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Heidi J. Swan submitted a new eComment.

Meeting: City Council Hybrid Special Meeting (Closed Session - 4:00 P.M. and Open Session - 6:00 P.M.)

Item: b. REPORT 21-0781 CONSIDERATION OF THE CITY'S OPTIONS IN LIGHT OF THE CANNABIS INITIATIVE FILED BY COLTON CHACKER WITH THE HERMOSA BEACH CITY CLERK ON NOVEMBER 17, 2021 (City Attorney Michael Jenkins and Deputy City Manager Angela Crespi)

eComment: Here are some reasons legal marijuana will impact our entire community (for more details, see <https://www.nopotshops.com/keep-the-ban>): Since 2015, drugged driving in the US surpassed drunk driving as the cause of fatalities in motor vehicle crashes. A 2019 study conducted in Denver found that the existence of both recreational and medical marijuana dispensaries in Denver neighborhoods are significantly and positively associated with increased crime (California does not keep this kind of data so we have to look elsewhere). A study showed 10% of those experiencing homelessness came to a city for the legal marijuana. In a surveillance study of urine drug toxicology obtained in a San Diego emergency department, 48% were positive for THC (so not as safe as some assume). The legal pot business does not want to be taxed. Legalization has led to greater black-market activity than ever before. As can be seen by other comments, use is considered acceptable in Hermosa. This increases the risks our kids will use more. Our kids use at about twice the rate of the rest of California. Many people are confused by what we voted for and what we have today. The marijuana today is much stronger and more harmful to developing brains. Today's commercialized marijuana has little to do with the natural plant many thought we voted for. Runaway marijuana potency is a problem caused by commercialization. Ultra-potent pot will dominate the market. These ultra-potent THC products are not safe. Children suffer harm from the commercialization and normalization of this drug. It is a myth that marijuana commercialization will keep marijuana out of the hands of kids. Many of these radically new, ultra-potent products seem tailor-made for kids. Where there is more marijuana commercialization there is more youth use. Marketing and advertising abound and include billboards, swag, and bombarding on social media platforms. We must protect our

youth.

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