

REBUTTAL TO ARGUMENT AGAINST MEASURE T

Marijuana store supporters against Measure T use untruths and scare tactics when claiming that Measure T will prevent safe access to medical marijuana and force individuals to get marijuana from street dealers. Don't be fooled!

As the City Attorney says in his impartial analysis in this pamphlet, Measure T will NOT affect the rights of Qualified Patients under State law.

State law gives seriously ill patients safe access to medical marijuana by allowing those patients and/or their caregivers to grow and use marijuana, or for patients and caregivers in non-profit collectives to grow and share marijuana among the collective's patients. Measure T preserves that legal, reasonable, and safe access to medical marijuana.

Non-profit collectives growing and distributing marijuana to their seriously ill patients have existed in Santa Barbara for years. They operate legally today. Measure T won't change that.

Marijuana store supporters have no evidence of qualified patients buying marijuana from street dealers. Those patients (or their caregivers) can grow marijuana legally themselves, or be members of a non-profit collective that grows and provides marijuana to them.

The Police Department and local media report that the biggest crimes around marijuana occur at retail marijuana stores (which Measure T will ban). The District Attorney states that marijuana stores attract criminal activity. If we don't ban retail marijuana stores, and Santa Barbara remains the only city in the tri-counties which allows them, we can expect even more marijuana related crime. Why would we want this?

Protect our City—vote YES on Measure T!

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