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Sean McDermott speaking to La Mesa council on 3/27/18.

## La Mesa's first MMD- The Grove

La Mesa approves their first medical cannabis dispensary, The Grove, owned by Sean and Corey McDermott.

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Sean McDermott was approved to open a dispensary in La Mesa, CA. La Mesa's Planning Commission approved the dispensary Conditional Use Permit in a 7-0 vote. La Mesa City Council upheld the Planning Commission's decision on March 27th in a 5-0 vote.

The Grove medical cannabis dispensary, which McDermott hopes to open in July, will be located at 8155 Center St. in La Mesa.

McDermott told CC, "One of the coolest things that's happened through this process is that its given me a chance to work with my son on something that he's super passionate about." McDermott's business partner is his 26-year-old son, Corey McDermott.

McDermott and his son are also in the process of applying for a dispensary in Lemon Grove. Upon passing zoning clearance for one property in LG, the father-son duo submitted their Conditional Use Permit which was then reviewed by the city. The McDermotts, they are preparing to re-submit their CUP application to the city for the second time.

"The application process for La Mesa was very clear, well written, and easily able to be completed and achieved. Easily might not be the right word because it wasn't easy. But, you knew clearly what you needed to do to achieve a license." - Sean McDermott

McDermott has owned his own businesses since 1980, his last business was right next door to the dispensary that will be opening in La Mesa. After nearly 40 years in business, the La Mesa dispensary will be McDermott's very first cannabis business.

McDermott notes that opening a dispensary is different from other types of businesses. He said dispensaries require a new form of hustle because of the amount of competition involved.

"I think being successful in business comes from working hard and doing the right things... To get one of these, you had to work hard. You had to hustle... get in there, find a space, get the applications filled out, get them turned in, and meet the already very stringent written requirements for the CUP. To meet those, it's not a blessing. That's hard work and hustle." - Sean McDermott

The race to open a dispensary in Southern California is fueled by competition, however, McDermott says, "I don't look at any of the other applicants as adversarial. I think we need to work together to be successful."

"Its hard but its going to pay off because we're going to do it right & do it by the book."-McDermott



## The Road to the Boston Freedom Rally: Phil's Story

Phil Hardy is the owner of The Hardy Consultants, a consultation company of experts that work with cultivators.

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What can inspire a man to become a hero? Imagine you are a little boy or girl at the age of nine years old. Ignorant to the problems and hurdles life has to offer. All you can imagine is a life with your family and friends and looking for the next smile.

One minute you remember being cuddled in your mother's arms not knowing that it will be for the last time. Feeling her warmth and love through her tight squeezes and the next moment she is gone because of an ugly disease called cancer that a nine-year-old can never grasp. Tragedy like this can weigh heavy on the soul of a little boy in the cold streets of Boston.

Phillip Hardy has had the misfortune to experience this very trauma and right after losing his best friend seven months prior to Leukemia. This kind of sad-

ness can leave any little boy damaged mentally for the rest of his life. Phil was barely able to grasp control of his life when his best friend and his friend's two brothers were brutally murdered just a few houses away.

Phil's father was there for him but unfortunately not understanding that Phil was to become an educator on cannabis and that cannabis can be used to help treat illnesses like Leukemia and Lung Cancer. Unfortunately, with the education, or lack thereof, Phil's father was only able to understand that cannabis is a drug and was forced to kick his son out of the home in 2014 into the coldest winter Boston had seen in years. Phil has since educated not only hundreds of thousands of Bostonians over the years on his path to "Heal the world" with cannabis therapies, but he has since garnered the support of his father through his selfless actions which is the biggest challenge of them all.

Phil's path to cannabis community gold is paved by the mentorship of educational healers like the recently passed and dearly missed Micky Martin. Micky led many like Phil to open their hearts and minds to the healing that cannabis can give to this earth. Micky gave Phillip the fire inside that he needed to achieve success, but most of all Micky gave Phil the opportunity to run his first can-

nabis education stage at the Boston Freedom Rally. Since Phil felt the change, Micky taught him to be there was no stopping Phil in his race to bring cannabis medicine to all who need it.

