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ARGUMENT AGAINST MEASURE "J"

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The City Council wants more money from us. They want you to increase your sales tax.

The Mayor and City Council should lift the ban on voter approved recreational and medical marijuana. Not only could the city set the rate of taxes it charges licensed marijuana businesses, but it would also open a stream of revenue to the local community. It would also likely result in increased real estate prices like that seen in Adelanto, which in turn would create another revenue stream due to increased property tax rates.

LA Weekly recently reported: "Adelanto is still a sleepy place, but it appears to be on the cusp of becoming a boomtown. In the previous 15 years, the town had added only two new Dollar Stores, according to Kerr, which earned the city \$7,000 a year. But by allowing commercial marijuana growing, Adelanto ignited a land rush. Plots that had been worth \$300,000 suddenly sold for \$3 million, according to Sayegh, who represents several Adelanto growers."

Proposition 64 Makes Specific Allocations for Various Purposes

Youth Education, Prevention, Early Intervention and Treatment Account. Funds would be allocated to the Department of Health Care Services to support youth programs including substance use disorder education, prevention, and treatment program.

State and Local Government Law Enforcement Account Funds would be allocated to the California Highway Patrol to support programs designed to reduce driving while impaired, including by cannabis.

Depriving the community of much needed voluntary revenue streams in favor of increased sales taxes placing burdens on the poor and disadvantaged. The city's prohibitionist attitude toward marijuana business does not reflect the will of the people and is harmful to the community.

VOTE NO ON MEASURE "J"

Patrick Aleman, Author



ARGUMENTS

FORM OF STATEMENT TO BE FILED BY AUTHORS OF ARGUMENTS

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The undersigned proponent (s) or author(s) of the primary argument (in favor of / against) the ballot proposition (Measure J) at the (Special Municipal Election) for the City of Barstow to be held on November 7, 2017 hereby state that the argument is true and correct to the best of (his/her/their) knowledge and belief.

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