

REBUTTAL TO ARGUMENT AGAINST MEASURE MA

Long Beach Marijuana Taxation Measure - Rebuttal to Argument Against Measure MA

Measure MA places sensible tax rates on the marijuana industry. Every city that approves marijuana use in their City needs funds to keep the community safe. Measure MA does just that - it enacts prudent taxes on the marijuana industry so they pay their fair share like everyone else.

Cities that regulate marijuana sales and use also assess taxes to pay for public safety. In a study of 16 other cities, Measure MA would place Long Beach squarely in the middle of cities who tax marijuana sales. However, if Long Beach voters allow medical and recreational marijuana use in our city, **the tax rate on recreational marijuana would be zero without Measure MA!**

Measure MA accounts for the difference between recreational and medical marijuana; medical marijuana will be taxed less than recreational marijuana.

Should Long Beach votes allow medical and recreational marijuana sales in our city, Long Beach will desperately need additional public safety and public health resources to continue to keep our community safe.

Measure MA provides a sensible solution, generating up to \$13 million for our City to fund critically needed services if voters allow marijuana sales. Only those purchasing marijuana will pay the tax, and only if legalized in Long Beach. The marijuana industry should pay their fair share. A vote on Measure MA is not a vote for marijuana use, but rather a vote to fund public safety.

Please join us in supporting Measure MA, the Marijuana Tax, to support public safety.

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