

**REBUTTAL BALLOT ARGUMENT AGAINST MEASURE T: AMENDMENTS TO MEDICAL CANNABIS REGULATIONS ON NOVEMBER 2010 BERKELEY BALLOT - 247 Words**

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*PATIENTS – AND OUR COMMUNITY – DESERVE BETTER THAN MEASURE T.*

Written without meaningful input from school and health officials, environmental specialists, neighborhood organizations and other important constituents, it locks-in approval processes less strict than for home renovations, shops and restaurants; enables unlimited expansion of Berkeley's marijuana industry – creating dependence on marijuana for city revenues; and strips residents of future input.

*READ MEASURE T FOR YOURSELF.*

- *Local Health, Safety and Building Code compliance ISN'T EVEN MENTIONED!*
- NEIGHBORHOODS ARE NOT SAFER with unlimited residential collectives – and with dispensaries allowed in shopping districts including Sacramento, Adeline, Gilman, Hopkins, Domingo, Solano, San Pablo and Elmwood – *with no comment allowed from adjacent homes or businesses.*
- THE M-DISTRICT, WITH SIX HUGE GROWING FACILITIES, IS NOT ISOLATED FROM NEIGHBORHOODS. It's directly across from the Blue Barn playing fields, Skate Park and Homeless Shelter; includes lower Gilman shops; and begins one block from Fourth Street retail.
- State guidelines prohibit smoking medical marijuana 1000 feet from schools, parks and youth centers. Measure T puts dispensaries 600 feet from schools, and LEAVES PARKS, YOUTH CENTERS – AND OUR YOUTH – WITHOUT PROTECTIONS.
- Teens easily obtain "Medical Marijuana" for recreational use. MEASURE T PROVIDES NO EFFECTIVE OVERSIGHT OR ENFORCEMENT to curb these – and other – violations.
- Undefined "energy offsets" are not a solution to outsized energy consumption. WE VOTED TO REDUCE GREENHOUSE GAS EMISSIONS BY 80%.
- And "organic as possible" DOES NOT PROTECT PATIENTS OR THE COMMUNITY from toxic pesticides and runoff.

VOTE NO ON T – TELL THE COUNCIL TO DO BETTER

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