

ASCA

ALAMEDA FOR SAFE CANNABIS ACCESS

City Council Meeting
September 5, 2017



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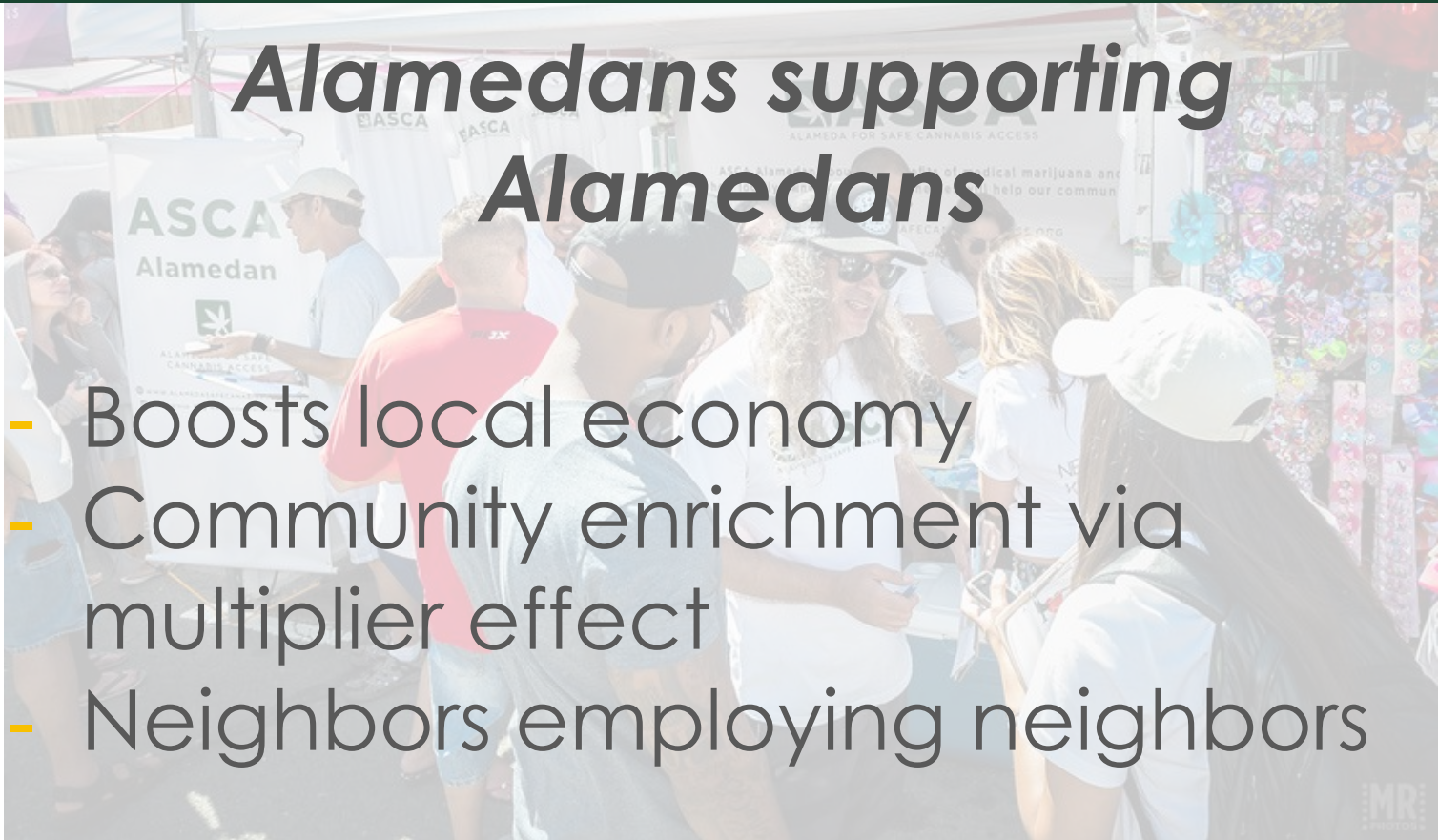
We believe in Safe Access of Cannabis for Alameda patients, compassionate regulation, and the prioritization of local ownership.

