From: Sent: To: Subject: Bonnie Baker Monday, August 10, 2015 9:02 AM Matt Martin FW: Dope growing restrictions

From: Ronelle Dietsch [mailto:rkdietsch@gmail.com] Sent: Sunday, August 09, 2015 12:23 PM To: Board Subject: Dope growing restrictions

I can't make it to the public meetings and want to express my views. I really am not happy about the state wide vote decision, but will live with it as I do not intend to move. I am very concerned about dope grows in the county. I would prefer none, other than hemp farming. At least hemp is a product useful for many people and does not stink like dope does. I live in an area that is zoned residential/agriculture, the Cimmeron City housing area. Might not be able to keep neighbors from growing for personal use, but it scares me that someone could grow an acre of the stuff right next door to me. At minimum, please put restrictions and controls if not able to do an outright ban.

Maybe large (five miles) distances between homes and the grow? Mandatory smell controls? I'm concerned about an increase of crime such as theft, burglary and home invasions as criminals try to help themselves. Right now the crime stats are very low for my area, as if the criminals don't know about us. I don't want that to change. Dope grows will increase policing expenses as well. I am also very concerned about water usage. Dope plants need massive amounts of water. We live in a desert. There's way more rain on the west side of Cascades. When drought restrictions happen (as I believe they will some day), will I be expected to limit my showers; water for my horse; etc.. just so dope can be grown in the county? Just doesn't sit well with me.

From: Sent: To: Subject: Bonnie Baker Monday, August 10, 2015 9:02 AM Matt Martin FW: Recreational Marijuana

From: Brian & Cris [mailto:craigsteely@gmail.com]
Sent: Sunday, August 09, 2015 3:46 PM
To: Board
Subject: Recreational Marijuana

To The Board

Although I don't really care one way or the other whether the county bans recreational pot sales, I do have some thoughts about it.

First, the majority in the state seem to recognize prohibitions surrounding pot are pointless. By continuing in the prohibition vein the best you can hope to do is to delay the inevitable. People from here travel all over the state and will either buy where it is legal or they will continue with the local black market. Neither of these outcomes bodes well for Deschutes County.

The state will be racking in many millions on the legal sale of marijuana. The state of Washington is spending this new found wealth on education and treatment, bolstering programs that already deal with alcohol and tobacco. What I predict will happen is the voters in areas where recreational pot is legal will question why any of this new found revenue is flowing to counties that said "no", and rightfully so. That flow will stop.

Consumers of alcohol, tobacco and pot exist in every county, along with the problems that these drugs bring. Money is badly needed for education, youth prevention and treatment for those with self control issues. My only regret is we can't tax the pharmaceutical companies every time they show one of those, "Ask you doctor" ads pushing their latest pill that can kill you six ways to Sunday.

People are going to do what they want and there is money to be made that can be spent constructively around the problems that come with alcohol, tobacco and marijuana, and other drugs for that matter.

Prohibition is a lost cause. Do the county a favor and just say no.

Brian Steely Bend, Oregon

From:	Bonnie Baker
Sent:	Monday, August 10, 2015 9:03 AM
То:	Matt Martin
Subject:	FW: Deschutes County Ordinance to Prohibit Marijuana Businesses in Unincorporated
-	Areas

From: Karen Welsh [mailto:karen@storesundconsulting.com]
Sent: Saturday, August 08, 2015 10:39 AM
To: Board
Cc: Tony DeBone
Subject: Re: Deschutes County Ordinance to Prohibit Marijuana Businesses in Unincorporated Areas

August 8, 2015

To: Board of County Commissioners, Deschutes County, Oregon

Re: Deschutes County Ordinance to Prohibit Any or All Marijuana Businesses in Unincorporated Areas

I would like to voice my support for enacting an ordinance to **prohibit** any or all marijuana businesses in unincorporated areas of Deschutes County.

Question: Would you take a child on a tour of a marijuana greenhouse? Not exactly the same as a brewery....

<u>Negatives</u>: horrible skunky smell, potting soil waste, will have a difficult time explaining to my grandchildren as we drive by huge marijuana greenhouses why it is ok to smoke a gateway drug, exhaust fans help to fill the air with a horrible skunky smell (try driving Highway 101 past Arcata, California or after eating at a restaurant in Arcata on an evening when the fog settles in—come out to the air filled with the smell of skunky pot from dispensaries with indoor grows—not a place I would want to spend a vacation—experienced the same thing when I drove through Cave Junction, Oregon last Spring—low river fog contributed to heavy smell of skunky marijuana settling over the town—shutting windows in the car didn't help—the smell permeated), why would you visit a beautiful pristine area to see large greenhouses with fans blowing skunky pot smell... not exactly the same as flowers growing in a commercial greenhouse.

Positives: I can't think of anything.

Sincerely, Karen Welsh 61130 Montrose Pass Street Bend, OR 97702

"When we talk about environmental control inside a greenhouse, we're referring specifically to temperature, humidity and air-quality control systems. Supplemental lighting is another possible component of environmental control. Depending on the type of greenhouse you choose, the options available for controlling the interior grow environment will vary greatly. Needless to say, a durable, stable greenhouse structure is required to incorporate industrial-sized equipment since smaller, less durable greenhouses will have trouble fitting or holding the larger gear. At the same time, larger greenhouses usually have some ventilation tools built *directly into them* – *for example, low-velocity intake fans and exhaust vents in the rooftop. From Hightimes website* <u>*http://www.hightimes.com/*</u>"



From: Sent: To: Subject: Bonnie Baker Monday, August 10, 2015 9:03 AM Matt Martin FW: Hearings on Marijuana

From: Tom Anderson
Sent: Sunday, August 09, 2015 1:43 PM
To: Bonnie Baker
Cc: Nick Lelack; David Doyle
Subject: FW: Hearings on Marijuana

Bonnie –I believe at least one of the commissioners expressed the desire to create a record for the upcoming public hearings similar to a land use process. I'll leave it to you to coordinate with Nick & Dave on logistics.

Thanks, Tom

From: A Mace [mailto:aandc.mace@gmail.com] Sent: Thursday, August 06, 2015 9:01 PM To: Board Subject: Hearings on Marijuana

Hello Commisioners,

Regarding the question of marinuan proliferation in Deschutes County, I wish to express that I am against such proliferation and believe we have a responsibility to promote a healthy, productive lifestyle.

The marijuana industry and the lifestyle it promotes are not the sort of jobs, lifestyle, and morality we should enable or promote. I believe in education, hard work, capitalism, freedom, individual responsibility, accountability, and high moral and ethical standards. Let's not back slide into a society of marijuana producers and consumers - it's not a sustainable business model, nor is it a standard which we can be proud of - do we want to be known as the "top marijuana producing county in Oregon" (or whatever other statistic could be achieved)?

I would rather be known for good honest hard work and clean living.

Thank you.

Regards,

Alan Mace

From: Sent: To: Subject: Bonnie Baker Monday, August 10, 2015 1:24 PM Matt Martin FW: OPT OUT Please

From: sue petsche [mailto:cowgirl97062@yahoo.com] Sent: Monday, August 10, 2015 1:23 PM To: Board Subject: OPT OUT Please

Dear County Commissioners:

I am terribly concerned about the proliferation of marijuana grow facilities popping up seemingly all over Deschutes County and think that there needs to be some controls on the siting of these facilities. These pot installations are NOT Appropriate everywhere and there are almost no controls on siting them in the county currently. Legislation to put reasonable controls on these pot facilities takes a lot longer than it takes to get a permit and build them.

Therefore **I URGE THE COMMISSION TO "OPT OUT "** and impose a moratorium on new marijuana facilities in Deschutes County and put the issue to a public vote in November of 2016.

Thanks you for your consideration, Susan Petsche 66145 Becker Rd. Bend, OR 97703 503-310-7807 cowgirl97062@yahoo.com

From: Sent: To: Subject: Attachments: Nick Lelack Monday, August 10, 2015 2:08 PM Matt Martin FW: OLCC • Deschutes County • Oregrown Talking Points OLCCOregrownTalkingPoints.pdf; ATT00001.htm

For the record.

Nick Lelack, AICP, Director Deschutes County Community Development Department PO Box 6005 117 NW Lafayette Bend, OR 97708-6005 Office: 541.385.1708 / Cell: 541.639.5585 / Fax: 541.385.1764 www.deschutes.org/cdd

From: Tony DeBone
Sent: Monday, August 10, 2015 1:53 PM
To: Nick Lelack; Board
Subject: Fwd: OLCC • Deschutes County • Oregrown Talking Points

FYI

Tony DeBone

Begin forwarded message:

From: "Aviv Hadar" <<u>aviv@oregrown.com</u>> To: "Tony DeBone" <<u>Tony.DeBone@deschutes.org</u>>, "Hunter Neubauer" <<u>hunter@oregrown.com</u>>, "<u>kspencer@ksstone.com</u>" <<u>kspencer@ksstone.com</u>>, "Amy Margolis" <<u>amy@emergelawgroup.com</u>>, "Kevin Hogan" <<u>kevin@oregrown.com</u>> Subject: OLCC • Deschutes County • Oregrown Talking Points

Tony,

Thank you for taking time to meet with Hunter and I. It was a pleasure to sit down and discuss the true situation here in Deschutes County. As you know, Hunter and I both serve on Rules Advisory Committees and Sub-Committees to the Oregon Liquor Control Commission. We thought it would help for us to prepare a document with some talking points from our meetings with the OLCC.

Please see the attached PDF document. Hopefully this begins to alleviate any concerns you may personally have, as well as help you communicate some of these fundamental issues to any potentially concerned community members. I am hoping that this discussion continues in a professional, open and mature way.

Deschutes has a rampant cannabis black market filled with people that don't care about our community. The best way to get rid of people that don't follow rules is to have the entire community work together to help implement a methodical set of regulations.

Have a wonderful Monday!

Aviv Hadar

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Commissioner Tony DeBone,

Please see some talking points below in regards to the implementation of HB 3400 in unincorporated areas of Deschutes County.

The Oregon Liquor Control Commission may require an applicant (potential licensee) to produce the following information/documents. Applicants and potential license holders may need to;

- own water rights that afford them the ability to work with their agricultural product all year.
- show deed/ownership of land/facility or an agreed upon lease with land owner.
- show engineering and design blueprints.
- show energy and land usage report.
- show waste management report.
- show seed-to-sale tracking system for cultivation and processing.
- abide by consistent regulatory and quality control checks and balances from the OLCC.
- estimate potential tax revenue for the State through yield projections.

Those are just some of the barriers to entry that folks will have to navigate when Oregon residents will begin applying for recreational production licenses.

Some organizations and properties are already perfectly setup for use and welcomed by the state. Some of the highlights surrounding low-impact production properties include;

- two-year Oregon residency required.
- already permitted county construction.

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- out of close proximity from any neighbors.
- not in a rural community.
- clearly defined access points and methods to handle potential traffic.
- access points.
- security systems already deployed.

Aviv Hadar Hunter Neubauer -

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From: Sent: To: Subject: Bonnie Baker Monday, August 10, 2015 3:47 PM Matt Martin FW: marijuana growers

From: Tony DeBone Sent: Monday, August 10, 2015 3:33 PM To: Bonnie Baker Subject: FW: marijuana growers

For the record.

--Tony

From: Allan Flood [mailto:aflood@q.com] Sent: Sunday, August 09, 2015 7:52 PM To: Tony DeBone Subject: Fwd: marijuana growers

Tony,

A few initial responses from concerned neighbors. I'll forward you more as they come in. allan

From: "Nextdoor DRRH" <<u>reply@rs.email.nextdoor.com</u>> To: <u>aflood@q.com</u> Sent: Sunday, August 9, 2015 7:33:46 PM Subject: Re: marijuana growers

Sylvia Sylvester, DRRH

Not to mention the big one on Fontana, and another about to be constructed, as well as the building on the corner of Fontana and Stellar that is now up for sale, with a nice new security fence being installed.

There is something if they have no septic system. . .

The fertilizers are then being dumped directly into the ground, (nitrate waste) and into our wells and into the river we are trying to keep the waste out of by not allowing septic systems. . . Not to mention the high voltage lights that pose fire possibility. And the smell of Skunk every three months for a month or two. . ???

Good luck selling a property next door to one of these buildings. I called and talked to the county, and they said they hadn't even thought of the nitrate situation, they gave me the name of a woman in Salem, and she siad they hadn't thought of it either.

Guess they never grew Marijuana to know how much chemical is

### purchased and washed down the drain, or the ground if there is no drain. . .

This is a residential home site neighborhood, and we are turning into Agricultural. . .?? ?? SYLVIA

Original post by Allan Flood from DRRH (3 replies):

You guys have probably noticed the 3 marijuana growers on Solar, Stellar and Milky Way? Anything to be concerned about? Aug 9 in General to 2 neighborhoods



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Allan Flood, MS Qualified Mediator, State of Oregon CADC I, Certified Alcohol and Drug Counselor

From: Sent: To: Subject: Bonnie Baker Monday, August 10, 2015 4:09 PM Matt Martin FW: Marijuana Meeting

From: Veronica Hemmerich [mailto:jesussavesifyouask@yahoo.com] Sent: Monday, August 10, 2015 4:01 PM To: Board Subject: Marijuana Meeting

To Whom it may Concern:

I am unable to attend the meeting on Wednesday but would like to voice my opinion. I am in favor of prohibiting the sale, growth, and all other industry related to marijuana in Deschutes County. I welcome any and all information pertaining to this issue.

Sincerely, Veronica Hemmerich

From:	Bonnie Baker
Sent:	Monday, August 10, 2015 4:17 PM
To:	Matt Martin
Subject:	FW: Marijuana Ban would be a mistake!
Importance:	High

More to come I'm sure.

From: Ruben Garmyn [mailto:ruben@teambirtolagarmyn.com]
Sent: Monday, August 10, 2015 4:14 PM
To: Board
Subject: Marijuana Ban would be a mistake!
Importance: High

I agree with commissioner DeBone, growing operations should be addressed in the zoning! Facilities should be only on EFU zoned land with a size of at least 10 acres and have irrigation rights so not to deplete our groundwater. Banning these commercial operations will move jobs and taxes to other counties in Oregon. The taxes could be used for a lot of projects in Deschutes county, let's start with the roads  $\bigcirc$ .....maybe an Alfalfa Fire District and Department!!

Also, property values are actually rising because of these facilities, NOT bringing the property values down!

Since marijuana became legal a lot of the inventory of acreages has been bought up by people with the intention of growing these crops. Crops that will return a LOT higher \$\acre return and taxes than hay or alfalfa.

And once you have the crops the other manufacturing industries will follow from oils to soaps to baked goods......This can be a real BOOM and WINDFALL for Deschutes County, especially once it becomes legal on a national basis....which will be in the near future.

Then we're adding shipping and mailing jobs...... TO BAN ALL OF THE ABOVE WOULD BE A HUGE MISTAKE!! REGULATE IT!

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From: Sent: To: Subject: Bonnie Baker Tuesday, August 11, 2015 11:42 AM Matt Martin FW: Potential Cannabis Ban - Please do not

From: Jim Hart - JR Hart Co [mailto:jim@jrhart.co]
Sent: Tuesday, August 11, 2015 10:23 AM
To: Board
Subject: Potential Cannabis Ban - Please do not

Dear Sirs:

I will be at the hearing at 10 AM tomorrow morning. As an entrepreneur who provides business services for a number of industries, I am eager to implore you not to ban Cannabis business in Deschutes County. It is true, I have been here a very short time (4 months but have purchased a house in unincorporated area...and am not growing). One of the most compelling things bringing me to Bend was the entrepreneurial feel of downtown Bend and it's surrounding areas, especially the unincorporated areas around Tumalo and Redmond.