Phillip is a guiding force on the team that creates "The Boston Freedom Rally". The rally is over one hundred thousand people strong in a barely legal atmosphere. Phil can be seen all over the globe raising awareness to Boston's community and most of all asking questions and learning about the city he is in. Phil is like the more humble "Where's Waldo" of weed; Phil can be seen state to state and loved wherever he goes.

Phil, having no idea where he will be in five years because he never expected to be in the glorious place he is in, would just like to live the American dream and have a nice family in the cannabis industry.

Phil left us with these inspiring words:

"Keep smiling, Stay positive. Although it's probably the hardest thing to do in most cases, you have to take a step back, take a deep breath and ask yourself if the situation is as bad as it seems. From there- how can you make that situation better? Nobody needs a sob story. You can't let the hard times defy who you are, but you can use it as a learning experience and motivational tool. Don't hold back, and always push forward."

Our true heroes are not always just the highest liked on Instagram, but they are right here in front of us going humbly unnoticed because they are so busy trying to creatively get the word of cannabis out to the world. A hero becomes a hero by making one right choice regardless of the challenges and follows it through sacrificing his own wants to benefiting everyone involved.

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## Palm Springs Cannabis Film Festival on 4/20

Changing perceptions of cannabis is key to growth, and the Palm Springs Cannabis Film Festival & Summit is hitting the nail on the head.

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The Palm Springs Cannabis Film Festival & Summit, taking place from April 19-22, assures a 4/20 weekend of entertainment, engagement, and education. This event is the first of its kind for the Palm Springs Cultural Center.

At the film festival preview on March 27th, a representative of PSCC addressed how the festival fits in with the non-profit's mission, which encourages arts and culture. Cannabis is still a debate and it's undoubtedly spurring cultural change that is worthy of recognition. From growers in the North to upscale High Dining culinary experts in the South, cannabis is an integral part of life for many Californians. Those who are curious about cannabis will walk away from PSCFF with an understanding of just how normal and beneficial cannabis is.

PSCFF places an emphasis on education, which aids the festival in garnering the interest of lifelong cannabis lovers and hesitant community members alike. From

Mary Janes: The Women of Weed, a film about women in cannabis, to Rolling Papers, a documentary about Denver Post's first marijuana editor, the film lineup has something for everyone. In addition to film showings, panel discussions will be held to open up a dialogue about cannabis. Some of the discussion topics include cannabis tourism, cannabis business, CBD, hemp, culinary infusion, cannabis for Seniors, agricultural methods, local and federal legality, and treating illness with cannabis.

Speakers to look forward to:

- Dr. Nick Karras, a sexologist who studies the cannabis high and it's relation to creativity and achieving better sex.

- Dr. Ira Price, speaking on what strains to use for specific ailments, the opioid epidemic, how cannabis can aid sleep, and cannabis for PTSD.

- Lori Ajax, Chief of California Bureau of Cannabis Control will discuss her job as the "Cannabis Czar of California."

- Veterinarian Dr. Gary Richter, separating fact from fiction when it comes to treating pets with cannabis.

- Marsha Rosenbaum Ph. D., who spearheaded the DPA's work on youth and drugs, will speak on talking to your teen about cannabis.

While Camelot Theaters won't be

filled with smoke, cannabis enjoyment will take place at associated events. Each morning of the festival will open with a Higher Ground Yoga class, for enhancing your yoga flow with cannabis. A cannabis-infused and locally sourced meal will be offered during a private culinary experience prepared by Chef Stephen Lee.

The Palm Springs Cannabis Film Festival & Summit will be held at Camelot Theaters in Palm Springs from 4/19-22. As the debate on cannabis continues, PSCFF is doing great work to diminish the clichés and stereotypes of the industry, it's an exciting milestone for the cannabis community to be represented through PSCFF. Support their movement, celebrate the culture, and join up with passionate community members!

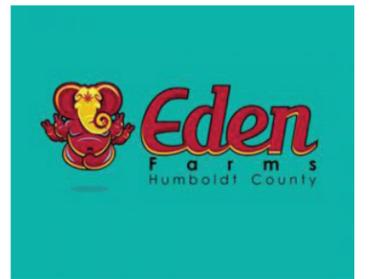
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## Lemon Grove community voices concerns

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Lemon Grove Mayor, City Manager, and two Councilmen are asked to step down by a community member.