Local ownership means any resident or business owner in the City of Alameda

BENEFITS of LOCAL OWNERSHIP

Alamedans supporting Alamedans

- Boosts local economy
- Community enrichment via multiplier effect
- Neighbors employing neighbors



SAFE ACCESS

- Local access for patients in need
- Addresses the needs of the fastest growing segment of the cannabis population; seniors
- Compassionate regulation
- On-site consumption option

COMPASSIONATE CARE

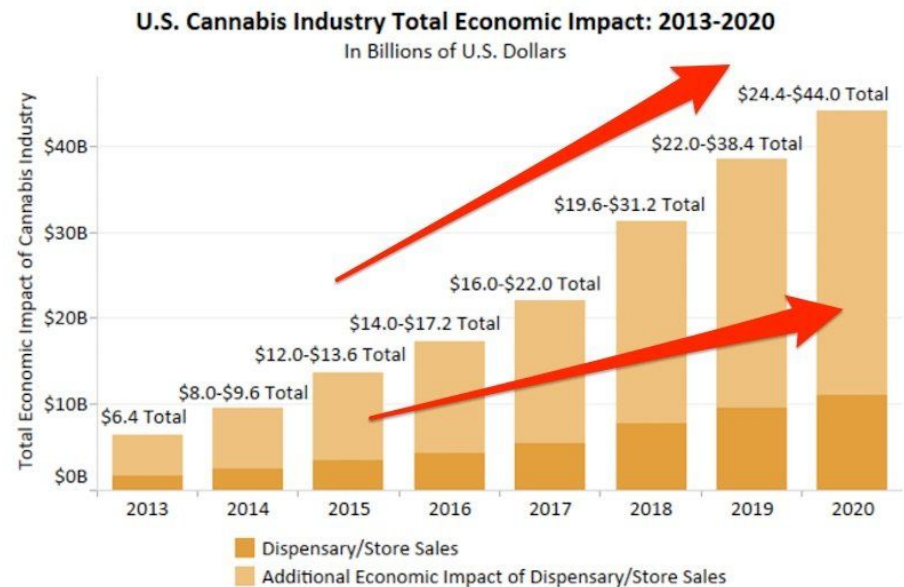


- Cannabis does not pose the same risk as tobacco
- Senior use is the fastest growing market segment
- Patients risk getting evicted for medicating
- Public on-site consumption an option



WHY ASCA SUPPORTS CANNABIS BUSINESSES?

- Local access for patients
- Revenue generated
- Job opportunities
- Economic growth multiplier effect on other local businesses
- Compassionate care



*Source: Business Insider: Marijuana Economic Growth 3/17/16

ALAMEDANS IN MIND

Our children are the next generation

Alameda point of view; vested interest in
future of Alameda

Community enrichment program

Compassion first

ASCA TIMELINE 2017



- **6/23 ASCA was formed**, a community education resource created on Facebook and the Web
- **7/5 City Council meeting:** ASCA members remained in attendance to be heard!
- **7/20 Park St Art and Wine:** 600 petition signatures in favor of local ownership of cannabis businesses in Alameda
- **8/20 Mastick Town Hall :** 4 sitting council members to hear what the Alamedans

OUR VISION FOR THE FUTURE

- Local Access in Alameda
- Prioritize local ownership
- Compassionate regulation
- On-site consumption option
- Community Education

Working together today to create tomorrow



ALAMEDA FOR SAFE CANNABIS ACCESS



LARA WEISIGER

From: Kimberley Foster Rogers <fosterkimberley@aol.com>
Sent: Tuesday, September 05, 2017 4:14 PM
To: LARA WEISIGER
Subject: my voice for cannabis discussion today

Hello Ms Weisiger,

I am unable to attend this evenings conversation about cannabis in Alameda. I would have like to attend to lend my voice to the following points:

1) I am against the opening of Cannabis distribution sites on in Alameda.

This useful pharmaceutical is available via the mail, for those who need it. We do not need brick-and-mortar sites in Alameda. I do not want children to be walking into distribution sites, even if accompanied by parent or guardian. Store-bought cannabis edibles can look like regular cookies and candies, and may more easily find their way to children if more easily available in our town.