Besides the business opportunities available to both users and non-users (like myself) of marijuana, both medically and recreationally, creating a ban will increase both crime and cost with additional adverse results. The state has determined that both medical and recreational use of marijuana is "ok" and thus decriminalized. *To, now, inject some form of illegality in the supply chain will serve to do only one thing: create a gray-market*. While the black market has thrived in Oregon for years, the consumers of black market goods were also performing illegal activities. This makes the whole of the market illegal and, thus, clandestine. However, change that picture and open the consumption of these goods to recreational users who can possess and use legally, you have just created a huge opportunity for gray-market activities.

I, once again, and will make my voice heard at the meeting at 10 tomorrow, urge you not to create yet another source for crime by creating a gray-market for marijuana growth and distribution in Deschutes County by enacting a ban.

Best Regards,

Jim Hart

JR HART CO

### Jim@jrhart.co | (541) 362-4067

This message contains confidential information and is intended only for the individual named.

From: Sent: To: Subject: Bonnie Baker Tuesday, August 11, 2015 11:42 AM Matt Martin FW: Marijuana Business in Deschutes County

From: Redmond Patriot [mailto:rdmpatriot@gmail.com]
Sent: Tuesday, August 11, 2015 10:31 AM
To: Board
Cc: Tony DeBone; Tammy Baney
Subject: Marijuana Business in Deschutes County

The following are my comments for: the Aug. 12 Public Hearing:

The City of Redmond has an ordinance precluding it from issuing business licenses to businesses that DO NOT COMPLY with all federal, state and local laws and regulations. On the basis of this city ordinance, Redmond has thus far ruled out issuing Marijuana-related business licenses.

Does Deschutes County currently have a requirement that its actions comply with federal laws and regulations?

If "Yes", how can this body sanction farming, manufacturing or sales/distribution of Marijuana -- a federally controlled substance?

If the County does not currently have such a requirement in place, I suggest that this Body implement one without delay.

The Obama Administration has repeatedly decided to enforce only those laws that support their leftist ideology and political ambitions.

But 17 months from now we may have a federal government that honors the U.S. Constitution and puts the rule of law over political ideology.

If that happens, marijuana businesses in Oregon will be out in the cold ... now is the time for Deschutes County Commissioners to put POT IN THE DEEP FREEZE.

Robert Perry

Redmond, Oregon

From: Sent: To: Subject: Bonnie Baker Tuesday, August 11, 2015 11:54 AM Matt Martin FW: Marijuana growing-cultivation in Tumalo

From: David [mailto:dave@studiosevenmusic.com] Sent: Monday, August 10, 2015 7:26 PM To: Board Subject: Marijuana growing-cultivation in Tumalo

County Commissioners,

I am extremely concerned with an issue that has arisen in my neighborhood. As I'm sure you are aware, there is a marijuana farm on Innes Market and Cline Falls Hwy in Tumalo. I own property literally four houses away from this farm. I have a 14 year old girl and a 16 year old boy and I am very concerned with what could come of our family friendly properties in Tumalo. Recently, we've seen an upswing in small crimes in our area and just yesterday while I was running, there was a car of Hispanic men circling White Rock Loop and Marsh road with marijuana smoke and smell billowing out of the windows. I can't say that this is because of the farm or maybe the passage of a law allowing people to have marijuana, but I'm extremely concerned with our community and the standards we are setting.

Commissioners, I am a school teacher and a business owner. I have witnessed first hand what abusing marijuana does to our community members, especially the young ones. I was appalled that the measure allowing marijuana passed, and I'm equally appalled that there is now a marijuana farm within one half mile of my house.

Because we do not have appropriate legislation in place to control these marijuana facilities, I strongly urge you to "opt out" and impose a moratorium on new marijuana facilities in Deschutes County. Please put this issue to a public vote in November of 2016. I've always felt that I'm fairly liberal, but I'm so, so concerned that our beautiful community here in Central Oregon, is going down a path that we will struggle to recover from.

I strongly urge you to consider the "opt out" option.

Respectfully,

~Dave Turnbull 20125 Marsh Road Bend, Oregon 97701

Owner: Studio 7 DJ & Recording Services Physical Education/Health/ Track & Field coach -Summit High School 541.350.4097 <u>dave@studiosevenmusic.com</u> david.turnbull@bend.k12.or.us

From:	Bonnie Baker
Sent:	Tuesday, August 11, 2015 1:44 PM
То:	Matt Martin
Subject:	FW: Marijuana discussion for Deschutes County Commission meeting
Attachments:	Marijuana Talking Points - Deschutes County.pdf; Clear Alliance Newsletter 1 - April 2015.pdf; Marijuana and the Young Brain Flyer.pdf; Marijuana Edibles Flyer.pdf; Newer Drug Paraphernalia Flyer.pdf; Marijuana Related Deaths Flyer.pdf

From: CLEAR Alliance - Mandi Puckett [mailto:mandi@clearalliance.org]
Sent: Tuesday, August 11, 2015 1:26 PM
To: Board; Tony DeBone; Tammy Baney; Alan Unger
Cc: connie@clearalliance.org; gary@clearalliance.org; john@clearalliance.org; maggie@clearalliance.org; ron@clearalliance.org
Subject: Marijuana discussion for Deschutes County Commission meeting

Hello Deschutes County Commissioners and Staff,

Attached are documents we would like to submit on behalf of CLEAR Alliance, a statewide educational nonprofit organization based out of Redmond Oregon. We request these documents be submitted into the official record for the Deschutes County Commission. This educational information is cited and sourced with evidence and/or science-based research and is important when considering information in regards to marijuana.

Thank you for your attention to this. Can your staff please confirm you received this information?

Thank you,

Mandi Puckett, CPS Executive Director

clearalliance PO Box 1991 Redmond, OR 97756 Phone: 541-508-3062 Email: <u>info@ClearAlliance.org</u> Web: <u>www.clearalliance.org</u>

### "Clear Mind, Clear Learning"

CLEAR Alliance is recognized by the IRS as a 501c3 non-profit organization

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### Clearalliance Children Learning through Education And Research

### Top officials form non-profit in Oregon

Current and retired public servants and officials have come together to form a non-profit organization in Oregon.

CLEAR Alliance, short for Children Learning through Education And Research, Inc. will focus its mission on increasing awareness to educate youth and adults about substance abuse, mental health, and violence prevention by offering educational tools and resources both locally in Oregon and/or across state lines. "We plan to go where the needs are for science-based and evidence-based education," says



Board President Gary Thompson, Oregon Circuit Court Judge (Ret.) (pictured)

Retired Circuit Court Judge, Gary Thompson, who was the first Judge to start a Drug Court in Central Oregon. "Whether it's a local school district, a hospital, a city, the entire state of Oregon, or across state lines, we are going to make factual public health and safety information readily available to the public in user-friendly formats," said John Trumbo, Retired Umatilla County Sheriff and Board Vice-President for CLEAR Alliance.

Due to the requests from the public, Clear Alliance will focus its first projects on factual marijuana education and heroin education. Both free and paid resources will soon be available online at www.ClearAlliance.org

### IRS designates Clear Alliance as 501c3

The CLEAR Alliance board of directors has applied for and received its 501c3 tax exempt designation from the IRS.

All donations to CLEAR Alliance are graciously appreciated and are tax deductible!

Please consider donating to Clear Alliance to help us provide reputable science-based and evidence-based education throughout Oregon.

Donations can be made online at www.ClearAlliance.org or payment may be mailed to:

CLEAR Alliance PO Box 1991 Redmond, OR 97756



# Oregon Sheriffs' Association grants seed money

CLEAR Alliance had the opportunity to present to the Oregon State Sheriffs Association (OSSA) in March 2015 about the mission of Clear Alliance.

"We are excited to report that OSSA has graciously granted CLEAR Alliance's request for seed money," reported Board Secretary/Treasurer Maggie Heising. "We are very appreciative to the Oregon State Sheriffs' Association for their support of CLEAR Alliance. I've worked in a large Emergency Room for the past 9 years and see the increasing need for education. All funding will help us provide education tools and resources about substance abuse, mental health and violence prevention to youth and adults in Oregon and beyond," Heising said. In addition to OSSA, CLEAR Alliance has



received individual donations as well as professional training support from Oregon HIDTA. Grant proposals are actively being

submitted to request support for public health and safety education for youth and adults in Oregon. All funding and in-kind donations are graciously accepted.

### Executive Director receives national award

In January, 2015 the CLEAR Alliance Board of Directors named Mandi Puckett, Certified Prevention Specialist, as the new Executive Director of CLEAR Alliance.

On April 9, 2015 Puckett was flown to Atlanta Georgia and honored with the "Catalyst for Change Award".

## Agency Info

CLEAR Alliance Board of Directors President: Gary Thompson, Retired Judge Vice-President: John Trumbo, Retired Sheriff Secretary/Treasurer: Maggie Heising, ER Tech Board: Connie Rameakers, CPS Board: Dr. Ron Schwerzler, MD

CLEAR Alliance Executive Director Mandi Puckett, Certified Prevention Specialist

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Award was presented to Puckett by Dr. Kevin Sabet Ph.D.

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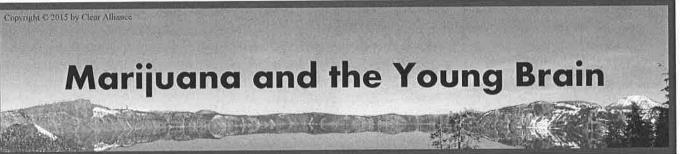


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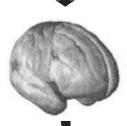
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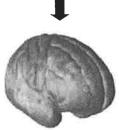
Age: 5





Adolescence





Age: 20

### IS MARIJUANA HARMFUL TO THE DEVELOPING BRAIN? Yes.

Structural changes have been found in the brains of young marijuana users.<sup>1</sup>

**WHEN IS THE BRAIN FULLY FORMED?** Scientists use to think the human brain was formed in early childhood, but discovered the brain undergoes radical changes in adolescence and will continue to grow and develop **until the age of 25**.<sup>1,2</sup>

### CAN MARIJUANA USE LOWER INTELLIGENCE? Yes.

In 2012, a significant study on marijuana and intelligence found that marijuana use can permanently reduce IQ by as much as eight points by age 38 among people who started using marijuana regularly before age 18.<sup>3</sup>

### WHAT IS COMPARABLE TO PERMANENT IQ LOSS FROM MARIJUANA USE?

Permanent IQ loss associated with **childhood lead exposure = 7.4 to 9.9 points** Permanent IQ loss associated with **childhood marijuana exposure = 8 points** U.S. prevalence rates of childhood exposure to lead and marijuana are also similar.<sup>4</sup>

### WHAT ARE THE EFFECTS OF MARIJUANA ON MENTAL HEALTH?

Associations have been found between marijuana use and mental health problems, such as depression, anxiety, suicidal thoughts among adolescents, and personality disturbances, including lack of motivation to engage in typical rewarding activities.<sup>5,6</sup> Marijuana use can increase the risk of developing mental disorders by 40%.<sup>5</sup>

•Young people who use marijuana weekly have **double the risk of depression**.<sup>7</sup>

•Teens who smoke marijuana at least once a month are **three times** more likely than non-users to have suicidal thoughts.<sup>8</sup>

•Those who have tried marijuana by age 18 were **2.4 times** more likely to be diagnosed with schizophrenia than those who had not tried marijuana. The risk increases with the frequency of use.<sup>9</sup>

### WHAT IS THE RISK OF BECOMING ADDICTED TO MARIJUANA?

Research shows **1** in every 6 youth (and 1 in 11 adults) who try marijuana will become addicted to it.<sup>10</sup>

### ARE YOUTH IN TREATMENT FOR MARIJUANA?

In the U.S., **marijuana abuse or dependence is the #1 reason** youth are in treatment, more than alcohol and any other drugs.<sup>11</sup>

### WHY IS IT IMPORTANT TO PREVENT MARIJUANA USE AMONG YOUTH?

Children and adolescents are at far greater risk of becoming dependent on marijuana, and dependence happens more quickly. Youth are more significantly affected as well, even before dependence starts.<sup>1,12</sup>



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## **Newer Drug Paraphernalia**



### WHAT DOES DRUG PARAPHERNALIA MEAN?

The term drug paraphernalia refers to any equipment that is used to produce, conceal, or consume illicit drugs. It includes but is not limited to items such as bongs, vaporizers, hookahs, roach clips, dabbers, pipes and more.<sup>1,3</sup>

### WHAT DOES DRUG PARAPHERNALIA LOOK LIKE?

Identifying drug paraphernalia can be challenging because products are often designed and marketed to look like they are used for legitimate purposes.<sup>1,2</sup>

### ARE DRUG PARAPHERNALIA ILLEGAL?

According to the U.S. Code Title 21 Section 863, drug paraphernalia are illegal. This statute makes it unlawful for any person to sell or offer for sale drug paraphernalia. However, these products often carry a misleading disclaimer to circumvent the statute, such as stating they are intended to be used only with tobacco products (which are legal).<sup>1,3</sup>

### WHAT SHOULD PARENTS AND SCHOOLS KNOW?

Items are increasingly manufactured in bright, trendy colors and designs in an attempt to glamorize drug use and make products attractive to teenagers and young adults.<sup>1,2</sup> Vaporizers, vape pens and e-cigarettes are newer marketed products that can hide a variety of drugs and allow the user to discreetly or secretively consume drugs with little-to-no detection from others.<sup>3,4</sup>

### WHY ARE THESE ITEMS DIFFICULT TO DETECT?

These items can be difficult to detect as they are easy to conceal and they can be designed or disguised to look like **ink pens, highlighters, cosmetics, cell phones, electronic gadgets, breathing inhalers, and more**.<sup>2,3</sup>

### HOW CAN YOU TELL IF IT IS DRUG PARAPHERNALIA OR NOT?

Vaporizers, vape pens or e-cigarettes will likely have a heating element. Another way to know if it is drug paraphernalia is to search the internet for the item. "How to" videos about drug paraphernalia are often posted online.<sup>2,3</sup>

### WHERE IS DRUG PARAPHERNALIA SOLD?

Drug paraphernalia can be obtained through various means. These products are often sold over the Internet, mail-order businesses, tobacco shops,

medical marijuana or retail stores, gas stations, and convenience stores.<sup>1,3</sup>

### HOW SHOULD I EDUCATE ABOUT THIS?

Many people do not know about these items, what they look like, or how they can be used. Please share this information with youth, parents and schools in your community.<sup>3</sup>



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# **Marijuana Edibles**



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### WHAT ARE MARIJUANA EDIBLES?

Marijuana edibles are THC-infused food and drink products. THC stands for delta-9-tetrahydrocannabinol, and is the mind-altering ingredient in marijuana that gives the user the intoxication "high".<sup>1</sup>

### WHAT DO MARIJUANA EDIBLES LOOK LIKE?

Chocolate bars, hard candy, lollipops, gummy bears, cotton candy, breakfast cereals, cookies, brownies, other baked goods, ice cream, soda pop, fruit drinks, and more. (see images)<sup>2</sup>

### IS MARIJUANA MORE POTENT THAN IT USE TO BE?

Yes. In the 70s, the THC potency in marijuana was approximately 1-3%. In recent years, samples tested from law enforcement seizures have ranged approximately 12-37% THC, which is an increase of 300-800%.<sup>3</sup> Marijuana edibles are often marketed to contain even higher levels of THC.<sup>4</sup>

### WHAT IS THE EFFECT OF EATING MARIJUANA VERSUS SMOKING IT?

It only takes seconds to feel the effects of smoking marijuana and it takes an hour or more to feel the effects of eating it. This is why people often end up eating more when they don't "feel high". Smoking marijuana delivers about 5mg of THC in one puff. If you ate 10 gummy bears, and each one is 10mg of THC, it would be like taking 20 hits of a marijuana cigarette at one time.<sup>5</sup>

### IS EATING MARIJUANA SAFE?

No. Eating, smoking, dabbing, and/or vaporizing marijuana are all harmful to health, just in different ways. There is no approved dosage for marijuana.<sup>5</sup>

### CAN PEOPLE GET SICK OR DIE AFTER EATING MARIJUANA?

More research is needed to determine the risks associated with eating marijuana. However, several reported incidents have connected eating marijuana with hallucinations, difficulty breathing, varying levels of paralysis, suicide and homicide.<sup>6</sup>

### CAN ANIMALS GET SICK OR DIE AFTER EATING MARIJUANA? Yes.<sup>7</sup>

### ARE MARIJUANA PRODUCTS PACKAGED WITH HEALTH WARNINGS?

Unlike tobacco, marijuana products are not required to have printed health warnings.

