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PATIENTS NEED SAFE ACCESS TO MEDICAL MARIJUANA!

Last night I learned, in sadness and outrage, that the Ann Arbor city council was considering a resolution that would be a direct assault on democracy, a slap in the face to Ann Arbor voters and to many sick people in our great city.

More than 74% of Ann Arbor voters passed our local medical marijuana charter amendment in 2004. 63% of Michigan voters passed our statewide medical marijuana law in 2008. After these huge victories the Ann Arbor City council had lots of time to develop procedures for the distribution of medical marijuana. Voters passed medical marijuana by such huge margins BECAUSE THEY WANTED SICK PEOPLE, WITH THEIR DOCTORS RECOMMENDATION, TO ACTUALLY BE ABLE TO GET SAFE ACCESS TO THE MEDICINE!

City council refused to discuss this question until a half dozen compassion centers had already opened up in town. I appeared months ago before you and told you that many dispensaries were starting to serve Ann Arbor patients, and I gave you a model ordinance which you could use...which took much time and money to develop. You refused to consider the matter until now; when you have hundreds of patients who are depending on compassion centers in Ann Arbor for their medicine. It is not their fault that you have ignored this question.

Please do not pass this unfair resolution. If you do pass it, please exempt those compassion centers which have already started to serve patients.

This zoning change can't be done as a sneak resolution, it would have to be an ordinance, and should certainly have a public hearing. There are city council members who knew nothing about this until yesterday; that's not how we do things in Ann Arbor.

So many lawsuits would be generated by this resolution that they would take years to resolve and cost a huge amount of taxpayer money.

And, of course, this resolution could not be passed as it is written because it includes cultivation...which is absurd. Cultivation is covered by the state law; a city can't take away rights which are provided by the state law.

Please do not pass this resolution. Please allow those compassion centers which are functioning, or ready to open, to continue.

74% is a huge statement by Ann Arbor voters. Please implement the will of Ann Arbor voters and stop this attack on medical patients. Patients who are very sick cannot grow their own medicine.

This is Ann Arbor! Let's live up to that!

- forgot - lost jobs

OUTLINE FOR CANNABIS BUTTER MAKING, AND THE BASIC MEDICAL COOKIE

Begin with very dry material, 4 oz of leaf, 2 oz of fine trim, or less than one ounce of bud

Pulverize it as much as you can with your hands, toss out the leaf stems and sticks.

Grind it in a blender until it is almost powder, you can call this "ganja flour"

In a large pan place a quart of water, 5 sticks of butter, and your ground cannabis. Turn on heat, melt butter, bring the pot to a boil, and then lower heat so a steady simmer is achieved. Keep it simmering, stirring occasionally, for two hours. DO NOT LET THIS MATERIAL TOUCH YOUR SKIN.

Get a gallon milk jug (empty) and cut off the top with a knife, DO NOT CUT YOURSELF, (so you have a very large opening to pour your boiling hot water and butter into) Set it close by.

Invest 35 or 40 dollars in a good colander (the thing with holes in it) because you will be putting all your weight on it. Get a large bowl and put it under the colander.

REMEMBER TO NOT POUR THE LIQUID DOWN THE DRAIN!! THE LIQUID IS YOUR PRODUCT!!

Set your LARGE bowl in the sink, set the colander down in the large bowl, and fully cover the colander with 4 thicknesses of cheesecloth. Put on kitchen gloves if you have them because this is going to be hot!

Thoroughly stir your mixture one more time, then take the pot from the stove and *carefully pour* it onto the cheesecloth, so the liquid goes through the cheesecloth and the colander AND IS CAUGHT IN THE LARGE BOWL BELOW.

Squeeze the cheesecloth a bit and then set the cheesecloth and ganja aside and pour your liquid from the large bowl directly into the milk jug. Then pour more hot water through the cheesecloth and ganja, squeeze it, put it to the side, and pour your butterwater in the milk jug again. Do it a third time and squeeze the cheesecloth as hard as you can, it won't be so hot now.

You can already see the butter coming to the top. Carefully put the milk jug in the refrigerator and wait until morning. In the morning, slit the milk jug so the water comes out in the sink, and then remove your healing butter. I usually break it in half, put it in wax paper (so it doesn't stick to the package), put that into a plastic bag and store in the freezer until you ready to cook.

THE BASIC MEDICAL BUTTER COOKIE (a very old simple recipe, I claim no credit for this recipe)

Mix the dry ingredients together

Two thirds cup of sugar, two and one half cups sifted flour, a half teaspoon of salt. And a teaspoon each of nutmeg and cinnamon.

Mix the wet ingredients together, 1 cup melted cannabutter, 1 egg, 1 teaspoon vanilla