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Re: Medicinal Cannabis Ordinance Suggestions

Dear Janet,

Here are a few suggestions for your consideration regarding the County's deliberations on regulating cannabis dispensaries. I hope that you can use these suggestions. The recommendations are patient-oriented, reasonable and very defensible, Nationwide over 75% of the electorate favor the legalization of the medicinal use of cannabis. The average Santa Barbara County resident wants a common sense approach and closure on this issue. By keeping the needs of the patients paramount and having some familiarity with the research and clinical experience with cannabis you will be able to address this issue expeditiously.

- 1) **Cannabis is Medicine** – Treat it as such
- 2) **Sick people** – Remember that some very ill people get relief from cannabis. Their needs must come first.
- 3) Requiring paraplegics, quads, failed back surgery patients, patients with chronic pain, cancer, and the like is inhumane, unsympathetic, not to mention impractical and not worthy of the good people of Santa Barbara County.
- 4) Treat dispensaries similar to pharmacies or infirmaries. Apply similar zoning ordinances to dispensaries as to pharmacies. (Historical note: Cannabis was in the USP from 1854-1941. It was commonly dispensed from pharmacies without incident. I know not only from history but from my father, who worked in a drug store as a pharmacist from 1928 until his retirement in 1978.)