

ATTACHMENT A

ARGUMENT IN FAVOR OF MEASURE T2018

Voters in Santa Barbara County overwhelmingly supported Proposition 64, which legalized recreational cannabis and passed in November 2016 with 62% approval of County voters voting on the proposition. It is one of the few measures to gain voter approval in all 8 cities in our county.

Following legalization, the Santa Barbara County Board of Supervisors embarked on a year-long process to review land use, public safety, environmental and other issues. After more than 27 public hearings, the Board adopted an ordinance that includes buffer zones around schools, residential neighborhoods and other sensitive areas, and mandates odor control.

With legalization comes needed enforcement, education and other services. Santa Barbara County needs to tax cannabis growers and businesses to enforce our ordinance and fund other priorities such as the Sheriff's Department, District Attorney's office, mental health services, public health and other general services.

Opponents will claim that the money will simply go into the general fund. What they won't tell you is that the general fund is what funds all of the critical departments listed above.

Whether you agree with the legalization of cannabis or not, it is imperative that we tax the industry to ensure compliance and to eradicate the black market.

Please join us in supporting Measure T to ensure that cannabis operators pay their fair share.

The undersigned proponent(s) or author(s) of the primary argument in favor of Ballot Measure T2018 at the Statewide Direct Primary Election for Santa Barbara County to be held on June 5, 2018, hereby state that such argument is true and correct to the best of his knowledge and belief.

Board of Supervisors of the County of Santa Barbara

Signed _____ Date _____
Das Williams, Chair, on behalf of the
Board of Supervisors, County of Santa Barbara