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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.

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- forgot - lost jobs

Employment?

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City of Ann Arbor - 2 Proposals

PROPOSAL A

ANN ARBOR CITY CHARTER AMENDMENT AUTHORIZING TAX FOR PARK MAINTENANCE AND CAPITAL IMPROVEMENTS

Shall the Charter be amended to authorize a tax up to 1.10 mills for park maintenance and capital improvements for 2013 through 2018 to replace the previously authorized tax for park maintenance and capital improvements for 2007 through 2012, which will raise in the first year of the levy the estimated total revenue of \$5,052,000.

PROPOSAL B

ANN ARBOR CITY CHARTER AMENDMENT TAX FOR ART IN PUBLIC PLACES

Shall the Charter be amended to limit sources of funding for art in public places and to authorize a new tax of up to one-tenth (0.10) of a mill for 2013 through 2016 to fund art in public places, which 0.10 mill will raise in the first year of levy the estimated revenue of \$459,273?

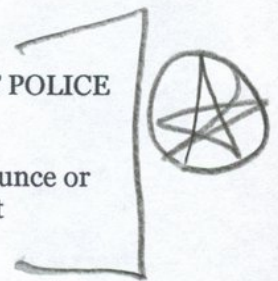
City of Ypsilanti - 2 Proposals

CITY CHARTER REVISION QUESTION

Shall the City of Ypsilanti Home Rule Charter, proposed by the Ypsilanti Charter Revision Commission be adopted?

CHARTER AMENDMENT TO MAKE USE/CONSUMPTION OF MARIJUANA LOWEST POLICE PRIORITY

Shall the Ypsilanti City Charter be amended such that the use and/or consumption of one ounce or less of usable marijuana by adults 21 years or older is the lowest priority of law enforcement personnel?



Augusta Township - 1 Proposal

Proposal