### HOW CAN I TELL IF IT'S MARIJUANA?

Read all packaging carefully. If a marijuana edible is outside the packaging it can be very difficult to tell the difference. When in doubt, only consume a product you know to be safe.<sup>8</sup>



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# **Marijuana Related Deaths**



Tron Dohse



Daniel Juarez



Levy Thamba Pongi



Gemma Moss



John O'Brien



Kristine Kirk

### HAS MARIJUANA CAUSED OR CONTRIBUTED TO ANY DEATHS? Yes.

After alcohol, marijuana is the most common substance involved in traffic fatalities.<sup>1</sup> Marijuana also contributes to many other preventable deaths. A few examples are provided below.<sup>2</sup>

**ACCIDENTAL DEATH:** In 2012 **Tron Dohse, 26**, returned home from a Colorado Rockies game and apparently lost his keys. He tried to reach his apartment balcony by climbing the outside of the building, but fell to his death. The autopsy ruled his death an accident and the level of THC (the ingredient in marijuana that causes intoxication) in his blood was 27.3 nanograms (Colorado's legal limit is 5 nanograms). No other drugs or alcohol were in his system.<sup>2,3,4</sup>

**DEATH AFTER SMOKING MARIJUANA**: In 2012 **Daniel Juarez, 18**, a high school student and soccer player from Brighton Colorado died after stabbing himself 20 times. After smoking marijuana, Juarez reportedly became wild, stripped off his clothes, grabbed a knife and stabbed himself repeatedly. The autopsy revealed 38.2 nanograms of THC in his blood at the time of his death. Tests for other drugs were negative. Juarez's death was listed as suicide with "marijuana intoxication" as a significant condition".<sup>2,3,4</sup>

**DEATH AFTER EATING MARIJUANA EDIBLES:** In 2014 Levy Thamba Pongi, 19, a Wyoming college student visiting Colorado with friends, jumped to his death from a hotel balcony after eating a marijuana cookie. Pongi had a single slice of the cookie, but when he didn't feel anything he ate the remainder of the cookie all at once. He reportedly became agitated and erratic before jumping to his death. He had 7.2 nanograms of THC in his blood. The Denver coroner listed "marijuana intoxication" as a significant condition contributing to his death.

In 2015 Luke Goodman, 22, a college graduate vacationing with family at Colorado's Keystone Resort bought marijuana edible candies. He ate two of the peach candies and when nothing happened, he ate some more. It is estimated he consumed four or five candies, and later became agitated and incoherent. When family members left the condo, he retrieved a gun and shot himself. Toxicology results show Goodman had 3.1 nanograms of THC in his blood.<sup>2,3,4,6</sup>



Luke Goodman

**MARIJUANA OVERDOSE:** Although overdosing on marijuana is very rare, coroners have documented deaths from cannabis toxicity and cannabis cardiotoxicity. In 2013 **Gemma Moss**, **31**, a mother of three from Britain, was found dead in her bedroom after smoking marijuana. Her death was reportedly caused by cannabis toxicity and the coroner recorded the verdict of death as cannabis abuse.<sup>2,4,7,8</sup> In 2014 a coroner at Bolton Coroner's Court ruled **John O'Brien**, **53**, from Salford, died from cannabis cardiotoxicity, a little known condition in which smoking marijuana triggers heart problems.<sup>4,9</sup>

**MURDER VICTIM**: In 2014 Kristine Kirk, 44, a wife and mother of 3 sons from Denver Colorado, called 911 and reported her husband, Richard Kirk, was acting erratically after

eating marijuana candy and possibly from prescription pain pills. While on the phone with police, she was shot and killed by her husband while their three children were in the home. Mr. Kirk was charged with murder and has pled not guilty. Toxicology tests revealed the only substance found in Richard Kirk's blood was THC.<sup>2,3,4,10</sup>

WHAT SHOULD I KNOW ABOUT MARIJUANA?

Marijuana is an intoxicating, mind and mood altering substance that can affect people differently and be harmful to public health and public safety.<sup>11</sup>



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\*Note: The selected cases of marijuana-related deaths provided in this document do not include all marijuana-related deaths that have occurred.



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### MARIJUANA EDUCATION INFORMATION For: Deschutes County Commission meeting Date: August 12, 2015

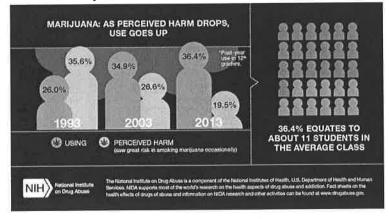
Currently there is significant misinformation or little factual information available to the public about marijuana and the impact to public health and public safety. Below are facts about marijuana. Sources and citations of these marijuana facts and data reports are provided for easy reference.

**Fact:** Marijuana is a Schedule I Controlled Substance and is illegal under federal law. Substances in schedule I have no currently accepted medical use in the United States, a lack of accepted safety for use under medical supervision, and a high potential for abuse. (*Source: US Department of Justice, http://www.deadiversion.usdoj.gov/schedules/*)

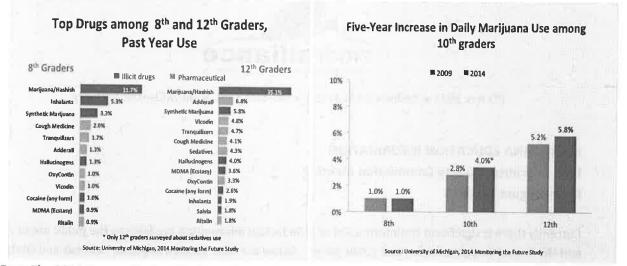
**Fact:** For every \$1 the government receives taxing harmful substances, it spends \$10 on social costs, *(Source: Smart Approaches to Marijuana, learnaboutsam.com)* 

**Fact:** Our environment is impacted by marijuana. Growing marijuana can result in the destruction of natural habitat from diesel spills, pesticide run off, and trash. *(Source: National Drug Intelligence Center "Impact of Drugs on Society" 2010)* 

**Fact:** Research continues to show as teen perceived harm of marijuana goes down, teen marijuana use goes up. The more marijuana is marketed, advertised, normalized, available, and accessible - the more teens will use.



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Fact: The 2014 US Monitoring the Future Study & Trend data

Fact: The 2014 Oregon Student Wellness Survey data on perception of harm and 30 day use

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If they take one or two drinks of an alcoholic beverage (beer, wine, liquor) nearly every day?	18,546	42.6	19,989	47.2	15,993	48.9
When they have five or more drinks of an alcoholic beverage once or twice a week?	18,396	61.2	19,678	67.9	15,968	72.5
If they smoke one or more packs of cigarettes per day?	18,411	78.3	19,873	82.5	15,898	83.2
If they smoke marijuana once or twice a week?	18,036	67.5	19,653	61.3	15,844	417
If they use prescription drugs not prescribed to them?	16,330	79.1	19,866	84.3	15,920	86.3

	Grad	e 6	Grade 8		Grade 11	
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Had at least one drink of alcohol	19,501	4.5	20,683	16.9	16,383	33,5
Had S or more drinks of alcohol in a row, that is, within a couple of hours	19,427	1.0	20,580	6.6	16,287	18.9
Smoked cigarettes	19,064	0.8	20,185	4.5	16,239	10.0
Used marijuana	20,922	1.2	21,631	7.9	16,907	18.7
Used prescription drugs (without a doctor's orders)	18,749	1.0	20,324	3.3	15,948	7.1
Used methamphecamines (also called speed, crystal, crank or ice)	20,922	0.2	21,631	0.4	16,907	0.5

Table 37: 30 Day Use

Fact: The 2014 Deschutes County Student Wellness Survey data on perception of harm and 30 day use

	Grade 6		Grade 8		Gra	de II	
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If they take one or two drinks of an alcoholic beverage (beer, wine, liquor) nearly every day?	818	45.6	895	42.3	729	51.9	Had at leas alcohol
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Table 37: 30 Day Use

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Had at least one drink of alcohol	855	ō.2	927	20.9	757	43.9
Had 5 or more drinks of alcohol in a row, that is, within a couple of hours	849	0.9	919	8.4	748	25.1
Smoked cigarettes	849	1.2	909	5.0	745	11.2
Used marijuana	920	1.5	956	9.5	768	23.4
Used prescription drugs (without a doctor's orders)	840	1.5	917	4.3	725	9.7
Used methampheramines (also called speed, crystal, crank or ice)	920	0.2	956	0.8	768	1.0

**Fact:** Youth who try marijuana before the age of 18 have a 1 in 6 chance of becoming addicted to it, adults have 1 in 11 chance of addiction. (Source: Wagner, F.A., and Anthony J.C. 2002)

**Fact:** In the United States, marijuana dependence is the #1 reason youth are in treatment, more than alcohol and other drugs. (*Source: SAMHSA, Center for Behavioral Health Statistics and Quality, 2010*)

**Fact:** Over 1 million Americans ages 12 or older receive medically necessary treatment for marijuana, more than any other illegal drug. (*Source: Office of National Drug Control Policy 2010*)

**Fact:** In 2012 a significant study on marijuana and intelligence found that marijuana use can permanently reduce IQ by as much as eight points by age 38 among people who started using marijuana regularly before age 18. *(Source: Meier et al 2012)* 

**Fact:** IQ loss from childhood exposure to marijuana is comparable to childhood exposure to lead paint. Permanent IQ loss associated with childhood lead exposure = 7.4 to 9.9 points Permanent IQ loss associated with childhood marijuana exposure = 8 points (Source: Dr. Christian Thurstone, Child & Adolescent and Addictions Psychiatrist, www.drthurstone.com)

**Fact:** Companies in Colorado and Washington are seeing an increase in workforce drug tests coming back positive for marijuana, which is a liability concern for employers. Conspire, a workforce drug testing company based out of Colorado Springs reported that positive results from urine samples was at 7-8% when medical marijuana became widely available 5-6 years ago, and has now shot up to 15.4%. (*Source: WPTV, http://www.wptv.com/news/national/legal-marijuana-and-the-workplace-legally-high-legally-fired-for-pot-use*)

**Fact:** In the US, after alcohol, marijuana is the most commonly identified drug in traffic fatalities. *(Source: NIDA, Drug Facts Drugged Driving December 2014, drugabuse.gov)* 

**Fact:** The average potency of THC in Marijuana has significantly increased since 1983. In the 60s and 70s, the potency was approximately 1-3% THC. In recent years, samples tested from law enforcement seizures have ranged approximately 12-37% THC, which is an increase of 300-800%. (*Source: University of Mississippi Potency Monitoring Project, Politifact.com*)

**Fact:** Marijuana edibles are often marketed to contain even higher levels, such as 80% THC. In a study published in the Journal of the American Medical Association that was conducted by a team at Johns Hopkins, found that although laws in some states permit use of marijuana for medical conditions, the drug is not subject to the same regulatory scrutiny as other prescription drugs. A small study of marijuana "edibles" sold for medical use shows that their labels frequently over-or-understated the cannabinoid content. The authors found this mislabeling could endanger patients or reduce the benefit they might gain from the products. Dr. Ryan Vandrey, Ph.D. from Johns Hopkins University School of Medicine stated "if this study is representative of the medical cannabis market, we may have hundreds of thousands of patients buying cannabis products that are mislabeled." (*Source: Johns Hopkins Medicine* 

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Fact:

Natural Marijuana:	<u>Man-Made Marijuana</u>
Rarely used and not desired	Most used and desired
Grows on its own in nature, with seeds	Chemically manipulated, no seeds
Little-to-no intoxication	Significant intoxication high
Slang terms: Crap, Garbage, Bad	Slang terms: Bud, Sticky, Dank, Good
Approximately 1% THC, 1% CBD	Up to 37.2% THC, as low as 0.5% CBD
(Source: Eric Martin, MAC, CADCIII, CPS)	*Edibles are documented at increasing THC amounts

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From: Celeste Goulding [mailto:celeste.goulding@gmail.com]
Sent: Wednesday, August 12, 2015 12:41 PM
To: Board
Cc: Alan Unger; Tammy Baney; Tony DeBone
Subject: Comment for the Board of County Commissioners

To Whom It May Concern;

I am writing to encourage the Deschutes County Council to not utilize the opt-out option, allowing the establishment of all of the following businesses in the unincorporated areas of Deschutes County;

- Medical Marijuana Processing sites;
- Medical Marijuana dispensaries;
- Recreational Marijuana producers (Growers);
- Recreational Marijuana Processors;
- Recreational Marijuana wholesalers;
- Recreational Marijuana retailers; or
- Any combination of the entities described above.

I am a graduate level Social Worker with 7+ years of direct service experience as well as fundraising, outreach, and advocacy experience. I have worked with high-risk populations in rural and urban environments and have seen that funding sources are needed desperately for all aspects of social services, healthcare, and education. I am hoping to see the funding raised in marijuana taxes utilized to the benefit of communities. In Pueblo County Colorado, a county of similar size and population to Deschutes, there was \$542,738 collected from marijuana sales tax, \$793,000 was collected in licenses and fees\* here in Deschutes County we could expect similar returns if we allow the marijuana industry to move forward. In order for the industry to move forward we must allow the space for warehouses, greenhouses, and other facilities, please don't limit these facilities to being within city limits and please do not block Deschutes County from benefiting from the associated state and local tax revenue.

Please do not put on any moratoriums or limitations that will decrease the amount of tax revenue that can be raised by the marijuana industry. The energy that would go into figuring out how to implement the opt-out options would take up valuable time; time and energy that may well have to be repeated if the opt-out options are repealed in the November 2016 elections. This same energy could be spent figuring out ways to educate the public regarding benefits of the marijuana industry, develop prevention strategies for potential pitfalls, as well as earmark incoming tax dollars to provide much needed services across the county. There is a need for increased funding for a multitude of services across the county including but not limited to; incentives to build affordable housing, transitional housing, emergency shelters, youth services, and mental health services. As

opposed to staying locked in a mindset perpetuated by outdated prejudice fueled by misguided efforts such as Reefer Madness let us as a county see the marijuana plant for what it is; an agricultural and medical commodity with a wide variety of applications that deserves to be cultivated and studied carefully and responsibly. Instead of focusing on limiting its prevalence in our communities and surrounding areas let us focus on providing the necessary education and funding avenues to allow the benefits while preventing potential abuse. Thank you very much for your time and dedication to allowing the public's voice to come through on this important issue.

\* Marijuana Money Set for County Coffers

By Jeff Tucker at the Pueblo Chieftain, Published February 8, 2015

http://www.chieftain.com/news/3284471-120/county-marijuana-tax-sales

Peace, Celeste Goulding MSW, University of Washington School of Social Work Charter for Compassion Volunteer

"Caring for myself is not self-indulgence, it is self-preservation, and that is an act of political warfare." -- Audre Lorde

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From: <u>paradiseposse@aol.com</u> [<u>mailto:paradiseposse@aol.com</u>] Sent: Wednesday, August 12, 2015 12:00 PM To: Board Subject: Marijuana Facilities in our neighborhood

Dear County Commissioners:

We are VERY concerned about the sudden flood of marijuana grow facilities popping up all over Deschutes County. We believe there needs to be some controls on the siting of these facilities.

