

ARGUMENT IN FAVOR OF MEASURE T

VOTE YES on MEASURE T to responsibly regulate and license the cultivation and dispensing of medical cannabis.

Medical cannabis cultivation and dispensing **are permitted by State law**, under certain circumstances, **but are not currently subject to local health and safety codes.**

Measure T establishes **licensing procedures, sets high standards** for medical marijuana facilities, and provides for **safe access to medical cannabis for patients in need.**

Measure T allows one additional dispensary, for a total of four medical cannabis dispensaries in Berkeley, restricting their location to commercial areas. They must be **at least 600 feet away from any school or other dispensary**, which replaces the current voter-approved language that allows dispensaries all over town.

Six locations for cultivation, baking, and product development, each up to 30,000 sq. ft., will be allowed in West Berkeley's non-residential areas. By permitting and regulating cultivation in the industrial zone, **our neighborhoods will be safer.**

Measure T establishes an approval process and requires **code compliance, energy offsets** for high electricity usage, that medicine be **as organic as possible**, and a **security plan approved by the Chief of Police.**

Measure T **improves access to medicine** by requiring cultivators to provide free medicine to low-income patients at a medical marijuana dispensary.

Measure T authorizes the City Council to amend the City's policies and procedures as new developments emerge at federal, state, and local levels.

Measure T changes the Medical Marijuana Commission by having representatives appointed by each City Councilmember, as other city commissions are structured.

Measure T is supported by a **unanimous vote of the Berkeley City Council.**

VOTE YES on MEASURE T to protect neighborhoods and ensure patients can access medical cannabis that has been grown responsibly. It makes sense!

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