarette smoke and is just as addictive.

② Marijuana smoke has 20 times more ammonia than tobacco smoke, and marijuana users typically breathe the smoke deeper.

③ Like secondhand tobacco smoke, it blocks normal functioning of arteries with the adverse effects of marijuana secondhand smoke last much longer than tobacco smoke.

**REQUEST TO SPEAK FORM (2 minute limit)**

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Date: 04-24-2018

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My comments will be: ☐ General  
☐ For  
☐ Against

NAME (Print) LIN DONG  
*To ensure your name is announced correctly, you may include phonetic spelling.*

☐ I wish to speak on the subject of:

Address: 3009 Sonsilla Lane.

City: San Ramon

Phone: 650-713-9305

I am speaking for: ☐ Myself  
☐ Organization East Bay Trinity Chinese Church

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In lieu of speaking, I wish to submit these comments:

Cannabis Can harm a person's memory and this impact can last for days or weeks after the immediate effect of the drug wear off.

~~student who use cannabis.~~  
~~have lower grades and~~

The health Risks of smoking Cannabis.

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NAME (Print) Juan Chen - Olsen

*To ensure your name is announced correctly, you may include phonetic spelling.*

Address: 3909 Happy valley Rd

City: Lafayette, CA 94549

Phone: 9253600562

I am speaking for: ☒ Myself

☐ Organization: \_\_\_\_\_

I wish to speak on Agenda Item # D03

Date: 4/24/18

My comments will be: ☐ General

☐ For

☐ Against

☐ I wish to speak on the subject of:

oppose legalize  
commercial and recreational  
marijuana.

☒ I do not want to speak but would like to leave comments for the Board to consider.  
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In lieu of speaking, I wish to submit these comments:

I am strongly against legalization  
of recreation. It is a gateway drug  
and has ruined many families  
in particular ~~parents~~ pregnant women  
with fetus.

I have seen first hand how  
drug abused parents ruined  
their children's life for  
life time deprive their  
ability to learn.

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NAME (Print) John Rudniski  
*To ensure your name is announced correctly, you may include phonetic spelling.*

Address: 3286 Gloria Terrace

City: Lafayette

Phone: 925-259-1353

I am speaking for: ☐ Myself  
☐ Organization: \_\_\_\_\_

I wish to speak on Agenda Item # 23

Date: 4/24/18

My comments will be: ☐ General  
☐ For  
☒ Against

☐ I wish to speak on the subject of: \_\_\_\_\_

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In lieu of speaking, I wish to submit these comments:

Contra Costa County  
will not benefit from  
legalized Marijuana production  
or sale.  
Marijuana production and sale  
will lead to more crime,  
violence, addiction of our  
youth and a reduced  
quality of life.  
Also, decreased real estate  
values.

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NAME (Print) Ye Liu

*To ensure your name is announced correctly, you may include phonetic spelling.*

Address: Park Lane Dr

City: Orinda

Phone: 925-270-5346

I am speaking for: ☐ Myself

☐ Organization: \_\_\_\_\_

<sup>not but comment</sup>  
I wish to speak on Agenda Item # D3

Date: 4/24/18

My comments will be: ☐ General

☐ For

☒ Against

reverted Marijuana

☐ I wish to speak on the subject of:

against

☒ I do not want to speak but would like to leave comments for the Board to consider.  
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In lieu of speaking, I wish to submit these comments:

1. cannot stand the smell of marijuana. It made me sick
2. a gateway to drug in the future
3. increase crime rate
4. increase traffic accident
5. benefit is not real.

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NAME (Print) LI CONG

*To ensure your name is announced correctly, you may include phonetic spelling.*

Address: 3209 Greenhills Dr.

City: Lafayette, LA

Phone: 925-930-6709

I am speaking for: ☐ Myself

☐ Organization: \_\_\_\_\_

I wish to speak on Agenda Item # D.3

Date: 4-24-18

My comments will be: ☐ General  
☐ For  
☐ Against

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I do not want commercial  
growth of marijuana in ~~near~~  
area close to resident area.

There are many good farming  
place for this. Marijuana is still  
a very controversial topic. Growing  
it in area close to residential area  
is a symbol of community division  
bad idea!

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NAME (Print) Kieran Ringgenborg  
To ensure your name is announced correctly, you may include phonetic spelling.

