

Dear Council Members,

I remain confident that you will do what Ann Arbor voters want you to do. PLEASE LET SECTION 16 OF THE CITY CHARTER GUIDE YOUR ACTIONS.

Ann Arbor voters have been accepting of cannabis at least since 1972. CAN WE NOW SEE THAT MR. POSTEMA IS MARCHING TO A DIFFERENT DRUMMER? HE CAN'T MAKE CAREGIVERS INTO HOME OCCUPATIONS WHICH REQUIRE MORE INSPECTIONS AND FEES. The ability of cities to do this is preempted by the Michigan Medical Marijuana Act. It is unacceptable for Mr. Postema to simply say that a major portion of the Michigan Medical Marijuana Act is "NONSENSICAL". He is referring to the parts of the act that deal with "search", "inspection", and confidentiality.

CONFIDENTIALITY IS A LOT LIKE PREGNANCY, you cannot be just "a little bit confidential". Once confidentiality is lost it is gone. If they knew that local police and inspectors would be told where they were located, many qualified patients either would grow illegally or not get their medicine. In smaller towns everyone would soon know, and growers would become targets for robbery. That doesn't help with "health and safety".

EVEN IF YOU ARE A CITY ATTORNEY you can't simply say that a law that you don't like is "nonsensical" and refuse to follow it (and encourage others to break the law and litigate like crazy).

POSTEMA AND THE MML ARE TRYING TO FORCE JUDGES INTO THE POSITION OF BEING "ACTIVIST JUDGES" WHO WILL "REWRITE THE LAW FROM THE BENCH". THEY ARE TRYING TO FORCE JUDGES TO REWRITE THE PORTIONS OF THE MICHIGAN Medical Marijuana Act that deal so clearly with inspection and confidentiality.

This is not proper behavior. The 63% MANDATE for the MMMA is a mandate supporting the implementation of the act – NOT A MANDATE FOR OPEN SEASON ON PATIENTS AND CAREGIVERS. THEY ARE LICENSED BY THE STATE! INSPECTIONS AND EXTRA FEES ARE NOT ALLOWED!

THERE IS NO CLEAR CORRELATION BETWEEN THE NUMBER OF PLANTS AND THE ELECTRICITY USED (some growers grow many plants in a tiny space, this is called the “sea of green” method). Also, people have been growing more than 72 plants in Ann Arbor homes for decades, with no apparent problem.

Ann Arbor voters do not want extra legal persecution and costs for regular patients and caregivers! Ann Arbor voters approved medical marijuana at the 74% (local) and 79% (statewide) levels.

Ann Arbor should provide a model ordinance for Michigan cities.

“CONFIDENTIALITY” is a **“fundamental purpose of the Act”**. This is so necessary when the Federal Government is off its rocker with this “Schedule 1” foolishness. (Schedule I classification was just a whim of Nixon, [who was impeached], no evidence was ever presented.)

YOU CAN'T BE A LITTLE BIT PREGNANT ... OR “ALMOST” CONFIDENTIAL. PLEASE PROTECT THE LAW, THE PATIENTS, AND THE CAREGIVERS!

As for dispensaries and cultivation facilities you should do what you think Ann Arbor voters would want you to do. Ann Arbor needs to show leadership!

It does seem reasonable to combine a license for a dispensary with one for a cultivation facility, in the sense that you would know where the medicine was coming from – and a lot of investment (and employment) would be made in town.

Sorry, but is it in the current text of the ordinance that all medicine must come from Michigan?

Thank you Chuck Ream 12/12/10