

ARGUMENT AGAINST MEASURE T

We support the responsible regulation of marijuana that protects our youth, neighborhoods and environment; includes strong public health and safety oversight; and limits the size and scope of marijuana business in Berkeley. *MEASURE T PROVIDES NONE OF THESE PROTECTIONS. We urge you to VOTE NO.*

MEASURE T:

- Allows dispensaries 600 feet from schools (reduced from 1000), *with no public review*
- Permits more than 4 ACRES OF GROWING FACILITIES in the "M" Manufacturing District and UNLIMITED MARIJUANA COLLECTIVES IN RESIDENTIAL NEIGHBORHOODS – *with no public review, even when located next to schools, parks – or your home*
- Includes a "Medical Cannabis Commission" with seats reserved for marijuana dispensaries, collectives and cultivators but NONE for medical doctors, law enforcement, school and public health officials or environmental specialists – and NO FUNDING FOR OVERSIGHT OR ENFORCEMENT
- Invites an extremely energy, water and pesticide-intensive industry into Berkeley, endangering the environment and rendering meaningless efforts to reduce greenhouse gasses

Most significantly, MEASURE T GIVES THE CITY COUNCIL EXCLUSIVE POWER TO EXPAND BERKELEY'S MARIJUANA INDUSTRY *WITHOUT VOTER APPROVAL, and WITH NO LIMITS.*

Berkeley High students smoke marijuana at TWICE the rate of other California teens. Measure T makes marijuana more accessible while providing NO age restrictions, NO youth drug interdiction, NO drug, alcohol and smoking education or prevention, and NO counseling.

Home and commercial growing facilities are HUGE ELECTRICITY CONSUMERS. In Humboldt County, overall usage increased an astounding 25% after similar legislation. They pose fire hazards, can utilize pesticides untested for human consumption, create toxic runoff and invite trespass, theft and home-intrusion.

We regulate the mix of businesses in our neighborhoods and community and have the power — and obligation — to decide the basis for Berkeley's economy and culture.

VOTE *NO* on this poorly written measure, and tell the City Council to "do it over!"

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