

Community Conversation on Cannabis, 05/08/2018

Number of attendees: 35

Questions from attendees:

Tax/Revenue -

- If we tax Marijuana will it affect the Black Market?
- Is there a legal limit to the tax on Cannabis?
- Can the revenue from the Cannabis sales tax go towards housing?

Legal/Regulation -

- Who do we call to report on the violation of Marijuana?
- Are the people who are answering the calls from the County bilingual?
- How likely are Marijuana Shops going to be set up in North Fair Oaks?
- How likely is the ordinance for businesses to sell marijuana going to be adopted in San Mateo County?
- What are the next steps the County is going to take with regards to Cannabis?
- Has the County consider equity licenses similar to the action taking place in the City of Oakland?
- Is there not local control to stop people from smoking in their backyard?
- Does anyone know an estimated number of licenses already given for dispensaries?
- Does the County regulate the size of how tall the Marijuana can be?
- Who has the jurisdiction over North Fair Oaks?
- Why did the three proposed sites for Marijuana businesses in Redwood City did not come before the Board of Supervisors? (The proposed sites are adjacent to the North Fair Oaks area)
- How do you regulate driving under the influence?

Other -

Has the County conducted a study on the effects of Marijuana?

- I'm a parent who has kids at Garfield, why is North Fair Oaks always negatively affected by these types of laws whereas communities like Atherton and other affluent areas will not have any negative consequences?
- How long does Marijuana stay in a person's system?

Comments from attendees:

- I have a concern with drug sales near our home.
- I noticed kids at Hoover Elementary School smoking Marijuana.
- Taxes from selling Marijuana will help the community.
- The black market for Cannabis has negatively affected North Fair Oaks.
- Cities that have passed laws allowing legalization of Marijuana has had a lot of problems.
- We don't want Marijuana dispensaries in North Fair Oaks.
- We don't want the three proposed sites in Redwood City.
- I have a child who has asthma and I have a concern for people who will be using Marijuana in parks and other public places.
- I'm a mother who lives in North Fair Oaks and I'm saddened that the County is considering Marijuana dispensaries in North Fair Oaks.
- I don't want North Fair Oaks to be another "Modesto".
- The revenue from the sales of Cannabis will not help our kids.
- I work in the North Fair Oaks school. I believe that this law will hurt our kids because it will make them think that it's ok to use Marijuana.
- I would like to see a bill where the use of Cannabis is inside the property. Smoking in the backyard is a problem for those who live next door.
- It feels like those who don't smoke are being restricted in support for those who want to smoke.