Address: 299 Third St Suite 106

City: Oakland

Phone: 510-420-3846

I am speaking for: ☒ Myself  
☐ Organization: \_\_\_\_\_

I wish to speak on Agenda Item # D.3

Date: 4/23/18

My comments will be: ☐ General  
☒ For  
☐ Against

☒ I wish to speak on the subject of: \_\_\_\_\_

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In lieu of speaking, I wish to submit these comments:

Staff's proposal to limit commercial  
cannabis cultivation to areas  
served by public water sources  
is arbitrary and counter-productive  
to the goal of sustainability.  
Agricultural uses commonly use  
well water, and instead of  
prohibiting any property unserved  
by public water, the Board  
should instead require consideration  
of overall sustainability in awarding  
licenses. A well user might be

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D.3

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My comments will be: ☐ General  
☐ For  
☒ Against

NAME (Print) VIJAY CHIRUMAMILLA, 6926 Emerson Lane

*To ensure your name is announced correctly, you may include phonetic spelling.*

SAILAJA MANGIPUDI, 311 DAWES Ct

☐ I wish to speak on the subject of:

Address: \_\_\_\_\_

City: SAN RAMON

Phone: \_\_\_\_\_

I am speaking for: ☐ Myself

☐ Organization: \_\_\_\_\_

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in lieu of speaking, I wish to submit these comments:

We are against commercial  
farming of Marijuana in San Ramon  
Against Industrial Cultivation  
of Marijuana in the unincorporated  
areas of Contra Costa County,  
especially San Ramon.

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NAME (Print) Maggie Huang  
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Address: 2698 Pargo Way

City: San Ramon CA

Phone: 925-9635868

I am speaking for: ☐ Myself  
☐ Organization: \_\_\_\_\_

I wish to speak on Agenda Item # D.3

Date: 4/24/18

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In lieu of speaking, I wish to submit these comments:

Contra Costa County  
should not sell community for  
profit. No let Marijuana pollute  
our Environment.  
No pot in my backyard!

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I wish to speak on Agenda Item # D.3

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☒ Against

NAME (Print) Ting Ding  
To ensure your name is announced correctly, you may include phonetic spelling.

☐ I wish to speak on the subject of: \_\_\_\_\_

Address: 1116 Hoskins Lane

City: San Ramon, CA 94582

Phone: 925-819-1820

I am speaking for: ☐ Myself  
☐ Organization: \_\_\_\_\_

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I am mother of two kids.  
I need to stand up to speak for  
my kids future I hope there is an  
safe ~~area~~<sup>area</sup> for them to grow. I  
don't want they have any chance to  
get contacted with drug. Their  
happiness will come from harding work  
and creative idea not from Marijuana.

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NAME (Print) FANG Pan

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Address: 4010 Reedland Circle

City: San Ramon, CA 94582

Phone: \_\_\_\_\_

I am speaking for: ☒ Myself

☐ Organization: \_\_\_\_\_

I wish to speak on Agenda Item # D3

Date: 4/24/2018

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I am against the growth and recreational consumption of weeds because 1) it will gradually drag the kids into drugs, and it has been proved in other places, 2) It can contaminate the land and water. 3) It can attract criminals to our place for robbery. 4) Most of all, it can increase car accidents.

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NAME (Print) Mingying Chen  
To ensure your name is announced correctly, you may include phonetic spelling.

Address: 7535 Balmoral Way

City: San Ramon, CA 94582

Phone: 925-361-8425

I am speaking for: ☒ Myself  
☐ Organization: \_\_\_\_\_

I wish to speak on Agenda Item # D.3

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In lieu of speaking, I wish to submit these comments:

I vote against allowing planting  
marijuana in county incorporated  
space. It will pollute our water,  
disturb the wild lifes, and  
bring down housing values. Most  
importantly, send a false signal  
to our kids for this gateway  
drug.

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NAME (Print) Zhenfang Zhang  
To ensure your name is announced correctly, you may include phonetic spelling.

Address: 351 Winterwind Circle

City: San Ramon, CA 94583

Phone: \_\_\_\_\_

I am speaking for: ☒ Myself  
☐ Organization: \_\_\_\_\_

I wish to speak on Agenda Item # D. 3

Date: 4/24/18

My comments will be: ☐ General  
☐ For  
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In lieu of speaking, I wish to submit these comments:

1. keep ~~may~~ marijuana away  
from kids

2. Don't sell community for profit

3. Don't allow plant marijuana  
in our county

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**NAME (Print)** Ying Tian

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**Address:** 5947 Lantana Way

**City:** San Ramon . CA

**Phone:** 510-928-6262

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☐ Organization: \_\_\_\_\_

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In lieu of speaking, I wish to submit these comments:

We always say environmental  
friendly but please think about  
what we really did for our  
future and the young generation's  
future. Marijuana might has  
short time economic benefit, then  
what <sup>about</sup> the bad results?  
If we don't care who cares?

