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# SCHOOL PASADENA AREA COMMUNITY COLLEGE DISTRICT

Governing Board Member, Trustee Area No. 1 Vote for One

Governing Board Member, Pasadena Area Community College District SANDRA CHEN LAU Museum Executive/Commissioner

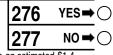
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CITY PASADENA CITY SPECIAL MUNICIPAL ELECTION

Shall the Pasadena City Charter be amended consistent with state 267 law to: 1) change the City's primary and general election dates to coincide with statewide primary and general election dates. 268 beginning with the November 2018 general election; 2) extend the current terms for the Mayor and Councilmembers by 19 months on a one-time basis in order to transition to the statewide election cycle; and 3) move the Mayor's thematic budget message to February?

Shall an ordinance adopted to allow a limited number of be YES. commercial cannabis businesses to operate in Pasadena, subject to business, health and land use regulations, and to repeal the City of NO Pasadena's current ban on commercial cannabis businesses, provided that: (1) the ordinance shall not take effect unless voters approve a Cannabis Business Tax, and (2) the City Council retains authority to amend existing ordinances and adopt future ordinances regarding commercial cannabis business activities?

Shall the City tax cannabis (marijuana) businesses at annual rates not to exceed \$10.00 per canopy square foot for cultivation (adjustable for inflation), 6% of gross receipts for retail cannabis businesses, and 4% for all other cannabis businesses, to fund unrestricted general revenue purposes such as police, fire, roads and recreation; which is expected to generate an estimated \$1.4 to \$2.1 million annually and will be levied until repealed by the voters or City Council?



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YES.

NO

# SCHOOL PASADENA UNIFIED SCHOOL DISTRICT SPECIAL ELECTION

Shall the Pasadena City Charter be amended consistent with state 281 YES= law to: 1) change the Pasadena Unified School District's election RR dates to coincide with statewide general election dates, utilizing the NO plurality voting format, beginning with the November 2020 general election; 2) extend the current terms of Board Members by 19 months on a one-time basis in order to transition to the statewide election cycle; and 3) change the timing of the Board President's annual address to May?

END OF BALLOT

# **CITY ATTORNEY'S IMPARTIAL ANALYSIS OF MEASURE CC**

Measure CC is submitted to the voters by the Pasadena City Council and would amend various provisions of the Pasadena Municipal Code to allow a limited number and types of commercial cannabis businesses to operate in Pasadena, subject to business, health and land use regulations.

#### Background

On February 26, 2018, the City Council of the City of Pasadena ("Council") approved submission of an ordinance for voter approval to amend the Pasadena Municipal Code ("PMC") to allow a limited number and types of commercial cannabis businesses to operate in Pasadena, subject to business, health and land use regulations.

#### The Measure

If passed, Measure CC would amend the PMC to allow three types of cannabis permits and a limited number of commercial cannabis businesses citywide as follows: six retailers, four cultivation sites, and four testing laboratories. The Measure includes distance separation requirements consistent with state law, as well as distance separation requirements from each of the businesses and residential districts, and between each of the businesses. The Measure establishes a process for a potential operator to apply for such cannabis permits, as well as to apply for the necessary land use permit. The Measure also establishes health and safety permitting and operating requirements for such businesses. No currently illegally operating cannabis businesses would be grandfathered in; one legal nonconforming testing lab would be allowed to remain. The Measure would repeal the current ban on commercial cannabis businesses.

Measure CC will not take effect unless a companion tax measure (Measure DD) is adopted by the voters. No applications for commercial cannabis businesses will be accepted until the City Manager approves and promulgates administrative regulations. No further voter approval would be required for future amendments by the City Council, which may amend the ordinance that is the subject of this Measure in its usual manner, without further voter approval.

If Measure CC does not pass, the current ban on all commercial cannabis businesses would remain in place.

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### CITY ATTORNEY'S IMPARTIAL ANALYSIS OF MEASURE CC (Continued)

Measure CC requires approval of a majority of voters. A "yes" vote for Measure CC will establish the ability of a limited number and types of commercial cannabis businesses to apply for necessary permits and land use approvals. A "no" vote against Measure CC will maintain the existing ban on such businesses.

The above statement is an impartial analysis. Copies of the text of the proposed ordinance is available at City Libraries and on the City's webpage at <u>www.cityofpasadena.net/cityclerk/elections</u>. If you have any questions, please contact the City Clerk's Office at (626) 744-4124.

# ARGUMENT IN FAVOR OF MEASURE CC

During the past several years, the California legislature and voters have enacted various laws which decriminalize or legalize commercial cannabis activity. In 2016, 63% of the total votes cast for Prop. 64 by Pasadena voters were in favor of the measure to legalize cannabis sales. Therefore, a new regulatory and enforcement framework addressing commercial cannabis businesses in the City is needed. Previous City Council action to regulate cannabis has been blocked by the cannabis industry. Therefore a vote of the people is necessary.

In order to preserve the quality of life for Pasadena's residents, it is the City's intent to allow a very limited number of highly qualified screened operators to do business in the City, using a tightly regulated process and regulatory ordinance. The proposed regulations reflect a cautious approach designed to protect our neighborhoods and businesses from negative impacts of cannabis businesses: the number of licenses is strictly limited. There are adequate separations from sensitive uses like schools and parks, and the concentration of uses in any single area is prohibited. By these means we hope to achieve a reduction in the number of illegal dispensaries in our City, and the ability to maintain an appropriate balance of local control and compliance with state law.

Please support our effort to impose reasonable controls rather than abdicating this responsibility to those motivated by profit and personal gain rather than the public interest.

TERRY TORNEK Mayor ANDY WILSON

City Councilmember

TYRON HAMPTON City Councilmember

MARGARET MCAUSTIN City Councilmember

## NO ARGUMENT AGAINST THIS MEASURE WAS SUBMITTED