

# MARIJUANA VOTE

GRAND RAPIDS FLINT  
KALAMAZOO YPSILANTI DETROIT

① Ask Erwin to Draft

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① Obama

② Washington & Colorado

③ 5 Mich Wins

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The morning of Nov 7, 2012

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November 11, 2012, Noon, Ann Arbor

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Sunday Brunch #1

**VICTORY MEETING OF LOCAL MICHIGAN LEADERS – Following the November 6, 2012 landslide victories for cannabis law reform initiatives in Detroit, Grand Rapids, Flint, Kalamazoo, and Ypsilanti.**

Michigan voters have proven that they would like to see cannabis “decriminalized”. The “domestic terrorism” portion of cannabis prohibition must end immediately. If prohibition is to be continued it must involve only a non-criminal system of citations and fines. The voters have spoken.

AGENDA

- 1) Introductions
- 2) Share contact information
- 3) Do we want to do the Michigan Cannabis Democracy project together?
- 4) How do we preserve and magnify our momentum/What should we do now?

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Feb 2015  
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Brunch

- a) Continue local strategy, called “death by 1000 cuts”.
- b) Develop influence to demand and accomplish statewide decrim

i) Democracy Project

ii) An influential press conference in Lansing...with Ethan, Karen, Allen St. Pierre, hire lobbyist to prepare.

5) Image – Must always be in mind, so important, still good, we have not blown it yet – see California. How to keep it good?

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- 10) Photo's?

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From: Charles Ream, Michigan Cannabis Democracy Project of the Safer Michigan Coalition

**Five Major Michigan cities have cannabis law reform initiatives on the ballot Nov 6.**

"Decriminalization" for adults with small amounts of cannabis on private property is on the ballot in Detroit, Grand Rapids, and Flint. "Dispensaries" will be voted on in Kalamazoo and Lowest Law Enforcement Priority (for cannabis, by law enforcement) in Ypsilanti.

**Results will show clearly that the average voter is finished supporting cannabis prohibition.**

We have fundamental principles in Michigan and in the USA. Influential individuals with integrity will uphold fundamental American principles.

Democracy is a concept that we all profess to believe in, even if, like Winston Churchill we see that it might be "the worst system of government ever invented, except for all the other systems that have ever been invented".

The question of cannabis is serious, because over 800,000 Americans are consistently arrested annually. The progress of their lives is often destroyed, because of a safe, benign, ancient herb; in the land of the free.

Cannabis prohibition is a cultural war aimed at social control, it cannot withstand (and never has withstood) any serious evaluation in terms of science or public health. I have used cannabis nearly every day for 45 years (in part to settle my stomach). I have 3 university degrees (graduated magna cum laude) and taught kindergarten for 33 years and have spent 20 years as an elected township trustee (first as a Republican, then as a Democrat). I can't touch strong drugs like coffee or alcohol.

Americans are taught that democracy means that government will do what the people want. We have always heard "Don't break the law; use our democratic system to get it changed". What if, in fact, government is unwilling to give up the tool of \*social control\* that cannabis prohibition represents. That would smell like police states...don't you think?

In all five Michigan cities the voting results on November 6, 2012 will show clearly that the average taxpaying citizen is finished supporting cannabis prohibition.

Voting is the poll that counts in a democracy. My (our) question is this: Will democracy work? Will this at least transfer into "decrim" at the state level in Michigan, as has long been policy in Ohio? Will the legislature heed the popular will at this time? (Long ago the Michigan legislature failed to pass "decrim" by only one vote).

We want the horrible "American Inquisition" against our own citizens to end now. After Nov. 6 we hope you add your voice to the voice of the voters and help end the destruction of citizen's lives over a useful plant.

I am honored that my friend Tim Beck, founder of the Detroit initiative, will join me in signing this effort to get Michigan's most influential people to help implement the will of the voters - to modify or end cannabis prohibition - if that is what voters say in five Michigan cities on November 6.