Concerned Lemon Grove community members addressed city officials with their opinions on the assault claim filed against councilman David Arambula, during the Public Comment of the March 20th, 2018 Lemon Grove City Council Meeting.

John L. Wood twice stated that he was "really unhappy," about the assault claim. Wood posed, "why would anyone think it would be a good idea to have a meeting with

a person that wanted to start a very controversial business, outside of a public forum?" Continuing to also ask, "Why hasn't an investigation started yet?"

Teresa Rosiak-Proffitt, spoke on Lemon Grove's recent legal issues that have caused her to lose faith in city officials.

"I have been a resident of Lemon Grove for over 50 years and I am concerned about the welfare of our city and it's residents. The definition of accountable means being required or expected to justify actions and decisions; being responsible." - Teresa Rosiak-Proffitt

She continued "Now we have another possible litigation of Williams vs Arambula and the City of Lemon Grove, and Mayor Vasquez was in attendance at this gathering. I urge our city attorney to investigate thoroughly and to leave no stone unturned so that we truly know what took place at this gathering in July of 2017.

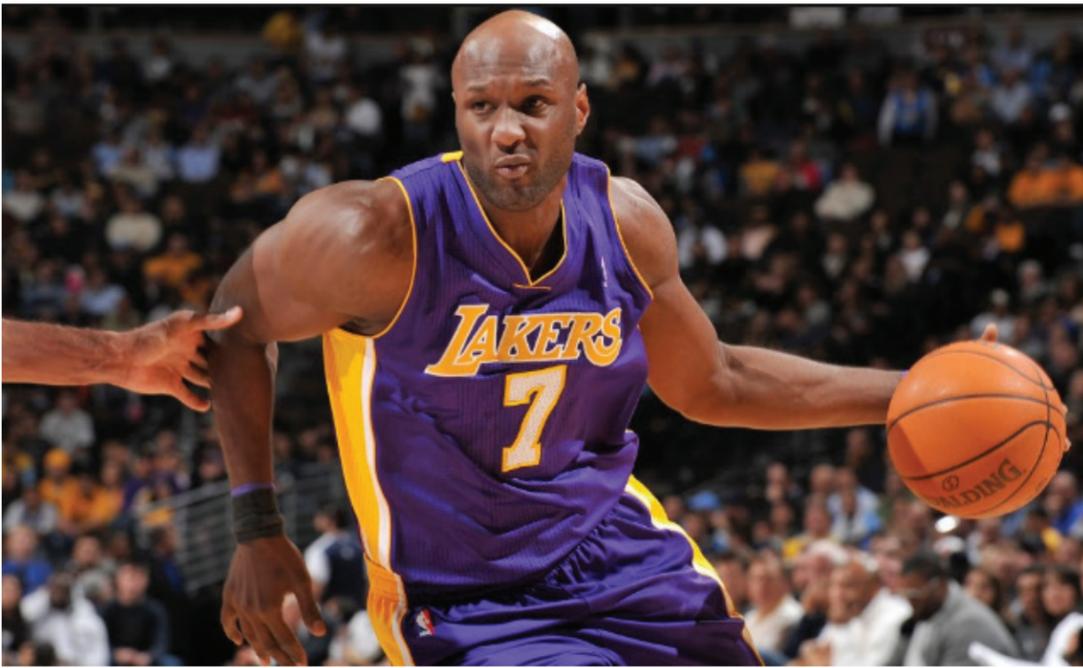
I know that some want this incident swept under the carpet but an investigation and results of that investigation are what the citizens of Lemon Grove demand."

Rosiak-Proffitt requested multiple city officials to resign from their posts. She stated, "I now ask City Council Official Jerry Jones, City Councilman David Arambula, Mayor Vasquez, and City Manager Lydia Romero to resign, as my confidence in each of you as our city leaders and staff have been compromised, and I am concerned that you cannot fully do your job, to the best of your abilities, for the residents of Lemon Grove. Thank you."

Rosiak-Proffitt also referenced the Marcus Bush civil rights lawsuit involving Jerry Jones and Lydia Romero, stating "approximately \$15,000 was paid by the city's insurance policy" as a result of the lawsuit. Unfortunately for Lemon Grove taxpayers, the city council and staff's attempts to squelch free speech may not have ended with the Marcus Bush civil rights suit. Read more about first amendment infringement in Lemon Grove.

