

ARGUMENT AGAINST MEASURE P

San Bernardino City Council rushed Measure P to compete with citizen-backed initiatives. "We only had a month to put it together," said Deputy City Attorney Steven Graham at the August City Council meeting. "We weren't able to meet with all of the stakeholders that we wanted."

Not surprisingly, Measure P includes major flaws:

NO TAX REVENUE FOR SAN BERNARDINO – Shockingly, city-backed Measure P fails to tax marijuana. Successful cities (San Diego, Palm Springs) dramatically reduced the number of dispensaries and grew revenue by taxing the industry. These cities offer safer, more professional dispensaries that contribute to all city services. Measure P creates only enforcement fees and fails to deliver revenue for San Bernardino's general budget. For too long, existing illegal dispensaries benefited without paying their fair share of taxes!

MARIJUANA CLOSE TO HOMES – Measure P permits marijuana businesses to locate 100 feet from homes. In contrast, San Diego and other cities that successfully regulate medical marijuana successfully restrict businesses much farther from homes. This city-backed Measure P fails to include the restrictions that residents expect.

LAWSUIT MAGNET – Measure P openly disregards state law that requires environmental impact analysis. Despite recent city claims that Measure P has no impact, city officials are on record claiming the opposite. San Bernardino tax payers cannot afford the lawsuits likely to follow this rushed measure.

For years, elected officials failed to address the thriving black market and crime near our schools and homes. Why have some dispensaries operated for over 5 years without any action against them?

Now, City Council rushes this flawed Measure P and fails to deliver critical tax revenue. We cannot tolerate marijuana so close to our homes. And we cannot afford expensive lawsuits and more delay.

Vote NO on this rushed, flawed measure! Vote NO on P!

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