

Argument Against Measure T

We urge you to vote “NO” on the ban of medical dispensaries.

Until pharmacies are once again allowed to dispense medicinal marijuana, as they did for 50 years in the United States, dispensaries must fill the role to provide safe access to medicine for seriously ill people. They are often the only option for patients who face a sudden diagnosis and must begin immediate treatment.

Maintaining access to a limited number of dispensaries is the safe, sensible solution, and it is the right thing to do.

Without legal, licensed, and strictly regulated dispensaries, patients who cannot grow their own plants because they are physically unable are forced to seek marijuana from street dealers. This endangers patients as well as the community at large.

The city recently enacted strict regulations, limiting the number of dispensaries to three tightly regulated, non-profit collectives. This ordinance is among the toughest in the State of California.

Under the new ordinance, dispensaries are only permitted to serve qualified adult patients, living in our county, who have legitimate recommendations from a doctor who is currently licensed by the Medical Board of California.

You cannot support the compassionate use of medical marijuana without supporting a reasonable supply system. The strict ordinance recently adopted by the City Council has put such a system in place.

Santa Barbara deserves safe access. Do the right thing. Say no to street dealers. Vote “NO” on the ban. Vote “NO” on Measure T.

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