Former LG Councilmember, Mary England, wrote an editorial for East County Magazine on the matter, "It seems that change on the City Council will be the only way to stop these lawsuits."





## NBA Champion Lamar Odom to Launch Cannabis Line Rich Soil Organics

The company will provide cannabis-based wellness organically-grown products.

By Emery "Wolf" Morrison

Los Angeles, C.A. - With Cannabis gaining momentum on a global scale, many businesses and entrepreneurs are looking to seize the full potential of such a blossoming market. Former L.A. Lakers Basketball star and keeping up with the Kardashians' star Lamar Odom is now a thriving entrepreneur. He has made the decision to tap into the Cannabis niche with his brand new business venture, Rich Soil Organics.

The company will offer various cannabis-related products, including flowers, concentrates, extracts and other CBD/THC infusions.

Taking advantage of the well-known benefits of cannabinoids, the vast product range offered by Rich Soil Organics aims to help users tackle a wide range of issues, including depression, stress, and anxiety, as well as physical symptoms such as nausea, headaches and chronic pain.

In addition to that, Rich Soil Organics also offers unique strains to foster creativity and focus, with particular consideration for the entertainment world in Hollywood and Los Angeles.

With a fondness for Kush-filled vape pens, Mr. Odom is a strong advocate of opioid-free body wellness solutions. On a quest to offer

wholesome products that people can trust, Mr. Odom went above and beyond, seeking to establish relationships with the state's highest quality growers of premium Cannabis strains, produced organically, with no harmful chemicals or pesticides.

The 38-year old basketball star himself is no stranger to the remarkable perks and benefits of cannabis, and as a supporter of wholesome, organic products, it was only natural for him to establish a partnership with Camp Green, a premium quality grower of organic cannabis:

"While going through rehab, I discovered certain strains that support wellness. So I decided to team up with Camp Green, a company that supplies organically grown, pesticide-free cannabis," comments Odom.



Camp Green President, Marvin Wilcher added that the Camp Green team is stoked about the partnership, and "excited to offer a solution based cannabis product line that supports wellness."

VP of Marketing, Emery "Wolf" Morrison says: "This venture comes at an absolutely perfect time as the stigma related to

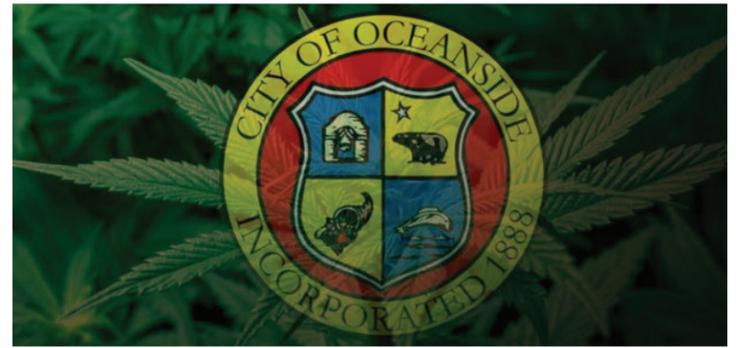
Cannabis is quickly fading away. People of all walks of life are becoming increasingly aware of the many wellness perks this remarkable plant can offer. Even local governments are showcasing an open mind, with herb being legalized in many states for both medical and recreational purposes."

With an impressive NBA basketball career under his belt, Lamar Odom has influenced many people, and he hopes to keep inspiring others to make conscious decisions, particularly concerning their choices regarding health and wellness. Mr. Odom discovered the power of Cannabis firsthand when he realized that the substance could make a positive impact on his recovery.

"Friends, associates, and ex- teammates asked me what solutions I was using on my road back to recovery, and that's when Rich Soil Organics was born. It's a perfect time to offer these Cannabis solutions to the public who may be going through similar body issues as I am," he adds.

Rich Soil Organics is expected to start rolling out during the second quarter of 2018 in the company's home state of California, in concert with legalization of marijuana for recreational use in the Golden State. The picture above is an example of the company's approach to brand identity. The products themselves have a classy and stylish look to them, and the packages feature clear indications concerning the nature of the products and the features buyers can expect.