These pot installations are NOT APPROPRIATE everywhere and there are almost no controls on siting them in the county currently. Legislation to put reasonable controls on these pot facilities takes a lot longer than it takes to get a permit and build them.

Therefore WE URGE THE COMMISSION TO "OPT OUT" and impose a moratorium on new marijuana facilities in Deschutes County and put the issue to a public vote in November of 2016.

Thank you,

Glenn and Linda Elliott 20090 Marsh Rd. Bend, Oregon 97703 541-383-1627 paradiseposse@AOL.com

From: Sent: To: Subject: Bonnie Baker Wednesday, August 12, 2015 12:58 PM Matt Martin FW: OPT OUT

From: David DeCourcey [<u>mailto:decourceydavid621@gmail.com</u>] Sent: Wednesday, August 12, 2015 11:00 AM To: Board Subject: OPT OUT

Commissioners,

It is my considered opinion that Deschutes County should Opt out of all businesses related to Marijuana.

The biggest single issue is Public Safety. There is an unmistakable criminal element that is and will be drawn to any operation of this type, the draw is simple, at these places of business will have in good quantity, easily sellable product and or cash on hand.

If you doubt this draw I encourage you to have the Sheriff discuss the problems that exist within counties in states which have embraced the culture.

I would then ask you to consider the additional cost involved in adding to the Sheriff's office staff for the increased crime which will take place if for no other reason than human nature. Temptation can get the best of us, so what does it do to the rest?

I would also ask you to consider this from another angle. Land use regulations in Farm Zones permit additional non-farm dwellings if specific income amounts are realized on the parcels, necessitating additional dwelling units for farm workers, etc. I submit the idea that a legal grow operation will create a vehicle for the rapid division of farm land into smaller parcels based on the high profitability of the crop involved. You will effectively deal a blow to contiguity of farmland and the stated goals of the DLC and LCDC, as well as the County goals as they relate to land use and farm land.

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Do not assume that I am a zealot, I am not. But do know that as an adult, a parent, a Christian and a farmer, in Deschutes County, no good can come of this.

These businesses, if they must be here, belong in the cities where the activities conducted thereabout can be monitored.

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The States rush to approve this was ill conceived at best, Deschutes County doesn't need to be as hasty to join in the insanity.

Respectfully submitted:

David R. DeCourcey Bend, OR 97701

From: Sent: To: Subject: Bonnie Baker Wednesday, August 12, 2015 3:00 PM Matt Martin FW: Greenhouse permits for commercially growing marijuana

From: Wendy Greene [mailto:greene.mw123@gmail.com]
Sent: Wednesday, August 12, 2015 1:25 PM
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From: Tom Anderson
Sent: Thursday, August 13, 2015 9:16 AM
To: Bonnie Baker; David Doyle
Cc: Erik Kropp
Subject: FW: Thank You and Submission of Written Document/Bpb Blake

FYI. Looks like Nick/CDD already received it.

From: Robert H Blake III [mailto:RHBlake828@gmail.com]
Sent: Thursday, August 13, 2015 5:51 AM
To: Nick Lelack; Tammy Baney; Tony DeBone; Alan Unger; Tom Anderson; eric.kropp@deschutes.org
Subject: Thank You and Submission of Written Document/Bpb Blake

Dear Deschutes County Commissioners and Administrators,

Thank you for hosting the public hearing on cannabis yesterday. Specifically, thank you for allowing some of us to present in both the morning and evening.

Attached please find some beginning thoughts and recommendations in the form of a write-up of my presentation. I updated my original presentation after listening to fellow citizens. As I stated, my belief is that the best pathway forward is to develop more detailed regulations related to land use and zoning for cannabis operations - NOT to pursue a moratorium. If we pursue a moratorium, my "gut" says that we are NOT taking the necessary governance steps now and are delaying the implementation of necessary regulation for our citizens. The balanced community compromise is expanded regulation, NOT a moratorium. We have the expertise and experience within the county's administration and community to develop worthy and state leading regulation that can and should be emulated. "Just saying no" now through a moratorium may lead to increased conflict among the community and social media. The cannabis community is a very active one on social media.

Please spend the time and resources now to develop appropriate and desired regulation of cannabis operations. The OLCC licensing process will limit many cannabis operations locations. Other citizens and I are willing to spend time to serve on appointed committees to support development of meaningful cannabis regulations. As we discussed, many of us have gained a lot of experience this winter/spring/summer with the state legislative process and the OLCC RAC related to cannabis and are willing to share this expertise and experience.

The last part of the attached first document is personal background and thoughts on making Deschutes County a nationally recognized cannabis care community. I provided some personal experience with medical cannabis that may interest you and others who have have loved ones afflicted with diseases and debilitating medical conditions. It seems crazy to me even now after these experiences, but medical cannabis may become one of the most significant healing developments in the history of medicine. As one learns more about our human body and its endogenous cannabinoid system of protein receptors that control nervous system, immune system, inflammatory, etc. responses through molecular level intra- and inter-cellular communication, belief grows. Actual patient experience is confirming.

I personally wish that recreational M91 never passed so we could concentrate on medical cannabis. Yet M91 passed. We can and will implement the necessary regulations with your leadership. I also have attached a short bio on myself.

Sincerely yours,

Bob Blake

# Bob Blake 20444 Brentwood Avenue Bend, Oregon 97702

Presentation Deschutes County Board of Commissioners August 12, 2015

# "Importance of Being a Good Neighbor in the Cannabis Industry"

#### **Overall Recommendation**

We recommend that Deschutes County <u>not</u> pursue a moratorium on cannabis production, processing, and sales and a resulting vote in November 2016. Rather, we recommend that Deschutes County work with its administrative staff and informed citizens to create a pathway to implement the requirements of H. B. 3400 that is based on a policy of "Being a Good Neighbor."

#### Introduction

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Now that Oregonians have voted in favor of Measure 91 and our statewide elected representatives have passed statutes in the form of H. B. 3400 and other legislation related to the production, processing, sales, and possession of cannabis, we have the responsibility to educate ourselves about cannabis. Today's public hearing is an important step in this direction. We thank the Board of Commissioners for leading this educational process in our community. The state legislature has purposely left open many areas related to the regulation of cannabis, including land use with an "opt out" provision, to account for local community adaptation and innovation.

It is the responsibility of Deschutes County to be a leader of implementation that best fits the needs of its citizens. We believe that appropriate land use regulations and zoning can be implemented that meets the desires and needs of most all citizens in Deschutes County. Through proposed regulation of cannabis production, processing, and sales we can account for the following:

- Public safety;
- Livability considerations that include "Being a Good Neighbor";
- Education of youth and young adults; and
- Current economic investment by medical cannabis producers, processors, and dispensaries;

Education of our youth and young adults related to the medical concerns of using cannabis is likely the most important approach we can pursue in Deschutes County. Similar education programs related to teen smoking have proven to be the most successful in the past within Oregon. Deschutes County can work in partnership with the OLCC and the State of Oregon to develop such educational programs and related media.

Although we may <u>not</u> be regulating medical cannabis production, the fact remains that virtually all medical cannabis cultivators in Deschutes County wish to convert their current production properties to Oregon Liquor Control Commission ("OLCC") licensed ones with approved Land Use Compatibility Studies ("LUCS"). Without this conversion and the expectation that most dispensaries will convert to OLCC licensed ones, Oregon Health Authority ("OHA") registered production properties may <u>not</u> have sales outlets for their production beginning in 2016. The OLCC will <u>only</u> permit their licensed dispensaries to sell cannabis products from licensed producers and processors with LUCS.

If Deschutes County pursues a moratorium with a future citizen vote in November 2016, other cannabis related businesses will be affected. Less cannabis investment will occur in Deschutes County under a moratorium and will affect businesses, such as construction, agricultural supply, glass art, etc. beyond cannabis production, processing, and sales. The local economy multiplier supported by the cannabis industry is much higher than what one might expect.

Given this introduction, cannabis remains a controversial topic for many citizens, especially parents of our youth and law enforcement. The support of recreational and adult use cannabis is very divided in Deschutes County based on the 52% to 48% vote in favor of Measure 91. We must develop a community-based and on-going communication and education process within the county related to cannabis. Monthly community meetings may be important to sponsor.

#### Importance of Being a Good Neighbor

Citizens and companies operating in the cannabis industry must be "good neighbors." There is a high likelihood that our neighbors have children. These neighbors may not want their children exposed to cannabis in any manner (e.g., sight, smell). There is a high likelihood that one or more of our neighbors may oppose the use of cannabis on many grounds, including moral and religious ones. We must be respectful of these beliefs of our neighbors. Therefore, it is recommended that we as owners of cannabis operations speak to our neighbors. We should attempt to reach agreement, formal or informal, as to how we locate and operate cannabis operations on the property(s) we own or lease. Given the divisive and continuing debate related to the legalization of cannabis, acceptance of our cannabis operations by neighbors might not be easily forthcoming. Yet, we as owners of property and cannabis operations in Deschutes County possess a right to be able to continue with our cannabis businesses on both medically registered and commercially licensed grounds.

There is no easy solution. There will be strong opponents to cannabis in neighborhoods. There will be strong proponents. And, there will be neutral residents. So what does it mean, "Being a Good Neighbor" for cannabis? "Being a Good Neighbor" means respect first and foremost. We must respect the beliefs and rights of our neighbors. If a neighbor does not favor cannabis operations, then we must be sensitive. We must operate clean, sanitary, safe, and professional cannabis operations.

We know of one example in Deschutes County in which neither neighbor respected the other. Both neighbors are experienced business people who have retired and own exclusive farm use ("EFU") property. One neighbor located his large house right next to the property line despite owning forty (40) acres of farmland. The other neighbor located his cannabis greenhouse next to the same property line on his forty (40) acre property. The result is that neither neighbor is pleased with the other. The one with the large house must endure the pungent smell of growing cannabis. The cannabis operator neighbor has had to go through multiple issues at the county and state levels to secure his right to grow cannabis on his EFU property. Knowing the history of this neighbor dispute, we believe that this dispute and others similar to it are one of the principal reasons why we are here today to discuss the approval of producing, processing, and selling cannabis in Deschutes County and the potential re-vote in November 2016.

Avoidance of such neighbor disputes as mentioned above will be easier to gain going forward with new regulations proposed by Deschutes County. The dynamics of the potential for over- versus under regulation of cannabis operations will be the key challenge. Experienced planners should be able to develop appropriate land use regulations and zoning parameters that are sufficiently flexible to support necessary adaptation and innovation in the future.

#### **Proposed "Good Neighbor" Recommendations**

Our approach is to propose solutions and positive recommendations. If we are going to own and operate cannabis operations in Deschutes County, we need to follow an approach of "Being a Good Neighbor" and pursue the following in partnership with Deschutes County:

1. Inform neighbors of cannabis operations. Seek oral and/or written approval from neighbors for cannabis operations.

- 2. Establish a four (4) acre minimum property size for permitted and conditional land use related to OLCC licensed cannabis production with LUCS.
- 3. Establish reasonable property setback location of cannabis operations, especially if there is disapproval from a neighbor. Current zoning setback distances may be insufficient for outdoor greenhouse cannabis operations due to sight, smell, and other livability considerations. Setbacks for indoor operations with controlled filters for smell should be different than ones for outdoor greenhouses.
- 4. Under all circumstances seek to minimize the smell and visual view of cannabis operations for neighbors. Use of filters to control smell for indoor cultivations may be warranted. Planting greenery to shield cannabis operations from visual view may be warranted. Use of coverings to shield lighting for year round outdoor greenhouses may be warranted.
- 5. Gain input from experienced fire marshals as to appropriate and safe locations for cannabis processing operations. Edible processing (e.g., commercial kitchens) should have different requirements than extraction processing (e.g., closed loop concentrate processors). Require appropriate safety and certification requirements for processors.
- 6. Establish a neighbor complaint and resolution process for disputes between cannabis producers, processors, and dispensaries and their neighbors.
- 7. Install zoning approved fencing and security systems that protect cannabis operations from theft and inappropriate access.
- 8. Financially support educational programs related to both the health dangers and medicinal benefits of cannabis.
- 9. Be neighborly. That means be friendly and respectful of the beliefs and rights of your neighbors. Treat your neighbor as you would treat your family and yourself, which hopefully means with the utmost respect and consideration.

#### Land Use and Zoning Regulations

We believe that Deschutes County should adopt specific land use and zoning regulation related to cannabis production, processing, and sales. Communities, such as Hillsboro, have conducted exhaustive analysis and review related to the location of dispensaries. The analysis review took into account residences and locations with expected youth access. It is our hope and expectation that the Community Development Division of Deschutes County will develop new and appropriate regulations related to land use and zoning for cannabis production, processing, and sales that protect current citizen concerns and allow for future adaptation and innovation.

Listed below are some considerations related to land use and zoning of cannabis production, processing, and sales in Deschutes County:

- 1. Develop a minimum requirement of four (4) acres for OLCC licensed production sites with LUCS;
- 2. Develop specific zoning requirements for outdoor cannabis greenhouses
  - 100 ft. setback from property line
  - Lighting coverings for hours after dark
  - Visibility shields
  - Smell prevention systems that can be reasonably implemented from affordability and technical engineering perspectives;
- 3. Require smell filters for indoor cannabis production facilities;
- 4. Establish specific zones for processors. Distinguish edible and concentrate extractor processors for zoning purposes; and
- 5. Zone cannabis dispensaries to specific commercial zones that have less access to residences and youth activities (e.g., parks) with specific distance requirements.

# **Supplementary Background and Discussion**

#### Background

My name is Bob Blake. I am a 57-year-old individual and non-user of cannabis. I am in a unique position given the following:

- 1. I am a parent of three children who has dealt with the use of cannabis among young adults in their teenage and formative years. I have observed and intervened on what I perceive to be addiction issues with young adults.
- 2. I am a business person with more than thirty (30) years of experience in the health care industry. I currently am an owner and operator of a national anesthesia services company and a consulting business to physicians.
- 3. I am an owner of medical cannabis operations in Deschutes and other counties in Oregon.
- 4. I am an appointed member of the Grow Sub-Committee of the Rules Advisory Committee ("RAC") of the Oregon Liquor Control Commission ("OLCC").
- 5. This winter and spring, many individuals, including myself, spent a lot of time in Salem at the Legislature working on the development of new cannabis legislation, such as H. B. 3400, with lobbyists that we engaged.

Since May 2014, we have operated a medical cannabis dispensary and a medical cannabis production farm registered with the Oregon Health Authority ("OHA") in Deschutes County. Our approach has always been to contact our neighbors and to make them aware of our operations with the hope of gaining their support for our cannabis operations. We believe that our approach is that of "Being a Good Neighbor."

Cannabis is a controversial topic, or as some might say a political "third rail" issue, for elected officials. In general, citizens are either strongly in favor of or against the legalization of cannabis. On November 4, 2014, the majority of Oregonians voted in favor of Measure 91 that permitted the recreational or adult use of cannabis in our state. Prior to that time beginning in 1998, Oregon had approved medical cannabis for production and possession through the Oregon Medical Marijuana Act ("OMMA") and the resulting Oregon Medical Marijuana Program ("OMMP"). H. B. 3460 in 2013 permitted the lawful sale of medical cannabis through OHA registered dispensaries.