2) I am against the smoking/vaping of Cannabis in public.

When needed as a pharmaceutical, cannabis can be administered in multiple ways other than inhaling. Smoking and Vaping makes "second hand" consumption possible to others who may not want to participate. It also increases the possibility of people being "stoned" in public, and of littering (as we see with cigarette butts). I don't want the children of my community exposed to smoke on the street.

Thank you for your time, and I hope this makes it into the record.

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To Members of the Alameda City Council
Hon. Mayor Trish Spencer
Vice Mayor Malia Vella
Councilmember Marilyn Ezzy Ashcraft
Councilmember Frank Matarrese
Councilmember Jim Oddie

Re: Questions and input regarding the 8/24/17 Staff Report on the Proposed Cannabis Ordinance for the City of Alameda

Dear Mayor Spencer and Councilmembers,

Thank you for scheduling the workshop on the proposed cannabis ordinance tonight. I'm sorry I could not attend due to a conflicting engagement. However, I wanted to share my questions regarding the staff report and concerns about the long-term impact of legalized recreational marijuana on our community.

Where do we consider the impacts that legalized recreational use of marijuana have on the character and quality of our community? And its impact on our public health, particularly that of our youth?

Here are a few specific questions I have as a result of reading the report. I hope these will be considered in the discussion of tonight's proposed ordinance.

1. What is the impact of legalized marijuana on drug use of children and youth in Alameda? Has input been received from School Resource Officers or Alameda educators and school administrators on the increased exposure and availability of drugs?
2. How are e-vaporiums classified? Are they considered dispensaries? Will they be able to sell marijuana in vapor form? Are they subject to the same regulations?

[See <https://www.nbcnews.com/health/kids-health/high-school-kids-use-e-cigarettes-smoke-cannabis-study-n422081>]

3. Why not extend the 600 ft. protection buffer for children to 1,000 ft. as San Leandro has done? (This seems particularly appropriate given Alameda High's proximity to approved locations on Park Street.) Why not include parks in the Operational Radius requirements?
4. How was the number of 3 dispensaries arrived at? Has the Council considered capping the number of dispensaries at 1 medical dispensary? If

not, why not?

5. Has the Council considered excluding the cultivation and manufacturing and distribution of marijuana products from the ordinance?
6. Have staff addressed recommendations for advertising Alameda recreational cannabis dispensaries? Will we see a proliferation of billboards or bus signs promoting Alameda cannabis dispensaries?
7. Has staff researched adverse impacts on communities where marijuana has been legalized for a period of time?

From *"Pot problems in Colorado schools increase with legalization,"* The Denver Post, updated April 29, 2016.

"We have seen a sharp rise in drug-related disciplinary actions which, anecdotally, from credible sources, is being attributed to the changing social norms surrounding marijuana," said Janelle Krueger, program manager for Expelled and At-Risk Student Services for the Colorado Department of Education and also a longtime adviser to the Colorado Association of School Resource Officers.

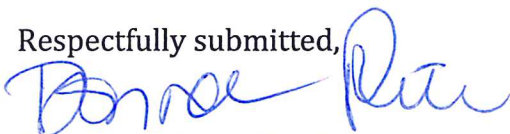
Krueger said school officials believe the jump is lined to the message that legalization (event though it is still prohibited for anyone under 21) is sending to kids: that marijuana is a medicine and a safe and accepted recreational activity."

8. Is increased recreational use of marijuana a positive impact on our community? What do we know and accept about the effects of the marijuana drug? For example:
 - Marijuana use has a wide range of physical and mental effects
 - Marijuana use has a it contains mind-altering chemical THC which is addictive
 - people who begin using marijuana before age 18 are four to seven times more likely than adults to develop a marijuana use disorder
 - the popularity of cannabis edibles increases the chance of harmful reaction: edibles take longer to digest and produce a high. Therefore people may consume more to feel the effects faster, leading to dangerous results.

