



CITY OF HALF MOON BAY
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BALLOT MEASURE PRIMARY ARGUMENT SUBMISSION FORM

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Word count limit for Primary Arguments = 300 words

Primary Argument in **FAVOR** of: advisory; retail
Primary Argument **AGAINST**: _____

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Measure __:

Advisory Vote Only: Should the City draft and adopt an ordinance to allow and regulate retail sales of cannabis and cannabis products at up to two locations within the City?

Primary Argument in Favor:

According to the City of HMB, 69% of voters favored Proposition 64, which legalized a regulated cannabis industry statewide two years ago. These cannabis ballot measures are a continuation of the process to implement a local, regulated cannabis industry in alignment with the mandate of our voters from 2016.

The Coastside Cannabis Coalition supports this advisory measure to draft and adopt an ordinance to allow and locally regulate retail sales of cannabis and cannabis products at up to two locations within the city. We support two dispensaries as a comfortable starting point for our local community, and would eventually like to see the local market and patient demand determine the number of retail locations.

Cannabis delivery services already serve more than 1000 patients on the coast from Pacifica to Pescadero. Allowing brick and mortar dispensaries in HMB would increase patient access to safe, reliable, and regulated cannabis products that are free from pesticides and other contaminants, while also keeping those revenues, jobs, and taxes local. Senior and adult medical patients suffering from chronic pain and other health conditions would have easier access to safe, regulated cannabis products so they can take advantage of the well-known therapeutic benefits.

These delivery services currently operate outside of any local regulatory or taxation structures. Passing this measure would support patient access while also implementing and supporting local control of the cannabis retail activities already taking place in our town.

Furthermore, peer reviewed research published in the Journal of the American Medical Association shows that access to state-regulated medical cannabis programs reduce opioid overdose deaths by 25% (Bachhuber et al, 2014) and significantly reduce the number of opioid prescriptions written, particularly for seniors (Bradford et al, 2018).

Learn more at: www.coastsidecannabis.org