#### **Medicinal Benefits of Cannabis**

Although today we are discussing land use related to cannabis in Deschutes County, it is important to understand cannabis as a plant. Cannabis is a plant that should be respected. The compounds found in cannabis have over time come to be called cannabinoids. Researchers have identified more than eighty-five (85) cannabinoids in the various cannabis strains. The cannabinoid, THC, produces powerful psychoactive effects, particularly in concentrated forms of shatter, oils, edibles, etc. We know THC as the cannabinoid that gets one "high." Other cannabinoids, such as CBD, CBG, CBN etc., possess medicinal benefits that affect a whole host of bodily functions, as primarily supported by our nervous and immune systems and intra- and inter-cellular communications at the molecular level. Cannabinoids have been shown to be neuro-modulators, immunomodulators, neuro-protectorants, neuro-regenerators, and anti-inflammatory agents. Some cannabinoids have been shown to be more potent than oxycotin in terms of pain relief.

Many Oregonians are most interested in the medicinal benefits of cannabis. The positive effects of CBD and other cannabinoids to reduce seizures in children have become well documented in the mass media. Less well documented is our dispensary experience, and that of other proponents, related to medical cannabis arresting diseases such as cancer. We have medical patients who have taken high doses of pure cannabis concentrate oil sublingually (under the tongue) for 8 to 10 weeks and have found their cancer go into remission after this period. To restate, these patients no longer have any visible sign of cancer remaining in their bodies. We have thought to ourselves that these results are nothing short of a miracle, but if one reads the available medical research, one should not be surprised. Despite cannabis being classified as a Schedule 1 drug with no medicinal benefit under federal law, the United States government through the National Institutes of Health ("NIH") has patents on the medicinal value of cannabis. Recently, our federal government has licensed these patents to third parties for commercial development in medical cannabis states.

We own and operate cannabis operations because we believe in the medicinal benefits of cannabis. Based on available medical research; discussions with physicians and medical researchers; and our direct experience with patients, we believe that cannabis will be one of the single greatest advances in the history of medicine. Medical research on cannabis continues every day in the United States, but this research is most advanced in other countries such as Israel. The research is quite clear on the medicinal benefits of cannabis, although this research has primarily been conducted with animals, such as mice, and in vitro, as opposed to human or in vivo trials.

If cannabis can reduce seizures, eliminate cancer, and produce medicinal benefits of arresting the progression of other diseases, such as ALS and Alzheimer's, it is appropriate to conclude that cannabis is a powerful drug. Therefore as parents and citizens, we strongly discourage use of cannabis by youth and young adults with developing brains and bodies. The medical research also is quite confirming as to why our youth should not use cannabis.

#### **Deschutes County Being A Cannabis Care Community**

It has been our vision to make Deschutes County a nationally recognized cannabis care community. We want to recruit patients to Deschutes County to be educated about the medicinal benefits of cannabis and to receive treatment with medical cannabis concentrate oils. We want to integrate the mainstream medical and cannabis communities. We seek to open physician practices and care centers where patients can come and receive medical cannabis treatment in Deschutes County. If one truly takes the proper dose and type of medical cannabis to relieve cancer and other diseases, one must be saturated with medical cannabis concentrate oil. Such therapy requires a full time caregiver(s) plus 12 to 15 hours of sleep per day for 8 to 10 weeks. At least this is our successful experience.

So our vision is to make Deschutes County a national destination for medical cannabis education, treatment, and research. We want to bring medical cannabis tourism, for lack of a better term, to Deschutes County. We want to develop specific caregiver programs and facilities in the county.

If we decide to hold a re-vote on cannabis in November 2016 to approve local cannabis production, processing, and sales, we will lose this opportunity. We have been told by statewide elected legislators to locate such education, caregiver treatment, and research operations in Multnomah, Lane, and other counties that are more accepting of medical cannabis. We chose Deschutes County for its friendliness, pro-business culture, beauty, and sunshine.

# Short Bio of Robert H. Blake, III

Bob Blake was raised in New York City where he attended Collegiate School before going on to Brown University (A.B. Economics). After Brown he worked for Chase Bank in operations management where he was responsible for functions supporting the bank's treasury department, including foreign exchange and money transfer. He then received his M.B.A. in finance from The Wharton School before pursuing a career in health care.

Bob has worked in health care since 1985 in a variety of capacities. Early on his focus has was mostly in the area of health care finance and insurance. He helped develop a number of regional or statewide provider-sponsored HMOs or health insurance companies. He also helped write a health plan for the State of West Virginia, a health policy experience that he most enjoyed. Bob migrated toward developing and managing physician network organizations and practices. In 2000 he became the leader of a statewide gastroenterology network in North Carolina that led to reform of the state's certificate of need ("CON") legislation for GI endoscopy ambulatory surgery centers ("ASCs"). More than forty (40) new GI endoscopy ASCs were constructed in North Carolina under the revised legislation. The result was lower screening costs and a migration of North Carolina from being in the lower quartile for colorectal cancer prevention to being one of the leading ranked states for colorectal cancer screening.

In 2008 Bob founded Innovative Anesthesia ("IA") with other business partners. IA is now a national anesthesia services company that is expanding into staffing and other related areas. He manages IA's west coast operations from his office in Portland, Oregon where he has resided since 2012.

After much medical research and deliberation, Bob decided to enter the cannabis industry in 2014. His chief objective is to prove the medicinal value of cannabis in the treatment of diseases and debilitating medical conditions. He desires to merge his health care experience with medical cannabis in the pursuit of clinical research. Over time, he hopes to have insurance payers in Oregon cover cannabis as a covered medical expense.

Bob's investment in the Oregon cannabis industry includes multiple dispensaries; multiple cultivation farms; an extraction processor; and a wholesale operation. In the spring of 2015, Bob was appointed to serve on the Grow Sub-Committee of the Rules Advisory Committee ("RAC") of the Oregon Liquor Control Commission ("OLCC"). The OLCC is the state agency in charge of regulating the non-medical segment of the cannabis industry in Oregon, including cultivation, laboratory testing, processing, wholesaling, and retailing. The RAC is in the process of developing its recommendations to the OLCC leadership.

Bob has been married for 29 years and has three (3) children – a son who recently graduated from Syracuse University with a degree in finance/accounting; a son who is pursuing a commercial photography degree from Appalachian State University; and a daughter who is majoring in textile design at North Carolina State University. Bob's wife is a portrait painter and artist as well as an interior and landscape design professional.

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# SUBMITTED AS PUBLIC TESTIMONY IN SUPPORT OF AN REFERRAL OPT OUT TO THE VOTERS IN DESCHUTES COUNTY

Dear Deschutes County Commissioners DeBone, Baney, and UnGer,

We consider the impacts of medical marijuana and marijuana legalization very important for many reasons. Most importantly its impact on public safety, quality of life, and our property values.

I grew up in this area and all of my family still lives in this area. We support a referral to the voters to Opt Out in Deschutes County in November 2016.

Even though marijuana is still a schedule I federally illegal drug in the United States and is held in high regard by our federal government as being a highly abused drug with little evidence that it holds any medicinal values in smoked form, there is still a global attempt to legalize marijuana by a handful of billionaire's through statewide ballot initiatives and if these efforts are allowed to continue, the impacts to our communities public safety, quality of life and property values will be devastating.

The <u>public health and safety</u> of this nation is at risk, when it comes to allowing marijuana to be hidden under the unregulated umbrella of so-called medicine and marijuana legalization.

- Marijuana has never been approved by the FDA as medicine and who in their right mind would call the local unregulated drug dealer growing marijuana in their backyard with untested, no dosed so-called medicine as their pharmacist? If marijuana were truly a medicine, it would have been approved by the FDA a long time ago and it would be dispensed by legitimate pharmacists and picked up at legitimate pharmacies rather than in someone's backyard at 12 midnight.
- 2. Not only does growing marijuana in your backyard, garage, apartment, basement or barn pose dangers for the users, but for those growing the marijuana and the neighborhood as well. Just before 10pm, on Friday, April 10<sup>th</sup>, 2015 in NE Portland, Oregon, a gunman from Texas who wanted to buy medical marijuana, entered the home of a large medical marijuana grower (who by the way had already had two prior robberies) and with single bullet shots to the head, shot Gary Pham, 33, Susie Chang, 41, and Andrew Pham, 35, all while a 13 week old baby slept in the next room.

I often hear from advocates of medical marijuana and marijuana legalization that they should have the right to do what they want with their own body, it is a harmless drug, but I can tell you that the <u>Quality of Life</u> of those around them are greatly impacted. Such as:

- 1. Medical marijuana and marijuana legalization advocates always like to put forth that if you tax and regulate marijuana the black market will go away, but in reality, they are the black market simply trying to masquerade in a neighborhood store front. According to Oregon State Police, over 1,008 pounds of marijuana was trafficked to the underage and out-of-state black market in 2012, which validates that you cannot regulate a federally illegal drug. This unregulated access is getting into the hands of our children. According to Clackamas County Mental Health of the 242 kids 18 and under who went into County treatment facilities in 2013, over 70.5% were there for marijuana addiction and I suspect that their quality of life has been greatly impacted.
- 2. In Colorado a family named the O'Rielly's have filed a federal RICO- Racketeer Influenced and Corrupt Organizations lawsuit against the Governor of Colorado, the Executive Director of the Colorado Department of Revenue, Director of the Colorado Marijuana Enforcement Division, the Pueblo County Commission and the Pueblo County Liquor and Marijuana Licensing Board. The lawsuit involves the owner's property in Pueblo, Colorado –approximately 105 acres known as the Meadows at Legacy Ranch. A very large marijuana manufacturing business was issued a license to grow large sums of marijuana by the State of Colorado and these grows were planted next to Meadows at Legacy Ranch. The owners of Legacy Ranch allege numerous injuries to their property including the strong skunk odor smell of marijuana that invades the air which makes horse riding in the area almost impossible to enjoy and destroys their quality of life.

One might ask how someone else's growing and using marijuana affects your <u>property values?</u> According to the Oregon Health Authority, there are over 47, 430 medical marijuana growers in the State of Oregon

growing marijuana for over 75,000 cardholders, 2,431 of those untaxed grows are Deschutes County. This means that marijuana grows can be grown just about anywhere, in your neighbor's house, barn, garage, basement, and yard.

The real question citizens are asking is where can't you grow marijuana?

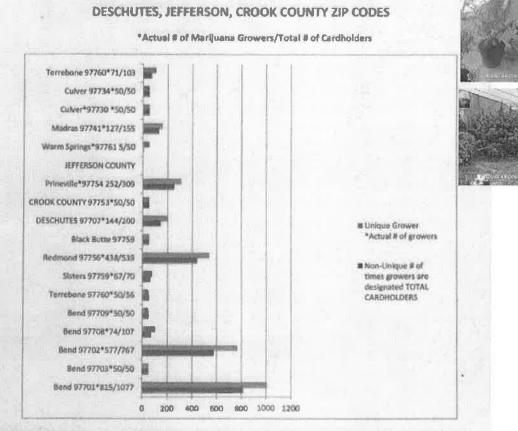


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**OMMP Grower County by Specific Zips** 



There are over 47,430 Medical Marijuana Growers under Oregon's Medical Marijuana program growing marijuana for over 75,693 cardholders, 2,431 of those marijuana growers are in Deschutes County, 238 I Jefferson County, 252 Crook County.



SIMPLIFIED LANGUAGE: In Bend 97701.29 Code there are \$14 growers growing for 1077 carcholders. NOTE: For confidentiality >50 Is less than 50 In Zip Codes 97703, 97730, 97730, 97734.

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Photos provided by Oregon

State Police

There have been numerous butane hash oil explosions throughout Oregon and the United States, putting our communities at risk. This is the dangerous process of extracting THC oil from the marijuana plant with ignitable butane.



The explosion and fire destroyed the residence Photo by Central Valley High Intelligence Drug Trafficking Area-California

Although many innocent voters have been misled by out-of-state highly funded ballot initiatives that push the so-called medical marijuana scheme and the tax and regulate marijuana scheme, many citizens like myself who have observed the impacts first hand are standing up nationwide to bring a strong awareness to these deceptive attempts to try and <u>ignore the impacts to public safety</u>, <u>quality of life</u>, and <u>property</u> <u>values</u>. Drugged driving, diversion to other States, destruction to the environment, diversion to minors, public consumption, robberies, burglaries, fatal shootings, odors, increased traffic, fires, hash oil explosions are just a few of the impacts that marijuana leaves behind. The scheme of medical marijuana and marijuana legalization leads to the degradation of our neighborhoods and it is important that we take this information and begin to inform our communities.

Attached please find a recent letter from DA Mitch Morrissey from Denver and Director Tom Gorman from Colorado HIDTA, they are clear about the negative impacts of both medical and commercial grows.

From DA Mitch Morrissey:

The advent of medical marijuana and retail marijuana has not, unfortunately, eliminated the illegal cultivation, possession and sale of marijuana. There remains a robust black market that carries all the risk of illegal drug dealing and continues to require significant public safety resources. Our Crime Lab has requested an additional forensic scientist just to test the volume of marijuana seized over the legal limit.

From Director Tom Gorman

From: Tom Gorman [mailto:tgorman@rmhidta.org] Sent: Thursday, July 23, 2015 1:59 PM To: Shirley Morgan Subject: RE: Tom Gorman Director Colorado Rocky Mountain HIDTA

Shirley:

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Marijuana is still a federally illegal drug and until that changes, there are many public safety, quality of life, and property values risks to our communities. We encourage a referral opt out to the voters in Deschutes County.

Sincerely, Shirley Morgan P.O. Box 1351 Welches, Oregon 97067

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July 27, 2015

Clackamas County Commissioner Chair Ludlow Commissioner Bernard Commissioner Smith Commissioner Schrader Commissioner Savas 2051 Kaen Road Road Oregon City, Oregon 97045

Dear Commissioners,

As you know, Colorado legalized small amounts of marijuana for medical use several years ago and then approved a measure allowing retail marijuana for personal use in January 2014, just about seven months ago. While the full impact may not be known for some time, we already are seeing some of the effects. This includes seeing retail marijuana explode into a multi-million dollar industry that exists simultaneously with a continuing black market. Recent findings from the Rocky Mountain High Intensity Drug Trafficking Area give us a snapshot of what is happening, and it is concerning.

We now have nearly 500 medical marijuana dispensaries in Colorado, and 212 retail stores. Most are in Denver (215 medical marijuana dispensaries and 77 retail stores). There are also hundreds of cultivation facilities and dozens of infused marijuana product businesses.

While pro-marijuana groups are touting selected statistics to the media suggesting that crime is down since the legalization of marijuana, we are beginning to see the effects in our emergency rooms, junior and senior high schools, on our roadways and in our homes.

Since 2007, there have been 15 violent deaths related to medical marijuana in Colorado. In each of these deaths, the victim was a medical marijuana caregiver, was killed in the presence of a caregiver or was trying to rob a caregiver. Dispensaries and stores are lucrative targets for burglaries and robberies. The large sums of cash at these sites have led to execution-style murders and shootouts in residential neighborhoods. There have also been more than 300 burglaries and 7 armed robberies in Denver in the last two years; I do not expect the figures this year to improve.

From 2011 to 2013, there was a 57-percent increase in emergency room visits related to marijuana, and ER doctors noted they treated more small children for accidental overdoses of marijuana. Children are also being exposed when mothers use pot during pregnancy or breastfeeding, as an increasing number of women now report they are trying marijuana for morning sickness or other uses while pregnant. There has also been an increase in calls to our local poison control center involving marijuana and children.

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#### July 27, 2015

The National Institute on Drug Abuse reports marijuana use among high school seniors is increasing and may soon become more common than cigarette smoking. This may be connected to the increase we are seeing in the number of adults who encourage marijuana use among young people and adults who are actually using marijuana with a minor. There was a 26-percent increase in monthly marijuana use in Colorado among young people, ages 12-17, in the three years after medical marijuana was commercialized (2009) compared to the three years prior to commercialization.