Lamar Odom and his associates are excited for the opportunity to establish a new brand within the growing cannabis industry, and are looking forward to connecting with people through their wide range of premium quality offerings.



## Oceanside Approves Medical Cannabis Cultivation, Testing, and Deliveries

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Following a successful second vote, the city will take the next three to four months to create a fee structure that they say will fund the program before any licenses or permits are granted.





## Indiana Legalizes CBD

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While lawmakers have introduced various medical cannabis bills in the Indiana legislature in the past two years, the treatment-resistant, epilepsy-specific measure HB 1148 is the only one that the state has implemented so far.

The House passed HR0002 in January with a 94-0 vote, resolving to conduct a 2018 study to weigh the possibility of a creating a state

medicinal marijuana program. Because HR0002 is a resolution, it does not need Senate approval.

But the people in the Hoosier State won't need to wait until next year to be able to purchase certain cannabis products without even needing a doctor's recommendation.

In a late season session on Wednesday, March 15, the Indiana House and Senate overwhelmingly voted to pass SB 52, a measure to legalize cannabidiol (CBD) in the state. The Senate vote was 36-11 while the House's decision was unanimous.

Only one week later on Wednesday, March 21, Governor Eric

Holcomb [R] signed his approval of SB 52 into law, legalizing CBD oil products with a THC level of .3% or less.

"Indiana lawmakers delivered a bill that ensures Hoosiers who benefit from CBD oil can access it," said Holcomb about the new measure. "The bill provides much-needed clarity, with labeling requirements and a 0.3% THC limit on CBD products. I'm grateful for the General Assembly's hard work to bring me a bill to address the needs expressed by our citizens."

Holcomb has previously expressed his support of medicinal CBD use in humans as well as animals. The governor told the

Times of Northwest Indiana in an interview that if his seven-year-old miniature schnauzer were in pain that could be relieved by CBD, he would be open to giving it to the dog.

Authored by Senators Michael Young [R] and James Tomes [R], the new law takes place immediately with no restrictions other than the maximum allowable levels of THC in the product through June 30. From July 1 on, CBD oil retailers will only be permitted to sell items that comply with newly-established state packaging, testing, and certification standards.

New regulations impose penalties for retailers and individuals who knowingly possess and sell products with THC levels over .3%.

Selling THC oil as CBD can be charged as a Level 5 felony and carry a \$10,000 fine and a six-year prison sentence. People who possess the same oil can be facing a Class A misdemeanor with a \$5,000 fine and up to a year in jail.

In addition to legalizing CBD and voting to study medical cannabis early in the 2018 year, industrial hemp legalization is a topic slated for study by an Indiana committee in the summer.



## McConnell To File Hemp Legalization Bill In Congress

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On Monday, March 26, Senate Majority Leader Mitch McConnell [R-KY] announced that he would be introducing a bill to legalize hemp as a legitimate agricultural crop.

Hemp is a non-psychoactive variety of the cannabis plant and has an extraordinarily wide range of uses.

The Hemp Farming Act of 2018 would remove hemp from the Controlled Substances Act, allowing nationwide cultivation and production to return to the

United States. Under the measure, individual states would be free to implement hemp programs as they wish.

In 2014, McConnell also supported a provision to create a hemp pilot program in Kentucky and co-sponsored a hemp legalization bill with Jeff Merkley [D-OR], Ron Wyden [D-OR], and Rand Paul [R-KY].

McConnell spoke at a press conference about his hopes for the new bill and the success that has been demonstrated with the hemp cultivation program in his home state. Kentucky currently runs their hemp pilot program through the Department of Agriculture.

"Hemp has played a foundational role in Kentucky's agricultural heritage, and I believe it can be an important part of our future," said McConnell in a statement. "I am grateful to join our Agricultural Commissioner Ryan Quarles in this effort...I am proud to stand here with him today because I be-

lieve that we are ready to take the next step and build upon the successes we've seen with Kentucky's hemp pilot program."

The Kentucky Commissioner of Agriculture joined McConnell at the press conference and admonished the Senate leader for the new measure.

