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## Argument in Favor of Measure E

The purpose of City of Upland Ordinance No. 1910 is to clarify the language in Upland's municipal code to expressly prohibit all illegal commercial marijuana-related uses and activities in the City.

Prior to the passage of Ordinance No. 1910, the Upland Municipal Code contained language that was less precise and less inclusive than the language in Ordinance No. 1910. The prior municipal code ordinance also does not include all possible commercial marijuana-related uses and activities, leaving the law unclear.

Ordinance No. 1910 is needed to clarify and maintain legal control over marijuana-related uses and activities in Upland. It closes legal loopholes and gives the City the ability to enforce local laws that provide residents and businesses with comprehensive protection from prohibited marijuana-related activities.

With this ordinance, the City will be able to enforce and prosecute all persons unlawfully establishing commercial businesses that involve marijuana or any of its products. It is a balanced and common sense approach to banning illegal marijuana businesses and sales in Upland.

Ordinance No. 1910 protects Upland by prohibiting the cultivation, possession, manufacturing, processing, storing, warehousing, testing, packaging, transporting, distribution and sale of marijuana beyond what is allowed under California state law.

It further provides significant flexibility for law enforcement to control current and future marijuana activities, and to further evaluate the impacts and consequences of California's new Adult Use of Marijuana Act.

This ordinance does not prevent the personal recreational use, indoor cultivation or use of marijuana by qualified medical patients pursuant to current California state law.

Upland has spent millions of dollars to enforce its vague ordinances against marijuana businesses and activities. This ordinance will make these enforcement actions less costly.

Please vote "yes" on Measure E to prohibit illegal marijuana-related businesses in Upland and to reduce our City's overwhelming legal expenses.

## 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 E, an ordinance to prohibit development and operation of marijuana-related uses in the City of Upland, at the Special Municipal Election for the City of Upland to be held on June 6, 2017, hereby state that the argument in favor is true and correct to the best of their knowledge.

March 13, 2017

Janige Elliott

Council Member, City of Upland

Council member, City of Upland

March 13, 2017