There was a 32-percent increase in drug-related suspensions and expulsions in Colorado for academic school years 2008/2009 to 2012/2013. A June 2014 Rocky Mountain HIDTA survey of 100 Colorado school resources officers revealed 89-percent have seen an increase in student marijuana-related incidents since retail marijuana was legalized. And, it appears there is a greater likelihood of young people trying marijuana. A study found that 10-percent of high school students who would otherwise be at low risk for habitual pot smoking now say that they *would* use marijuana if it were legal. It is not my intent in this letter to discuss the health impacts of marijuana on young adults, such as lowered IQ and memory impairment, but there is clearly cause for concern.

We have seen a sharp increase in dangerous hash oil explosions. In the first six months of 2014 there have been 26 confirmed explosions and 27 reported injuries. The number of confirmed explosions directly related to the illegal processing and extraction of hash oil in just six months is more than double the total reported in all of last year.

And we have seen an impact on our roads. One in nine drivers in fatal crashes now test positive for marijuana. While the overall number of car crash fatalities were down in Colorado between 2007 and 2012 (down by 14%), fatalities involving drivers who test positive for marijuana are up 100%.

The Colorado State Patrol DUID program (Driving Under the Influence of Drugs), initiated in 2014, show in the first six months of 2014 that 77% of the 454 DUIDs involved marijuana and 42% of the 454 DUIDs involved marijuana only. I do not expect this to improve as another study from 2013 shows marijuana causes more car accidents that any other illicit drug.

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I believe when the majority of people in Colorado voted to approve Amendment 64, their intention was to de-criminalize the private, personal use of marijuana by adults and that they had no idea marijuana would be become the latest multi-million dollar industry in our state. I also believe they did not anticipate the impacts I've outlined in this letter. We will see what the rest of the year holds and what other unintended consequences we discover.

Sincerely,

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Mitch Morrissey Denver District Attorney

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Chair Ludlow, Commissioners Bernard, Smith, Schrader, Savas

I posed the below question to the Director of the Colorado HIDTA and got the below response.

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Mr. Tom Gorman-Director Colorado Rocky Mountain High Intensity Drug Trafficking Area 303-671-2180 ext 221

Dear Mr. Gorman,

In researching the various medical marijuana and recreational marijuana programs in Colorado and Washington, I noticed that Colorado does not allow any recreational marijuana outdoor grows. I am wondering if you can provide some insight as to why?

Thank you, Shirley Morgan Citizens for Public Safety, Quality of Life, Property Values P. O. Box 1351 Welches, Oregon 97067

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Commissioners DeBone, Baney and Unger,

I wanted to take a moment to personally thank each and every one of you for taking time to work with and listen to our knowledgable residents and beloved community members. Attached is a letter we have put together with some critically additional thoughts pertaining to our ongoing community discussion.

Please take the time to read over the attached PDF.

Aviv Hadar CEO and Co-Founder Oregrown, Inc. 1199 NW Wall St. Bend, Oregon. 97701 844-OREGROWN



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Commissioners DeBone, Baney and Unger,

Thank you so very much for taking the time to hold such wonderful hearings in our beloved community this week. The steps we are all taking – in openly communicating together – are providing the entire community here in Central Oregon with some much needed cognitive relief.

As I attempted to articulate in my first email and testimony at both hearings, there are a myriad of barriers to entry that potential applicants will encounter when attempting to acquire a recreational license from the Oregon Liquor Control Commission. Such as, but not limited to;

owning their own water rights that afford them the ability to work with their agricultural product all year, show deed/ownership of land/facility or an agreed upon lease with land owner, show engineering and design blueprints, show energy and land usage reports, show waste management report, show seed-to-sale tracking system for cultivation and processing, abide by consistent regulatory and quality control checks and balances from the OLCC, estimate potential tax revenue for the State through yield projections.

A number of incredibly well respected and authoritative industry experts – that live right here in Central Oregon – serve the state on the various Rules Advisory Committees and hold close relationships with the OLCC.

Through our ongoing communications with each other and the OLCC, one fundamental sticking point that we are *really* trying to hammer home across the state, is that any type of moratorium would only help fuel an already rampant black market that is already "doing whatever it wants."

Established land use, rules and regulations will help us drive those people out of our communities. By establishing consistent and well respected land use guidelines; neighbors, citizens and residents of various communities will work together to file complaints, address and deal with unwanted neighbors.

My wife and I recently purchased a gorgeous home in Tumalo on Horseman Lane. There are beautiful views of the three sisters and the entire lot/land is setup beautifully for us to raise our family. We are considering it our forever home! To

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the North, one of new neighbors (that we have yet to meet) has three greenhouses going up. One of them already has some very large plants that are almost flowering. Personally, I know that a moratorium will do nothing to stop this type of construction. The greenhouses will still exist because of the OHA/OLCC opt-in program. The only way to gain any semblance of control over these types of structures would be to move forward right away with some established guidelines for the unincorporated areas of Deschutes County.

I cannot reiterate enough how crucial it is to articulate to folks that they would rather have a licensed, regulated, recreational grow next door to them as apposed to an unlicensed, unregulated black market operation. A moratorium would vastly **encourage** black market opportunists and criminals to continue their destructive operations here.

The testimony you heard from folks of all ages, backgrounds and walks of life this week was very heartfelt. Please try to analyze the vast diversity in folks that were pleading for you to *not* enact a moratorium, contrasting with the line of consistently similarly natured folks that were asking you to put a stop to our exciting new agricultural industry for primarily philosophical reasons. The small amount of land use disputes (and ultimately) frustrations currently experienced by a vocal, minor share of rural residents does not exemplify or showcase the true nature of the industry or the situation.

We must work together to allow this industry to move forward. Our families all live in this area. We are lifelong Oregonians that have invested into our community and our neighborhoods for decades. We also don't want large scale operations of any kind right next door to our personal residences if they bother anyone or destroy our views.

However, EFU land is explicitly respected in House Bill 3400 and in the great State of Oregon. It would be a truly legendary mistake for an area that is so envied by the rest of the country to enact a moratorium on a burgeoning and robust new industry. As many have correctly stated, this is undeniably one of the largest waves of new American growth and industry.

As a mentor that participates in our local Technology Startup scenes, I have won a Startup Weekend event here with my company, <u>www.ThinkBrilliant.com</u>. I know how hard it is to bring well paying jobs to a local economy. I continue to try and connect local businesses and entrepreneurs with Venture Capital funding. We are

in a tough geographical spot being sandwiched between San Francisco and our neighbors up North (Portland and Seattle).

One area they cannot compete with us is our natural permaculture for cannabis. The air and water quality, temperate fluctuations and annual sun exposure plays directly into the premium nature of our geography.

It only makes sense for us to work together over the next few months to figure out exactly what works and what doesn't in our beautiful communities. Going down the path of open communication will be inspiring and rewarding. A moratorium would change the entire perception that Central Oregon has worked so hard to create over the last couple of decades.

Again, thank you so much for your time and continued perseverance with regard to our beloved communities.

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From: Nancy Vernon [mailto:nvernon98@outlook.com] Sent: Friday, August 14, 2015 11:08 AM To: Board Subject: Opt out

I did get to speak but was to nervous and forgot this. Nancy Vernon

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Testimony Relating to House Bill 3400, Providing Opt Out Options for the Establishment of Marijuana Businesses, etc. in Regard to Land Use.

Hearing Date: Wednesday, August 12, 2015

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From: Sent: To: Subject: Nick Lelack Sunday, August 16, 2015 7:10 PM Matt Martin Fwd: Follow-Up on Cannabis Land Use/Zoning

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Dear Commissioners Baney, DeBone and Unger and Nick LeLack,

This weekend our dispensary had a booth at the The Hemp and Cannabis Fair in Redmond (Deschutes County Expo Center). There was a lot of discussion at the fair regarding the potential of a cannabis moratorium. We also learned that you visited CannaTea Farm out in Alfalfa. We are very pleased that you are making such visits and seeing first hand cannabis farms. I will attend the early part of tomorrow's meeting, but I then am undergoing a diagnostic medical procedure and must leave prematurely. Below is some background and recommendation discussion.

#### **Update on RAC/OLCC Regulation Development**

The RAC Grow Sub-Committee, on which I serve as a member, submitted recommendations to the RAC leadership and OLCC that would limit the size of commercial grow "canopy" sizes. These limits are:

- 10,000 sq. ft. for indoor
- 3X the indoor limit or 30,000 sq. ft. for greenhouses
- 6X the indoor limit or 60,000 sq. ft. for outdoor grow gardens

The M91 Joint Committee had a lot of debate around equivalency of indoor to greenhouse to outdoor cultivation sites. The result is this 1:3:6 ratio for grow type. It is our understanding that the RAC and OLCC will likely endorse the recommended grow limits with the maximum size of

10,000 sq. ft. for indoor and the 1:3:6 ratio. These canopy size limits also are only for flowering plants. Vegetative ("veg") and nursery space are not included in these grow canopy limits.

#### **Recommendations for Deschutes County Cannabis Zoning**

Our hope is that the BOC will develop zoning regulations for cannabis grow sites in Deschutes County that will protect the interests of citizen residents and growers and avoid a moratorium. A moratorium does NOT address the immediate core need for regulation of cannabis grow sites.

Being an MUA 10 landowners, we may be considered to be biased. When we purchased our property, we never envisioned a full commercial cannabis operation with a LUCS required. We would like to see MUA 10 and RR zoned plots be eligible for OLCC licensed commercial facilities with strict regulatory limitations that are discussed below. We also recognize the concern that such zones are more residential than EFU land. We would like to see the BOC adopt a pathway for MUA and RR properties to at least be able to apply for a conditional use permits with a reasonable opportunity to be approved. The reasoning is that the OLCC will not permit unlicensed grow facilities (e.g., OHA registered grow facilities) to sell their product into OLCC licensed dispensaries due to Cole Memorandum related product control concerns. It is potentially a severe product sales limitation. That being said, we cannot endorse some of the grower behavior that has resulted in Deschutes County with the location of large greenhouses next door to houses with families in RR neighborhoods.

Below are some recommendations that we hope you will consider:

- 1. Approve EFU zoning for cannabis cultivation and issuance of a LUCS.
- 2. In order for a cannabis grow site on MUA 10 or RR zoned property to receive a LUCS, the property must have a minimum size of 4 acres.
- 3. The size of grow canopy for MUA 10 and RR zones is limited to 5% of the total property sq. ft. size. Therefore, a 4 acre property may have no more than 5% of 174,240 sq. ft. or 8,712 sq. ft. of canopy space (indoor, greenhouse, and/or outdoor), not including non-flowering "veg" or nursery space.
- 4. Develop property setback limits of 100 feet for greenhouses, regardless of zoning type.
- 5. Indoor grow facilities may use existing property setback limits but are required to have air filters to minimize odor concerns.
- 6. All greenhouses on MUA 10 or RR zones must use a system of shielding to prevent any non-natural, supplemental light from being emitted.
- 7. Require more than 75% approval of all residents within 1,000 feet of the real property of any conditional use permit for MUA 10 and RR zoned property through a public hearing approach.

I believe that these grow site limitations for regulations are sufficiently clear and enforceable.

In terms of cannabis processor sites, it makes sense for processors to be located on EFU sites. Cosed loop processors are no more a fire risk than many agricultural still operations that make essential oils that are now permitted. Industrial zones also may be approved.

We look forward to your deliberations.

Sincerely yours,

Bob Blake

Robert H. Blake, III President Oregonians for Better Health, Inc. 66872 Lance Road Bend, Oregon 97701

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From: Sent: To: Cc: Subject: Bonnie Baker Monday, August 17, 2015 8:39 AM Matt Martin Nick Lelack FW: Dear Commissioner Baney,

From: <u>rjejho74@yahoo.com</u> [<u>mailto:rjejho74@yahoo.com</u>] Sent: Saturday, August 15, 2015 12:20 PM To: Board Subject: Dear Commissioner Baney,

Sent from Windows Mail

Listening to radio while in route to Redmond and I heard you discussing the growing marijuana in out side of city limits.

Here is my take.

Bought this home going on 22 years ago in an ag area. Love mother nature and peace and quite of this area. May have had some of your relatives next door for a long time, Robin and Curtis Baney.

The area is well taking care with most having pride In their homes. Now I have some pot head that lives across the street doing a commercial grow. Three large plastic green houses out in open for the world to see. I did not buy here to have a dope growing pot house out in the open. Not only is a mess to look at, but will ultimately destroy property values of area and may also led to crime in area. Kids may easily get his property and help them selves.

Will watch for decision

on this subject, I wait with apprehension. Destruction of a neighborhood.

Thank you.

Sincerely, Ron Hobbs 541 8156327

From: Sent: To: Cc: Subject: Bonnie Baker Monday, August 17, 2015 9:09 AM Matt Martin Nick Lelack FW: Marijuana

-----Original Message-----From: Jennifer Newell [mailto:westcountry@earthlink.net] Sent: Friday, August 14, 2015 5:20 PM To: Board Subject: Marijuana

Deschutes County Board of Commissioners. I attended the Hearing on Wednesday, August 12th and believe the only fair action is to Opt Out.We have a horse farm and a hay farm in Tumalo with a large Green house that we use to grow food I am now very concerned about people thinking that we have Marijuana growing on our farm and become at high risk from people looking to steal it .The commercial growers should lease land from the state, not start growing in local Farm areas.It is fine to say that it is no different from any other farm crops, but we have never had concerns about people coming in the dead of night looking to steal hay or tomatos to resale or because they need it to feed their addiction. No growing of Marijuana within 10 miles of a school would fix a lot of concerns.Also the Police supporting Opt out should be reason enough. Thankyou for reading this . Stephen Newell. 66250 White rock loop Bend Oregon 97703

From: Sent: To: Subject: Tom Anderson Friday, August 14, 2015 5:09 PM Matt Martin FW: Land Use on Marijuana Business- Opt Out

From: Alan Unger
Sent: Friday, August 14, 2015 1:17 PM
To: 'Dawn Sofich'
Cc: Tom Anderson
Subject: RE: Land Use on Marijuana Business- Opt Out

Dawn, thank you for your comments. I agree this is one of the issues we need to discuss and find a solution to. I am not sure what that means. Oregon has land use but you are talking about rural land with urban characteristics. How do deal with that.

Alan Unger, Commissioner Deschutes County 1300 NW Wall St. Suite 200 Bend, OR. 97701 <u>alanu@co.deschutes.or.us</u> Office: 541-388-6569 Cell: 541-419-0556

From: Dawn Sofich [mailto:dawn@bendbroadband.com]
Sent: Thursday, August 13, 2015 7:10 AM
To: Alan Unger; Alan Unger; Tony DeBone
Subject: Land Use on Marijuana Business- Opt Out

#### Good morning,

My husband and I attended the evening hearing yesterday and would like to add our input. We live in Deschutes River Recreational Homesites (DRRH), zoned RR-10. Many of the lots here cannot be built on because of the high water table, therefore are fairly inexpensive and attractive to growers. The ones that are being built on require a sand filter system. At this point we have six known growers in the neighborhood and possibly more. I'm not talking large acreage, I'm talking two half acre lots, next door to homes.

We can sit in our back yard, or go for a walk and smell it in the air. We have also noticed considerably more traffic in the area... We are trying are best to improve our home, and I'm not so sure whether we are wasting our time and money if this is going to be the "go to" place for growers. There is a shop next to us for sale, it could be sold, I don't know... it would be a perfect place for someone to set up a grow operation from their perspective. Not ours.. What happens to property values ? Do we sell now and get out of here before the neighborhood goes to hell. Do we stay and fight it and end up like the one gentlemen with the grow house next to his dream home and deal with it. I thought this was a residential neighborhood, not commercial...

