

REBUTTAL TO ARGUMENT AGAINST MEASURE MM

Police Agree: Yes on MM keeps our kids safe and invests in public safety

Under current law, medical marijuana businesses are not paying a single penny in taxes, leaving city taxpayers to bear the cost of policing. Measure MM requires medical marijuana businesses to pay for public safety.

Only medical marijuana businesses pay new taxes under Measure MM. This measure will generate an estimated \$5 million annually – enough to put more than 30 police on the street in Long Beach, paid for entirely by medical marijuana businesses.

Cannabis deliveries are happening in Long Beach today with no product testing, no safety checks, no tax revenues, and no enforcement to prohibit unauthorized sales to minors.

Measure MM puts in place tough, new regulations to keep kids and neighborhoods safe. Long Beach will have the toughest requirements in the state for medical cannabis.

- Strictly prohibits underage sales. State identification will be required for all purchases.
- Bans dispensaries in residential neighborhoods, near schools, parks, beaches and libraries.
- Makes medical marijuana businesses pay for security – including 24/7 patrols and cameras to deter crime.

Measure MM gives police, firefighters and health and safety officials the authority to keep our community safe. Medical marijuana businesses will be subject to inspections and face tough penalties including fines and imprisonment for breaking the law. Measure MM replaces an outdated local medical marijuana ordinance that hasn't worked to keep kids safe. Join Long Beach law enforcement, patients, and workers on the front lines of patient safety – Yes on MM.

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