[from <https://www.drugabuse.gov/publications/drugfacts/marijuana>]

Bottom Line: *Aside from the beneficial properties of medical marijuana use, what are the benefits to our residents and our community of increasing the availability of recreational marijuana within our city limits?*

Respectfully submitted,



Donna and Peter Fletcher

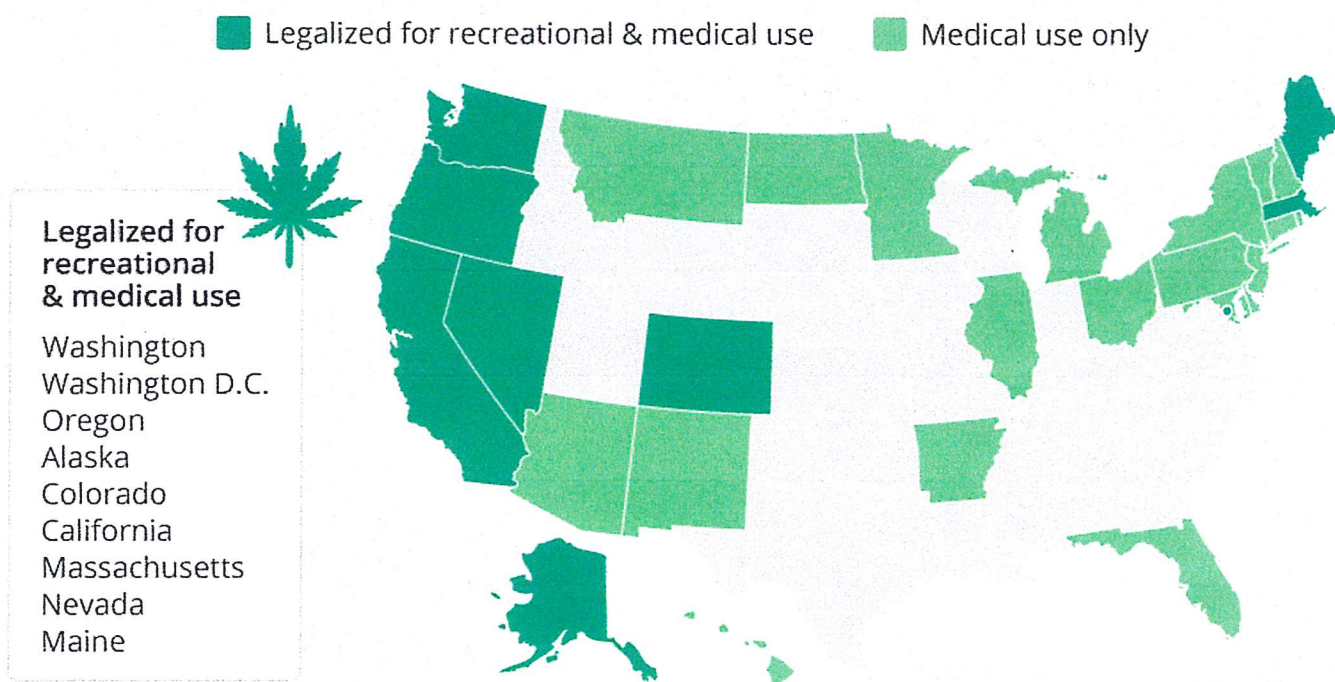
- Florida's Amendment 2 received 71% of the vote, more than the required 60% to change the state's constitution.
- North Dakota's Measure 5 won in a landslide with 64% of the vote.
- Arkansas's Issue 6 erased a previous defeat in 2012 and won with 53% of the vote.
- Montana's Initiative 182 passed with 58% of the vote, thus repealing constraints put in place by Senate Bill 423 on the state's medical marijuana industry.

It was very close to being a clean sweep for weed. The marijuana movement continues to gather steam, with 28 states now having legalized medical marijuana and eight having legalized recreational marijuana.

Here's where marijuana is currently legal, courtesy of Statista.

The States Where It's Legal To Smoke Marijuana

Laws on recreational and medical marijuana use in the US*



@StatistaCharts

* As of Nov 10, 2016 - laws in some states have not yet taken effect.
Some states not highlighted allow limited medical marijuana access

Source: NY Times

statista

Image source: [Statista](https://www.statista.com/chart/1000000/marijuana-legalization-in-the-us/).

Marijuana marches on, but investors are still being left behind