Ni Nitrates are an issue here, with a high water level. I thought that is what "Goal 11 Exception Process" was all about, with groundwater contamination effecting drinking water in South Deschutes County @ an increasing rate, and how wastewater will be disposed of. The growers say they use organic fertilizers, hmm what is that ? I could say if there isn't a septic system there could be organic matter going into the ground or river for that matter.

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From our perspective it isn't about the legalization of marijuana, that's a done deal, it is where they can and can't grow it. Set backs and acreage needs to be looked into... We think more thought needs to go into the details, and if that means that a temporary moratorium needs to be put into effect until the November election of 2016 so be it. In the meantime maybe the State will be able to figure out the rights of citizens like ourselves who choose not to be in the business, and just want to enjoy our home.

We Opt out.

All the Best. Dawn M Sofich



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From: Sent: To: Cc: Subject: Bonnie Baker Monday, August 17, 2015 9:09 AM Matt Martin Nick Lelack FW: Opt out for rec marijuana

From: Patty Jo Waters [mailto:pattyjowaters@gmail.com]
Sent: Friday, August 14, 2015 5:39 PM
To: Board
Subject: Opt out for rec marijuana

Commissioners, I did attend the Wed meeting and spoke, but forgot most of what I had to say. In addition, some speakers gave me more food for thought. I will number my points for my own use, not to patronize you.

1) It offended me a little to have to hear so many folk from the city testify as though they are the ones being harmed. Their dispensaries and businesses will remain whether you opt out or not. They may not grow as much, but will not be hurt.

2) At what cost to our population would the monetary benefits to the county coffers the businesses that would make money?

Impaired drivers, unproductive and impaired workers. Think of working with one of them on a construction site.

- 3) I was in my 20s during the '70s. Most of the people who were smoking joints were trying to quit.. Most of them were not contributing or productive citizens. someone else was supporting them. It took years for them to become what they could have been right out of high school or college..
- 4) I hope you members have done your homework regarding the impacts in Washington and Colorado..

What I have read and seen on a special report is that the legal growers are not going to faze bootleggers. They continue right on selling because they pay no taxes..

5) My land use issues:

I am the neighbor right next door to Ralph (whose boss is Rustin Klug). As I said at the meeting, he is a better than average neighbor. But I do not like a lot of what the operation brings..

A huge fan that runs nearly all the time. Sounds like an airplane propeller sitting there running.

The white fence makes me feel more and more closed in. I cannot see some of my neighbors, cannot see the traffic on Willard. That tells me in the middle of the night if it's coming up my driveway or is on the road. I've lived here 27 years, never had a neighbor over there. I farm 40 acres--of hay and horses. So this is a real change for me, hard to get used to.

one of my questions is--would you consider allowing neighbors to move their building sites after marijuana operation moves in next door? On 40 acres I could get farther away. or when I sell, the a owners may want to. new

Across the road from me is Andrew and Jocelyn with 2 new huge greenhouses. They have destroyed my view of the 3 Sisters. Yes my property value has gone down. Yes, most people will not want live near a marijuana grower.

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And the lights. I don't know if they are legal. But they are on from one to 4 hours during the night. But they make one big glow that certainly ruins the night sky.

I've not complained because all these things are legal. And yes, a farmer could do any of these things. But most farmers build only one barn at a time. And it kind of blends in with the landscape.

The last lady to speak was right. 10 acres is too small to allow these things. My 40 and their 20 too small. As hard as he's tried, Ralph's operation is 'in my face'. are

I said that Ralph and Andrew are good neighbors. They are. But I still don't enjoy the visual effect.

The 20 acres could have been sold to someone who would build 3 homes thanks to a previous measure passed. I would not have liked that any better probably, in EFU40.. But other people should not need to put up with this either.

6) At the very least I believe that we should OPT OUT in order for the authorities to get their rules and regulations in place before any more of this goes on.

And hope that the citizens of Deschutes County have the good sense to not vote it back in.

Taxes or no taxes.

From:	Bonnie Baker
Sent:	Wednesday, August 19, 2015 11:55 AM
To:	Matt Martin
Subject:	FW: Felons living in close proximity of grow facilities
Importance:	High

From: Carolyn Davis [<u>mailto:sadaca 2@msn.com</u>] Sent: Wednesday, August 19, 2015 11:54 AM To: Board; Nick Lelack Subject: Felons living in close proximity of grow facilities Importance: High August 19, 2015

Commissioners and Mr. Lelack:

My husband and I have attended every meeting regarding the development of the marijuana industry in Deschutes County. It is imperative that strict guidelines be established for the growers. There also needs to be a robust law enforcement team to ensure that the restrictions are adhered to.

This is a very complicated problem and something has just come to our attention that you need to consider. We have been informed by a friend of the sheriff's office that a neighbor's family member will be released on probation after serving time in prison for drug and weapons related charges. According to our source the parolee has indicated his intention to live with our neighbors/ his family, after his release. We have at least three marijuana growing businesses within walking distance from our home. Is there some restriction in place to prevent felons with a history of drugs and weapons to live within a certain distance from these large grow facilities?

Thank you,

**Carolyn Airriess** 

19335 Dayton Road

From:	Bonnie Baker
Sent:	Wednesday, August 26, 2015 5:05 PM
To:	Matt Martin
Subject:	FW: Marijuana grow operations
Follow Up Flag:	Follow up
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From: Don Belden [mailto:donaldlbelden@gmail.com] Sent: Wednesday, August 26, 2015 12:19 PM To: Board Subject: Marijuana grow operations

Dear Board,

I sent Tony the below email last night and I thought I would forward it to the entire Board.

My family owns a home on Kingsburg Road in the Three Rivers (DRRH) area south of Sunriver.

Recently we have become aware of a number of medical marijuana operations that have been permitted to operate in our residential neighborhood. One is located only a block from our house.

My concerns are as follows:

1) These businesses are cash based drug operations and are likely to attract crime. As a result, we do not feel safe in our community and have recently asked our kids to stay at home rather than bike the neighborhood. I find it unacceptable that these businesses are permitted to exist in a residential community at the expense (real or perceived) of the residents.

2) Permitting marijuana grow operations in a residential neighborhood negatively impacts property values for the residents that live there.

3) Commercial use of nitrates and other chemicals used to grow marijuana may harm the ground water that the community relies on. I have contacted the DEQ and the Deschutes County Environmental Soils Division. Neither agency provides regulation or oversight for marijuana grow operations.

4) Sunriver is a tourist destination less than a half mile away from five marijuana grow operations. The jobs and incomes that Sunriver provides our community depends on a safe environment to attract families on vacation. It seems counter intuitive to allow for marijuana grow operations to exist in a residential community adjacent to Sunriver.

My wife and I obviously want a regulatory environment that provides for a safe residential neighborhood for our kids and neighbors. I am happy to help by adding my voice to whatever debate is taking place. If I can do more please let me know. In the meantime, I want to know what the county government plans to do about this issue?

I appreciate your consideration.

Regards,

Don

Don Belden 503-701-4439

From: Sent: To: Subject: Attachments: Bonnie Baker Monday, August 31, 2015 8:30 AM Matt Martin FW: marijuana testimony 20150829 to DesCo BoCC re marijuana.pdf

From: William Kuhn [mailto:william@riskfactor.com] Sent: Saturday, August 29, 2015 4:00 PM To: Nick Lelack; Bonnie Baker Subject: marijuana testimony

Leigh is hoping this will be accepted for consideration regarding the marijuana hearing. She has been indisposed.

Thank you, Bill William Kuhn INVEST/O - Registered Investment Advisors PO Box 5996 Bend, OR 97708-5996 541 389 3676 William@RiskFactor.com

"Illegitimi non carborundum" - refers to the continuing acts of Deschutes County "First, they ignore you, Then they laugh at you. Then they fight you. Then you win." Mahatma Gandhi Deschutes County Board of County Commissioners

Re: Marijuana Recreational Hearings 2015

Assuming it is not too late for public comment, I am submitting my questions and concerns regarding recreational marijuana restrictions and possible impacts.

My points of concern:

- Since marijuana remains federally listed as an illegal drug regardless of Oregon's legal position, I believe it is important for the public to know at what point, or what levels of restriction will federal agencies tolerate in Deschutes County before they will take over any kind of enforcement?
- Neighboring landowners' property values *will* be negatively affected by marijuana crops, outdoors or in greenhouses, or being processed, or being sold on adjacent or nearby property. Will these neighboring landowners have any recourse or protection from this arbitrary loss of value? If this sounds picky, my question is which of the Commissioners, if any, would want their property to be the one next to any kind of marijuana operation?
- Will there be any restrictions on where commercial or private sales can be conducted?
- My understanding is that under current Oregon laws, essentially any agricultural activities disallow citizen complaints, which includes such things as noise, lights, smells, and pesticide use. Under these laws complaints will not be addressed. My question is will complaints by county residents be treated and processed under the same manner and response thresholds as currently exist under Deschutes County's complaint codes regardless of marijuana being an agricultural activity?
- All marijuana crops will be new crops and can be imposed in areas that do not have any current agricultural activities. Since current

Oregon laws will mean no one can complain about the above listed issues. Will the County inform all the affected neighbors of their loss of complaint rights prior to allowing neighboring marijuana operations?

- Will the County have plans in effect to address the more than probable issues of theft, trespass, aggressive protection dogs, and other illegal acts of people drawn to areas where marijuana activities/crops will be? Who or which agencies will be in charge of the various enforcement issues? Who will neighbors call? Will any of the costs of public agency protection be passed along to the growers?
- I am concerned about zoning impact issues, and the, at present, zero restrictions on what kind of pesticides will be used – and marijuana crops apparently require extensive pesticide use. I am concerned about water issues, and the fact that marijuana crops require extensive amounts of water as well.
- It seems no one can complain about most of this or in reality do much of anything to protect themselves or their property or their right to the enjoyment of their property as it existed prior to neighboring marijuana crops.
- I realize what ship has sailed because of the approved initiative. What can or will be done, if anything, to mitigate the impacts of a crop that feeds no one is something that I would like Deschutes County to address. I doubt I am the only one that would like to know.

Thank you for considering the above comments and questions. I hope this is not too late to be considered.

Sincerely,

Leigh Kuhn PO Box 5996 Bend, Oregon 97708

From:	Bonnie Baker
Sent:	Monday, August 31, 2015 8:30 AM
То:	Matt Martin
Subject:	FW: Comments to the Commissioners regarding land use
Attachments:	Document1.docx
Importance:	High

From: Sam Davis [mailto:sadaca\_2@msn.com]
Sent: Saturday, August 29, 2015 9:35 AM
To: Board; Nick Lelack
Subject: FW: Comments to the Commissioners regarding land use
Importance: High

Commissioners/Mr. Lelack:

I am resending these comments to the common Commissioner's address and Mr. Lelack because I understand by submitting the comments as I did earlier to the individual Commissioner's addresses will not put it in the public record.

Respectfully,

Carolyn Airriess 19335 Dayton Road Bend, Oregon 97703

From: Carolyn Davis [mailto:sadaca 2@msn.com] Sent: Thursday, August 13, 2015 6:08 PM To: Tammy.Baney@deschutes.org; Alan.Unger@deschutes.org; Tony.DeBone@deschutes.org Subject: Comments to the Commissioners regarding land use Importance: High

August 13, 2015

COUNTY COMMISSIONERS

Alan Unger, Tammy Baney, Tony DeBone

1300 NW Wall St #200

Bend, Oregon 97701

Comments for your consideration regarding Land Use for Marijuana growers and processors:

We have attended the meetings involving marijuana dispensaries in Bend and the latest meeting regarding land use for marijuana growers and processors in Deschutes County.

Alan Unger mentioned that there were emails sent regarding concerns of unrestricted development of these growers in our rural residential areas but many expressed a concern for their safety if they spoke out. We are among those constituents. We realize that there is a lot of passion on both sides of the argument, and as we stated in our previous email to you, we have no problem with developing new businesses and the resulting growth in employment and tax revenue. However, unrestricted out of control growth of these large marijuana growers and processors is going to cost the county in the long term. It is easy to be blinded by the potential immediate rewards but our concern is no one is looking at the big picture and its effect on our communities.

We would like to revisit some of the points made by the speakers in yesterday's meeting:

#### \*The Growers said they have invested their life savings building these commercial developments.

So have we. The people sitting with us and others not in attendance have lived here for many years while others have just moved here, but all have invested everything in properties we thought would be our forever homes

# \*The Growers said they have their properties secured. (six foot security fences, security cameras, and private security guards).

If being a large scale marijuana grower and processor is so safe, why is all the enhanced security necessary? Our new neighbor, who has not built yet, spent his initial planning on how to block the trails through his property leading to the Whede Marijuana Greenhouses off Hwy 20.

#### \*Marijuana is no different than beer, wine, or liquor.

Again, addressing their own admission of enhanced security; we live near Bend Distillery, and have yet to see anyone have to guard their rye field, their distilling operation, or their office. We also live near a small hops grower who has a few plants neat his house. There are no guards patrolling his plants or any sign of security cameras. We are familiar with the Willamette and Napa Valley wine country. The grapes are a beautiful visual and with miles and miles of them growing along the road, none require security to keep people from stealing them.

#### \*The Growers want to be good neighbors.

We have never been contacted by the large grower near us and there has been no effort on their part to minimize the visual impact, the traffic, the noise, etc. of any part of their operation. In fact, the owner has stated his intention to continue to grow his facility until they are the largest marijuana business in Deschutes County.

The last speaker was absolutely right; OPT OUT until you FIGURE IT OUT.

There needs to be detailed plans for the developments of the large grow facilities so they can run their businesses without negatively impacting the local area.

The reason people come to Bend is for the beautiful scenery, the amazing recreational opportunities (both winter and summer), the events, the concerts, among other things. Driving through miles of beautiful vineyards

is very different from driving through miles of greenhouses, and security fences. Please don't let the rush to money blind us to a rational, thoughtful set of rules to keep growers out of our rural residential areas and in the larger parcels farther out in the county which reflect the same kind of agricultural development.

Not one person we spoke with wants anything other than the right to enjoy their property, protect their equity and feel safe and secure in their neighborhood.

You might want to read about the effect of uncontrolled growth of almonds in Oakdale, California. We had a beautiful 6 acre parcel in a neighborhood much like where we live now. Trinitas Partners came in promising jobs and being part of moving the community forward and being an enhancement etc. I realize that almonds aren't marijuana but all the rhetoric was the same; environmental stewards, good neighbors, more employment, more income, and developing a product that could be exported. They started with just over 800 acres and now have well over 15,000 acres. The wildlife habitats are gone, the wells are compromised, and the home values have plummeted. Ten years ago, we sold our home there for over \$800k, and moved to Bend to retire. That same home is on the market again for just over \$400k and the realtors have little hope of being able to find a buyer at that price. Please don't let this happen to Deschutes County.

Thank you for all your efforts on behalf of everyone. It is greatly appreciated.

Regards,

Carolyn Airriess, Tumalo, 541-317-0731

From:	Bonnie Baker
Sent:	Monday, August 31, 2015 8:30 AM
То:	Matt Martin
Subject:	FW: Unrestricted Development of Marijuana Farms in Tumalo.
Attachments:	Our Dayton Road Neighborhood (3).docx
Importance:	High

From: Sam Davis [mailto:sadaca 2@msn.com]
Sent: Saturday, August 29, 2015 9:30 AM
To: Nick Lelack; Board
Subject: FW: Unrestricted Development of Marijuana Farms in Tumalo.
Importance: High

#### Commissioners/Mr. Lelack:

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Respectfully,

**Carolyn Airriess** 

Sam Davis

19335 Dayton Road

Bend, Oregon 97703

From: Sam Davis [mailto:sadaca 2@msn.com]
Sent: Thursday, August 06, 2015 11:45 AM
To: 'Tammy.Baney@deschutes.org'; 'Alan.Unger@deschutes.org'; 'Tony.DeBone@deschutes.org'
Subject: Unrestricted Development of Marijuana Farms in Tumalo.
Importance: High

August 5, 2015

County Commissioners

Alan Unger

#### Tammy Baney

Tony DeBone

1300 NW Wall St #200

Bend, Oregon 97701

Re: Unrestricted Development of marijuana farms

I would like to begin by thanking you for the work you do on behalf of the citizens of Deschutes County. I also think it is important to state that we support options for people who suffer from PTSD, chronic pain, and the effects of chemotherapy and other serious illnesses. We are not anti-business and celebrate the creation of jobs in our county. With that understanding, we believe it is imperative that Deschutes County develop zoning restrictions or some serious enforceable guidelines for the volcanic eruption of marijuana growers in our county and specifically for Tumalo, in light of the push to make Tumalo, the 'Napa of Central Oregon Cannabis Country' with the focus on cannabis instead of wine.

