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Imagine that you are suffering from Alzheimer's, chronic pain, MS, arthritis, epilepsy, or cancer with its horrific chemotherapy side effects that keep you from being able to eat. Pharmaceuticals are not helping and may cause worse health problems. Your only relief is through **MEDICAL** marijuana, recommended by your physician. Now consider that collectives could be taxed at exorbitantly high rates as outlined in this measure. You will not be reimbursed by your insurance. You might even have to choose between necessities like food or **MEDICINE**.

Both sides agree that **MEDICAL** and recreational marijuana should be taxed in Long Beach. But Medical taxation needs to be done fairly, as it already is in the **REGULATION OF MEDICAL MARIJUANA BUSINESSES INITIATIVE**, also on this November ballot.

But this competing Long Beach Marijuana Taxation Measure, along with high state and sales taxes, will make Long Beach taxes **among the highest in the US**, exacting an enormous **immoral** burden on patients as well as enabling a competitive black market.

Supporters want you to believe that these funds will be used for police and fire, but there are no guarantees as to how it will be used, nor is there any oversight!

They admit their projected costs to the city are speculative. They say that the revenue will not cover the costs. Their cost estimates are outrageously over-inflated. Their projected tax revenue is grossly underestimated. They also say that they need increased enforcement which is equally unfounded. Facts support the opposite. It has been proven that legitimate dispensaries lead to less expense on enforcement. There are no illegal shops in Colorado, Washington, or Illinois.

Fair taxes will enable the system to bring in revenue for needed programs. **Overtaxing will bolster a thriving black market that pays NO tax!**

VOTE NO!

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