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Tracy H submitted a new eComment.

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Item: a. REPORT 22-0212 HERMOSA BEACH CANNABIS ADVISORY GROUP REPORT AND RECOMMENDATIONS (City Manager Suja Lowenthal)

eComment: Oppose Cannabis Dispensaries Maintain the City's Existing Ban on Cannabis Retail
If a majority of the voters reject the Chacker initiative, the existing ban would remain in place. No action would be required by the Council to retain the City's existing ban.

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Carolyn Petty submitted a new eComment.

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eComment: The City Council should NOT sponsor a ballot initiative to legalize dispensaries in town. I understand the industry sponsored initiative is poorly written, but the response of the city should be to instead hold a series of informational forums so everyone can see the truth of today's cannabis industry and the ill effects on the community. NOT to be on the side of those pushing drug usage onto our community. This runs counter to everything we have established in our town that supports healthy living. How can a City Council support drug usage when at the same time smoking cigarettes is banned? How can a City Council support drug usage when flavored nicotine vapes are banned? Decades ago, the THC potency levels were 5% to 6% - or lower. Today, THC potency levels are 70% or higher - and as you can imagine, the effect on people using cannabis is dramatically different than it was decades ago. Nowadays, cannabis is linked to cannabis use disorder, which can lead to suicidal ideation. More information is coming out that demonstrates links between cannabis and violence and schizophrenia. The industry does everything they can to suppress this and instead, they refer to cannabis as medicine. That is a fallacy – marijuana is NOT medicine. It is a drug, and now it is a dangerous drug. The reason the cannabis industry is pushing so hard is because their goal is to become entrenched in communities before people truly understand the harms of today's cannabis. If they can set up shop and proliferate and addict community members, they have won. And who loses? Everyone who has a child, sibling or relative who has been enticed to use marijuana – whether it is by edibles, which are marketed to children or whether it is vaping or dabbing, which is one of the highest potency products available. I hope every parent is aware that when a dispensary opens within 4 miles of where someone lives, children are more apt to try the drug. The industry has packaged products to appeal to children – whether it is in the form of candy or cereal or baked goods. This is done for a specific reason – the earlier they can addict someone, the better. But parents beware – if teenagers become users of cannabis, they can suffer permanent changes to

their brain development. From an environmental perspective, cannabis cultivation consumes tremendous amounts of water and energy. Considering we are in a nearly continuous drought and will most likely suffer electricity outages this summer, why would we “feed the beast” and allow this product to be sold in our town? Bizarrely, there are still people who call this “fear mongering” and do not want to admit the truth. It is hard to understand how people can care so little about the welfare of others, but sadly, that is the case. It doesn’t make it right and does nothing to promote the healthy living perspective that has been the ethos and culture of Hermosa Beach.

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eComment: Don't let Hermosa go to pot.

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eComment: DO NOT LET THE CARTELS GET A FOOTHOLD IN HERMOSA BEACH! The horrible and undeniable fact is that illegal marijuana will never go away. In fact, illegal marijuana sales is at 8 billion dollars, double the legal sales. You see, the tired excuse some use to legalize another substance that will absolutely impact the development of our children, is that legalization will reduce crime. Actually it is just the opposite. Crime always goes up around the dispensaries. Cartels, from south of the border, already supply dispensaries with marijuana. This will NOT end. Pro-hemp folks comment that taking away the profit incentive from illegal sales, will cause it to go away. NOPE! Any time the government gets involved, prices go up. Restrictions, regulations and other economic factors, will always favor the illegal grower. Does anyone really think that an organization that skins people alive and cuts up family members in front of each other, will actually stop a business that is making them billions of dollars? That is complete nonsense and will not happen. What you will get, is competition, which always leads to violence. It will also increase the amount of buds on the streets. The cartels will increase THC content to contend with the legal industry. They will always be more efficient and have a huge presence in the market. It astounds me that people are still victims of the 60's when smoking pot was the hip trip. We have learned so much since then and if you are doing your own research and not listening to the propaganda coming from the very wealthy hemp industry, you would understand the dangers presented to society by marijuana. It is, in fact, a very dangerous drug that, due to it's well financed acceptance, has widespread use by kids. Everything about marijuana, especially the new highly potent strains, is dangerous to a developing human being. Cases of psychosis are on the rise and attributed to the higher THC levels in today's weed. During the 60's, street level buds were approximately 3-5% THC. Today it is common to find buds running at a high 30% to 40% THC. Much stronger marijuana can be obtained, but is not commonly offered at dispensaries. Hemp industry people will tell you that legalization will not increase the use of kids.

Well, that just is not true. They will point to studies that show no marked increase in juvenile use after legalization, but that is, in my experience, a very flawed statistic. Kids are not going to tell you if they are smoking marijuana, thereby skewing results. The FACT is that any industry that wishes to remain viable, MUST get the youth involved or they risk losing their ability to sell in the future. Why is it that we realized this fact in regard to the tobacco industry, but totally ignore the market dynamics involved with maintaining a viable marijuana industry? The marijuana industry has a HUGE carbon footprint and uses an inordinate amount of energy. The grow lights, vent fans, water pumps and other associated grow equipment, is a huge energy draw. So much so, that illegal grows were discovered by checking residential electricity usage. Growers then got hip and began stealing electricity by means of tapping into the system before the meters. We then used heat sensing cameras, mounted in helicopters, to find the illegal taps. So much energy is used, that the illegal taps glow like a bonfire at night. I can't imagine how Hermosa Beach could support an industry that has such a huge carbon footprint. Please do not put another nail in the coffin of our sweet little beach town, by turning it into Venice south. If you have a hankerin' for that environment, take a little drive north and enjoy. Just don't bring the insanity here!!!

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