We live in Tumalo and the best description of our immediate community is 'rural suburbia'. The parcels range in size from 2, 5, 10, to 20 acres and up. Most of the residents in our area could be considered people who have moved here for the view, the privacy, and the convenience to Bend. Their "farming" activities consist of power walking, running, biking, riding horses and walking their dogs. There are a few folks that raise hay for their own animals or irrigate to feed two or three steers raised for their own use. Some own a couple of horses for trail riding or eventing and others have a handful of free range chickens. About half of the people on our street just have a house on acreage with no intention of doing any activity other than enjoying their home. In fact, the last two parcels that sold are being built solely for the purpose of privacy and views.

On one end of Dayton Road is Hooker Creek Cutting Horse Ranch and Chimps Inc., Chimpanzee Sanctuary. On the other end is a little home where the owners are trying to develop a Bed and Breakfast with their one extra bedroom. The owners also have a little stand where they sell pickles, pies, eggs, and jam, and the neighbors leave their money and checks in a little locked box on the honor system.

Behind them, a former horse training business has exploded into a huge marijuana growing facility. This was never an agricultural property but now it has seven large greenhouses with more under construction, a former large horse building converted for use in the new "industry" and there appears to be continuing development, with constant presence of heavy equipment and contractors trucks. All of this is occurring near a home recently purchased and being renovated as a country residence. Clearly this facility can be seen from the back deck of their home and has potentially diminished its property value. I have been told that the owners of this facility have expressed a desire to be the largest marijuana grower in the area. This is troubling and is totally out of character because our street is not agricultural by any stretch of the imagination. Within walking distance of our home are two more properties developing large greenhouses and there seems to be no end in sight or any consideration of the impact on the neighborhoods involved.

This uncontrolled development in areas that are not agriculturally focused will cause some serious consequences including a potential rise in crime, a drop in home values, and increased traffic where residents are used to enjoying a bike ride, taking their dog for a walk, or taking the baby out for a jog in the stroller, just to mention a few.

Please consider the impact on your constituents and the communities you represent, and come up with a plan where the marijuana growers can grow and harvest their crops in the outlying areas of the county where there are other large scale farming operations.

Respectfully,

Carolyn Airriess

Sam Davis

19335 Dayton Road

Bend, Oregon 97703

Pictures in the attachment are of the Dayton Road area and will give you a feel of the texture of our community and the impact of the marijuana development. We will also drop off hard copies at your office.

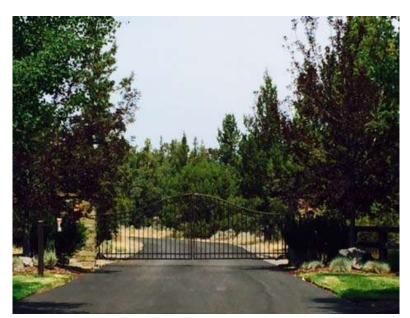
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## Our Dayton Road Neighborhood

Our Home



## Our Neighborhood





Bed and Breakfast & Little Egg and Pie Stand



To the right of the **Produce/Jam** sign is the side of the large building

belonging to the Marijuana Grower off Dayton Road.

A full view is shown in Picture #1



### The Unfortunate Change in the Neighborhood

(#1)



The greenhouses erected in our neighborhood in close proximity to private residence.

These greenhouses belong to the Marijuana Grower in picture #1.



(#2)



More greenhouses within walking distnce of Dayton Road ( #3 & #4 )





Greenhouses being constructed in Tumalo but not completed.



From: Sent: To: Subject: Attachments: Bonnie Baker Monday, August 31, 2015 8:29 AM Matt Martin FW: HB3400 Comments. Denver DA MJ Comments.pdf

From: Sam Davis [mailto:sadaca 2@msn.com] Sent: Saturday, August 29, 2015 12:16 PM To: Board; Nick Lelack Subject: HB3400 Comments.

Commissioners:

I have read through the 128 pages of comments submitted to you by the concerned public and those who support the expansion of marijuana businesses to reap profits at the public's expense. It appears that the comments by concerned citizens in favor of opting out, out-number the comments by those who have a commercial/profit driver for not opting out, by at least 2 to 1. Few of the comments supporting not opting out are by citizens without a profit incentive!

There is one critically important letter that was submitted and should be given very strong consideration. It is the letter that the Denver DA submitted to the Oregon City Commissioners on July 27, 2015 on the impact of marijuana in Colorado. It cites 2 pages of negative impacts Colorado communities have experienced. I know we all hope these same impacts will not be felt by Oregon/Deschutes County, but I am sure the Colorado officials originally thought they had reasonable control over these impacts. You find yourselves in a position to be able to opt out, based on real data of the impacts experienced by Colorado..

We are seeing an explosion of marijuana related growth with few guidelines available to the permitting agencies. We see new permits being recently issued to Sam Stapleton, for Diamond Tree Marijuana, on Galveston Street for a recreational marijuana retailer a few feet from a pre-school and day care and 1002 feet from a school. We see many facilities being built on EFU land without controls. We see facilities being built on RR10 and MUA10 land that might have to come down if you make the decision of opt out. There needs to be controls and guidelines developed before we allow this to get 'out of control'. We also need to step back and take the time to assess whether the impacts on Deschutes County will be similar to those in Colorado. The taxes available from not opting out will likely not come close to covering the costs of the administrative, police, and medical problems cited by the District Attorney of Denver.

If we look at the zoning maps, opting out for RR10 and MUA10 is small relative to the incorporated areas and EFU zoned properties not impacted by the opt out provision. Thus opting out will not have much impact on the profits to be gained by the marijuana investors whose only incentive is profit. However, opting out will limit the expansion to a small degree, and will have the following positive results:

1. Save the destruction of our residential areas by excluding the proliferation of more marijuana facilities in these areas and protecting property values and rural life style.

2. Reduce the number of facilities that might have to be removed should reason prevail and Measure 91 is overturned either by another vote of Oregonians or the federal government.

3. Give us a chance to see if Deschutes County experiences the same negative effects as Colorado. Clearly the rhetoric stated by the marijuana profiteers on the positives of their "industry" are not supported by the Colorado experience and these impacts need to be reduced/controlled so that Deschutes County and Bend can retain the reputation needed to attract our real life blood, <u>tourism</u>.

Please don't cause Deschutes County to have to revisit the problems experienced by Colorado. Stop further expansion of the marijuana industry into our residential areas. We need to learn from the real and current data available to us, rather than being influenced by the rhetoric of those who would profit from uncontrolled growth.

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Respectfully

Sam Davis, Tumalo

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Until we have an opportunity to assess what we cannot currently change, we recommend that you limit further expansion of marijuana by opting out in the areas we can until we better understand the impact of HB 3400 and develop better plans for the areas expansion of marijuana. We strongly recommend that the Commissioners opt out on everything measure 91 allows before more residential areas are impacted and property values of residential property further compromised. The question was asked of you, How many of you would want a grow and processing facility next door to your residence? We suspect the answer is resounding "0".

I would like to submit the following comments:

1. We do not know the impact of marijuana in Deschutes County at this point. Having been students in Berkeley we know the impact of marijuana on people and unless users, and the impact has changed since Berkeley days, the impacts are not as positive as indicated by the Deschutes marijuana supporters.

2. There is strong evidence that HB 3400 was passed by a narrow 1% margin due to strong support in the largeOregon cities west of the Cascades who will not be impacted by the nearly uncontrolled growth of facilities for growing and processing marijuana. While I do not know the statistics, I believe the people of Deschutes County that you represent did not vote in favor of the passage of HB 3400. For the most part, the strong supporters for marijuana are the profiteers who are investing heavily to reap the benefits of the marijuana

"gold rush". Many of them have only one motivation, income. They are not doing it because they believe that it is good for the community and Bend. This is the story line to support their business investments. Prior to the August12th afternoon meeting we heard a well-dressed supporter of marijuana who testified as a Bend resident, tell his other marijuana support colleagues that he was constantly traveling between his home in Florida and Bend trying to keep his medicinal marijuana business in Florida going while investing big money in Bend so he could support his business in Florida. Many of the farmers who are the front men developing these local grow sites likely have big money investors backing them. Thus again, while we are sure some of the grow sites are locally funded, the likelihood is great that many to the grow sites and businesses are funded by remote investors who are trying to cash in on the Oregon law and care nothing about the impact it has on Deschutes County, the children and the fiber of the communities.

3. We heard one supporter of uncontrolled expansion of marijuana state that marijuana did not expose the community and residential areas to safety risks because that the marijuana industry was providing security of their stores and grow facilities by hiring former military personnel as rotating security guards. We also heard the statement that they facilities were protecting our children from getting into the facilities by installing 6 foot cycle fences with barbed wire at the top. If the public safety will not be impacted, why is an ex-military security force needed? Are the 6 foot cycle fences with barbed wire at the top really installed to protect the children or to protect the crops from the negative element that might want to rob the growers? I submit that cyclone fences with barbed wire actually endanger children who will still try to get through the fences!

4. No one in the meetings addressed how the county and city will deal with the negative members of society who will no doubt be attracted to Bend and the negative impacts associated with the expansion of the use of marijuana as we become the "Marijuana Capital of the west"! How will the use of the drug by minors be controlled, how will the impacts of its use (and spread to stronger drugs) be controlled/policed? Do we have a test for determining if someone is driving under the influence of marijuana? Do we have funding and plans to increase the size of the administrative groups needed to support the new cash crop? Do we have funds to increase the size of the police force? It is naïve to believe that there will not be negative impact of this expansion of the local drug culture, legal or not!

5. Do the Commissioners believe that the expansion of the marijuana trade in Deschutes County will really increase and not decrease our lifeblood, tourism? I can guarantee you, if I were a tourist coming to Bend with my family, the expansion of marijuana would not be an attraction. People come here to drink a little beer, but mainly to fish, ski, enjoy the water, play golf, bike and enjoy the natural beauty. If I was a person with a family, I would likely no longer vacation in Bend because I would not want to be impacted by the perceived and real negative impacts that come with marijuana. If we lose our attractiveness as a tourist mecca we will have lost far more than what the new gold rush will net.

6. At this same meeting, we heard a supporter who testified against opting out, saying in private that he owned 5 acres in Tumalo and certainly would not want a grow/processing facility next to his property. We certainly agree with him and so do most of the home owners who are facing this potential.

7. The majority of the residents of Deschutes County do not see marijuana agriculture as the same as growing tomatoes, wheat or alfalfa. You can't become impaired eatingtomatoes or baking with wheat and there is no potential negative social impacts associated with using and growing traditional agricultural products. This is obviously a fallacy being sold by those profiting at the expense of the citizens of Deschutes County.

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July 27, 2015

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Dear Commissioners,

As you know, Colorado legalized small amounts of marijuana for medical use several years ago and then approved a measure allowing retail marijuana for personal use in January 2014, just about seven months ago. While the full impact may not be known for some time, we already are seeing some of the effects. This includes seeing retail marijuana explode into a multi-million dollar industry that exists simultaneously with a continuing black market. Recent findings from the Rocky Mountain High Intensity Drug Trafficking Area give us a snapshot of what is happening, and it is concerning.

We now have nearly 500 medical marijuana dispensaries in Colorado, and 212 retail stores. Most are in Denver (215 medical marijuana dispensaries and 77 retail stores). There are also hundreds of cultivation facilities and dozens of infused marijuana product businesses.

While pro-marijuana groups are touting selected statistics to the media suggesting that crime is down since the legalization of marijuana, we are beginning to see the effects in our emergency rooms, junior and senior high schools, on our roadways and in our homes.

Since 2007, there have been 15 violent deaths related to medical marijuana in Colorado. In each of these deaths, the victim was a medical marijuana caregiver, was killed in the presence of a caregiver or was trying to rob a caregiver. Dispensaries and stores are lucrative targets for burglaries and robberies. The large sums of cash at these sites have led to execution-style murders and shootouts in residential neighborhoods. There have also been more than 300 burglaries and 7 armed robberies in Denver in the last two years; I do not expect the figures this year to improve.

From 2011 to 2013, there was a 57-percent increase in emergency room visits related to marijuana, and ER doctors noted they treated more small children for accidental overdoses of marijuana. Children are also being exposed when mothers use pot during pregnancy or breastfeeding, as an increasing number of women now report they are trying marijuana for morning sickness or other uses while pregnant. There has also been an increase in calls to our local poison control center involving marijuana and children.

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The National Institute on Drug Abuse reports marijuana use among high school seniors is increasing and may soon become more common than cigarette smoking. This may be connected to the increase we are seeing in the number of adults who encourage marijuana use among young people and adults who are actually using marijuana with a minor. There was a 26-percent increase in monthly marijuana use in Colorado among young people, ages 12-17, in the three years after medical marijuana was commercialized (2009) compared to the three years prior to commercialization.

There was a 32-percent increase in drug-related suspensions and expulsions in Colorado for academic school years 2008/2009 to 2012/2013. A June 2014 Rocky Mountain HIDTA survey of 100 Colorado school resources officers revealed 89-percent have seen an increase in student marijuana-related incidents since retail marijuana was legalized. And, it appears there is a greater likelihood of young people trying marijuana. A study found that 10-percent of high school students who would otherwise be at low risk for habitual pot smoking now say that they would use marijuana if it were legal. It is not my intent in this letter to discuss the health impacts of marijuana on young adults, such as lowered IQ and memory impairment, but there is clearly cause for concern.

We have seen a sharp increase in dangerous hash oil explosions. In the first six months of 2014 there have been 26 confirmed explosions and 27 reported injuries. The number of confirmed explosions directly related to the illegal processing and extraction of hash oil in just six months is more than double the total reported in all of last year.

And we have seen an impact on our roads. One in nine drivers in fatal crashes now test positive for marijuana. While the overall number of car crash fatalities were down in Colorado between 2007 and 2012 (down by 14%), fatalities involving drivers who test positive for marijuana are up 100%.

The Colorado State Patrol DUID program (Driving Under the Influence of Drugs), initiated in 2014, show in the first six months of 2014 that 77% of the 454 DUIDs involved marijuana and 42% of the 454 DUIDs involved marijuana only. I do not expect this to improve as another study from 2013 shows marijuana causes more car accidents that any other illicit drug.

The advent of medical marijuana and retail marijuana has not, unfortunately, eliminated the illegal cultivation, possession and sale of marijuana. There remains a robust black market that carries all the risk of illegal drug dealing and continues to require significant public safety resources. Our Crime Lab has requested an additional forensic scientist just to test the volume of marijuana seized over the legal limit.

I believe when the majority of people in Colorado voted to approve Amendment 64, their intention was to de-criminalize the private, personal use of marijuana by adults and that they had no idea marijuana would be become the latest multi-million dollar industry in our state. I also believe they did not anticipate the impacts I've outlined in this letter. We will see what the rest of the year holds and what other unintended consequences we discover.

Sincerely,

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Mitch Morrissey Denver District Attorney