

## ARGUMENT IN FAVOR OF MEASURE U

The Upland Regulate Marijuana Act of 2016 (URMA) is the common-sense, responsible legislation that the City of Upland needs now. Despite banning medical marijuana sales since 2003, Upland has seen an explosion of illegal, unregulated marijuana shops. There are 24 shops in Upland, including 9 storefronts and 15 mobile dispensaries. These illegal operations violate the city's existing ban and operate near our schools, parks and homes. URMA builds on the success of similar regulations adopted by small and large cities across California. This initiative will reduce shops, crime and citizen complaints. In addition, Upland will increase tax revenues to enforce these new regulations.

Thirteen years ago, Upland's city council banned medical marijuana businesses. This ban is completely ineffective and quite costly. *The Press Enterprise* reports that it costs roughly \$100,000 to close an illegal dispensary and that shops usually reopen nearby. Despite the existing ban, today Upland has a total of 24 illegal marijuana operations, including storefronts and mobile dispensaries. Upland has tried to end this black market, but has only wasted our taxpayer dollars in vain.

The only proven and effective approach: limit medical marijuana businesses with sensible regulation. After recognizing that bans fail, the City of San Jose passed regulations that reduced the number of dispensaries from more than 100 to only 16. Today, San Jose has 1 dispensary for every 62,500 citizens; San Diego has 1 for every 100,000; Oakland has 1 for every 103,500. Meanwhile, Upland has 1 for every 3,125 citizens! While other cities eliminated marijuana sales near their schools, parks and homes, Upland still encourages a black market to flourish.

Upland needs responsible government. Another ban will not work. Eliminate Upland's ineffective ban and regulate this market or watch our city attract more violent crime near our schools, parks and homes.

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Retired City Manager

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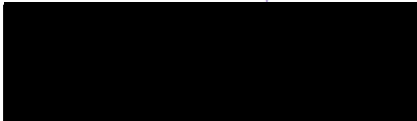
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FORM OF STATEMENT TO BE FILED BY AUTHORS OF ARGUMENTS

All arguments concerning measures filed pursuant to Division 9, Chapter 3 (beginning with § 9200) of the Elections Code shall be accompanied by the following form statement to be signed by each proponent, and by each author, if different, of the argument:

The undersigned proponents or authors of the primary argument in favor of ballot proposition Measure U, An ordinance to allow Medical Marijuana Dispensaries in the City of Upland, at the Municipal election for the City of Upland to be held on November 8, 2016, hereby state that the argument is true and correct to the best of their knowledge.

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June 7th, 2016