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NAME (Print) RUIYU WANG  
*To ensure your name is announced correctly, you may include phonetic spelling.*

Address: 5117 Chiltern Lane

City: San Ramon

Phone: 925 - 314 - 5369

I am speaking for: ☒ Myself  
☐ Organization: \_\_\_\_\_

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In lieu of speaking, I wish to submit these comments:

As a pharmacist working at two local hospitals, I have seen  
an increase in ER visit due to Marijuana use. Marijuana  
may cause increased heart rate, anxiety, psychosis, hallucination,  
muscle & coordination and movement problems, and nerve and  
brain damage. It is a schedule I substance per DEA  
which means it's highly addictive and its side effects  
outweigh the benefits. Mass production of Marijuana  
poses a threat to public health. Thank you!

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**NAME (Print)** Mei Tao

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**Address:** 624 Colmar Ct

**City:** Danville, CA 94506

**Phone:** (925) 789-0516

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☐ Organization: \_\_\_\_\_

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I am against the

cannabis business.

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NAME (Print) Zhen Yuan (Cherry)

*To ensure your name is announced correctly, you may include phonetic spelling.*

☐ I wish to speak on the subject of:

Address: \_\_\_\_\_

Marijuana framework in

City: San Ramon

Contra Costa County.

Phone: \_\_\_\_\_

I am speaking for: ☒ Myself

☐ Organization: \_\_\_\_\_

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Please put our children's interests out forefront  
other than money!  
in lieu of speaking, I wish to submit these comments:

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Having heard the previous programs presented early  
in today's hearing meeting, about child safety, about climate

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change, it further affirm my believe against marijuana  
operations in our beautiful open space, where our family

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I asks  
regularly hike with our kids, please county supervisors,  
to seriously consider the impact of marijuana operations

If you have handout materials, please give them to the Clerk.

to our kids, who is the future of this land,  
and to our environment, which I believe we all

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care about. Thank you!

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A comparison of Mainstream and Sidestream Marijuana and Tobacco Cigarette Smoke  
Produced under Two Machine Smoking Conditions. Suggested similar respiratory diseases from smoking  
marijuana and tobacco.

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NAME (Print) Liwen Liu

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Address: 956 Florence rd.

City: Rivermore

Phone: 408 717 2363

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☐ Organization: \_\_\_\_\_

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In order to eliminate "black market" city begin to plant cannabis is same as in order to eliminate killing crime city kill people ~~themselves~~ or make killing legal. Can't believe that's what Great American's brain !!!

In lieu of speaking, I wish to submit these comments:

Marijuana can paralyze people's nerves and brains, poison the will of the youth. We oppose planting and sales of cannabis products in our neighbors. We can't make money with destroy young people's future, which just like drinking poison to quench thirst. The US leads the world not by drugs. nor you should it!

Dear Contra Costa Supervisors,

I am a long-time resident in Contra Costa County who is very concerned with the proposal to open up the unincorporated areas of the county for cultivation, manufacturing, testing, distribution, and sale of marijuana especially for recreational purposes. This is pernicious and even disastrous for our county particularly our future generations. Please definitely reject this proposal and say no to pot.

To start with, FDA maintains that marijuana is category I prohibited drug and all marijuana operations violate federal law. We urge you to respect federal law. Department of Justice, DOJ, can wipe out marijuana operations any time, given the change of federal policy announced by U.S. Attorney General Jeff Sessions on January 4th. Contra Costa County can be liable in different aspects if you approve the above-mentioned proposal and DOJ takes action against marijuana operations in the county afterward.

The biggest concern we have is that recreational marijuana outlet allows on-site consumption and thus is very dangerous to our community. According to an AAA study, related traffic accidents hiked 100% right after the legalization of recreational marijuana in the State of Washington. Such accidents have already occurred in the Bay Area. For example, a police officer was killed at Hwy 880 by a driver under the influence of marijuana.

According to California District Attorneys Association and law enforcement units, moreover, a big problem is the incoming of organized criminal gangs. Crime rate has already been on the rise in the Bay Area due to this. There have been break-ins of houses with hundreds of illegal marijuana plants by gangsters recently. Based on the testimony of the District Attorney of Denver, crime rate has skyrocketed over 50% after the legalization of recreational marijuana and their hands are full in dealing with marijuana cases now.

