

# Hash Bash Speech 2013

Welcome to Ann Arbor, the marijuana capitol of the Midwest. Ann Arbor voters would be happy to see fully legal cannabis, and the robust economic activity that it brings.

Historic progress has been made in our movement this year. Now we know that total victory will come quicker than we thought.

Why do I love cannabis so much? Because it helps me each day to physically feel better and to feel like a happy, whole, maybe even spiritual person.

~~This~~ <sup>Our</sup> historic progress, however, won't happen by itself. We have to make it happen, or help it happen.

I taught kindergarten for 33 years. Please let me teach a lesson.

Boys and girls, the drug war was not a failure, it was wildly successful. It was a failure only in terms of its STATED objectives, like reducing the supply or the use of drugs. It was completely successful in terms of its real goal – which is social control. Unconstitutional SOCIAL CONTROL

In the early 70's Nixons "silent majority", was the majority, and was terrified that the country would be ruined by rioting blacks and that our culture would be undermined by hippies. So, they had the drug war. Does anybody worry about rioting blacks or dirty hippies anymore?

My point is that the police state has WON the drug war! We have ~~eight~~ <sup>seven</sup> times as much prison capacity as we had in the 60's and every county has a fully militarized SWAT team. They have plenty of room for YOU in jail. So, they could drop the war on cannabis now, they have got their police state all set up.

But they won't stop destroying freedom in America.

In Michigan local initiatives give us a platform fight Marijuana prohibition. In the past we won five local Michigan victories to prepare to get the grant to get our state medical law. Six more local victories have been won SINCE we won our medical law.

This year we are putting marijuana decriminalization on the ballot in Jackson and Lansing.

We NEED HELP for Lansing.

These local campaigns are how we make progress. We can't go on without your help to pay petitioners. Please give to the Lansing campaign. We all have benefitted from these local Michigan campaigns. We will also have a decriminalization bill in the state legislature, in Lansing.

You can only give by check. These green slips tell you exactly how to give. Please send \$20 or more. Please pass out these green slips to people who might send a check to the Lansing campaign!

We will win, we are the American patriots, we will gain our freedom. Send money thank you.

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