

Argument in favor of cannabis tax

With the passage of Proposition 64, which legalized adult-use cannabis, local governments were given the responsibility to provide oversight and regulate the legalization of cannabis business within their communities.

In the City of San Luis Obispo, Proposition 64 passed by 67%, indicating our community's support for bringing adult-use cannabis out of the shadows and into a regulated, safety-focused business for those who choose to participate. Establishing a tax on the cultivation, production and sale of cannabis is a common-sense component of any such regulation.

Earlier this year, after a robust public process, the City Council unanimously adopted an ordinance that allows the City to ensure public safety while overseeing this growing industry. To prioritize safety and visibility, the local ordinance will create buffer zones around schools, parks and residential neighborhoods, and establish limits on locations and size. The ordinance to legalize cannabis businesses will not take effect unless and until this tax proposal is approved by the voters of San Luis Obispo.

The tax is an important part of the City's ongoing commitment to fiscal responsibility. It was carefully crafted with input from stakeholders in public forums to find the right balance between generating the revenue needed while addressing certainty for this emerging industry. Funds collected will be directed toward priorities set by residents such as maintaining long-term financial health, supporting police and fire services, maintaining parks and open space, retaining local jobs, and addressing homelessness.

Measure F-18 will provide additional funding to support the quality of life for our residents and our city. Please join your entire City Council and vote YES on Measure F-18.

Council Member Dan Rivoire

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