Pot cultivations have already caused catastrophic problems in water contamination, killing of wildlife and animals, and environmental damages, and have left some California counties, such as Yuba and Siskiyou, with no alternative but to declare a state of emergency. Some of our water supply comes from those victimized counties and it is worrisome to Bay Area residents.

Contra Costa County must not follow the erroneous footsteps of these counties.

Dr. Stanton Glantz, Director of Center for Tobacco Control Research and Education in

UCSF, maintains that second-hand pot can cause cancer and is more harmful than second-hand tobacco. Long-term consumption of marijuana can easily cause different types of health problems. While we all oppose to cigarette smoking, please do not virtually encourage pot smoking by approving such a proposal.

Marijuana is deleterious to our youngsters and can even cause permanent brain damage to them. Colorado, after legalization, now becomes the state with the highest number of youngsters' consumption of pot in the whole nation. According to school principals in Calaveras County of California, they even had to clean up students' clothes due to the unbearable pot odor on them. In the Bay Area especially in San Francisco, marijuana cookies can be readily available under-the-table for \$4 apiece, based on parents' testimonies. The situation is so pernicious and out of control already! Our county must not learn from these bad examples.

Please certainly understand that it is a myth that marijuana businesses can bring in much net revenue to the county. Based on the experience of other areas, the expense spent on marijuana such as creation and implementation of marijuana laws, rehabilitation of pot addicts, additional police and hospital expenses, etc., far outweighs the tax revenue from marijuana. According to Jerome Horton, board member of California Board of Equalization, data from the board indicates that black market sales of cannabis will increase significantly and that 40 percent of the projected tax revenue will not be collected.

Importantly, Proposition 64 does give each locality the right to disapprove recreational marijuana and many cities have done so sagaciously. Examples include San Ramon, Saratoga, Colma, San Gabriel, National City, etc. Local residents' will must be respected. Otherwise, we can recall the legislators who blatantly ignore our views and preferences. We are determined to put up a good fight against marijuana and drug.

Suffice it to say, marijuana operations especially recreational marijuana will cause tremendous harm to residents in Contra Costa County in various aspects including traffic fatalities, crime rate, environmental problems, health issues, youngsters' consumption, etc. Please definitely reject the proposal to open up the unincorporated areas of the county for cultivation, processing, distribution, and sale of marijuana especially for recreational purposes. Thank you very much.

Sincerely,

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Contra Costa County



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October 12, 2016

## No on 64 Campaign and SAM Action

California voters are being told that they will see the crime rate go down if they vote to legalize marijuana commercially; this has not been the case in the state of Colorado or the city of Denver. Since the legalization of recreational marijuana in Colorado in 2013 traffic related marijuana deaths have increased 48%, marijuana related emergency room visits have increased 49%, and marijuana related calls to the poison center have increased 100%. According to the Colorado Bureau of Investigations in 2015 statewide homicides in Colorado rose 14.7 % over the previous year. Pueblo, Colorado had the highest homicide rate in the state with 11.1 killings per 100,000 residents. Aurora, Colorado's homicide rate more than doubled from 2014. Additionally more places in Colorado were robbed and more thefts occurred, especially cars, as 193,115 motor vehicles were reported stolen, up 27.7 % in 2015 from the previous year. In 2015, sexual assaults rose 10% in Colorado with Denver, Aurora, Lakewood, Westminster and Pueblo all reporting higher numbers as well.

In the city of Denver since the legalization of recreational marijuana the number of crimes in Denver has grown by about 44 %, according to annual figures the city reported to the National Incident Based Reporting System. In 2015 in Denver alone crime rose in every neighborhood in the city. The murder rate hit a decade high, 1059 more cars were broken into, there were 903 more auto thefts, 321 more aggravated assaults and 231 more homes were broken into compared to 2014.

California voters are also being told that legalizing recreational marijuana will free up law enforcement to work on other criminal activities. Again that has not been the case in Denver. Besides the overall increases in crime we have experience, the Denver police department is dealing with a 900% increase in the unlawful cultivation and manufacture of marihuana concentrate, and a 99% increase in the unlawful distribution of marijuana and marijuana concentrate. The quantity of illegal marijuana seized by the Denver police has increased 3,424% on average per case. The volume of marijuana seized per case has increased from an average of 162 pounds to 5724 pounds. In Denver unlawful public consumption of marijuana citations has increased over 300% per year since the legalization of recreational marijuana. The Denver police department is busier enforcing marijuana laws and investigating crimes directly related to marijuana, including murders, robberies, and home invasions, than any other time in the history of the city.

Sincerely,

Mitchell R. Morrissey  
Denver District Attorney