"Here in Kentucky, we have built the best industrial hemp research pilot program in the country and have established a model for how other states can do the same with buy-in from growers, processors, and law enforcement," said Quarles. "I want to thank Leader McConnell for introducing this legislation which allows us to harness the economic viability of this crop and presents the best opportunity to put hemp on a path to commercialization."

McConnell plans to introduce the Hemp Farming Act of 2018 with Senator Rand Paul and the other bipartisan sponsors of the bill on Monday, April 2.



## California may temporarily lower dispensary taxes

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California Legislators propose a temporary tax relief to protect legal recreational dispensaries from being undercut by the black market.

Legal dispensaries want to be able to effectively compete with unlicensed dispensary prices, and California's current taxes are not allowing it. In some cases, according to Fitch credit agency, the combination of local, grower's, and sales taxes have raised the cost of cannabis by 45%.

Temporarily lowering the state excise tax from 15-11% will allow legal businesses to lower the overall cost of their products. Legislators are also considering suspension of the \$148/lb cultivation tax.

"Criminals do not pay business taxes, ensure consumers are 21 and over, obtain licenses or follow product safety regulations. We need to give legal businesses some temporary tax relief so they do not continue to be undercut by the black market." - Assemblyman Tom Lackey

The high cost of licensing and taxation is a deterrent for many unlicensed business owners; some 900 unlicensed dispensaries in California have been sent notice to cease operations without proper licensing.

"...most unlicensed dispensaries are unable to obtain a permit because of the ridiculous qualifiers that the state requires for a license, such as \$300k in liquid assets. The strict requirements serve to take 90% or more of the small cannabis businesses out of the game permanently and pave the way for corporate cannabis to dominate the industry with controlled approved growing, manufacturing, and pricing of marijuana and taxes that are expected to increase exponentially in the coming years." - Medicinal Michael Boris, Weedmaps Under Attack



## Compassionate Use Acts For Pets

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In addition to the obvious recreational appeal of marijuana, countless people around the world regularly take advantage of cannabis' diverse range of medicinal properties, though not all of those who use it reside in legal states or countries.

Tetrahydrocannabinol (THC) has traditionally been the cannabinoid that's caused the most controversy, primarily due to its often-exaggerated psychoactivity. But THC's medicinal benefits have been known about for a long time, though perhaps not understood to the extent that they are in 2018.

Due to its healing and neuroprotective properties, cannabidiol (CBD) has come to share the spotlight with its more recreational partner THC in recent years. The cannabinoid's powerful medicinal traits combined with its lack

of psychoactivity make it a safe and effective everyday medicine for people living with bodily injuries and neurological disorders.

And while cannabis provides relief for so many of the conditions that regularly affect people, there is an increasing awareness that pets can experience benefits from medical marijuana as well.

All mammals have an endocannabinoid system which allows humans, dogs, cats, and others to process phytocannabinoids like CBD which have been shown to hold the same benefits for pets as they do for their human owners.

CBD-infused water, dog biscuits, and cat treats are just a few of the products that are readily available for purchase online to treat pets' seizures, anxiety, stress, and bodily injuries.

But throughout the various states in the U.S. where recreational or medicinal cannabis laws have been established, the legislation that is in place deals strictly with people.

Measures such as California's Prop 215 and others were written with the protection of human me-

dicinal cannabis patients in mind, and the laws offer no safeguards for animals or those who treat them.

For a pet that is injured, veterinarians commonly prescribe opioids which carry the same adverse side effects and risks for animals as they do for humans. Any vets who might wish to recommend cannabis as a safer alternative pet medicine are not currently protected.

But that looks to be changing in 2018.

On February 12, California Assemblymember Ash Kalra [D] introduced AB 2215 to put protections in place for veterinarians who wish to discuss responsible animal patient medicinal cannabis use with pet owners. The California Veterinary Medical Association is sponsoring the bill.

The bill states; "It is the intent of the Legislature to enact legislation to require the Veterinary Medical Board to establish guidelines for licensed veterinarians to discuss the use of cannabis on animal patient clients." The measure also declares legislator intent to "enact legislation to protect state-licensed veterinarians from disci-

plinary action for discussing the use of cannabis on animal patient clients."

But even though the bill's passage could mean relief for pets, it is facing some early resistance. Some opponents of the measure are concerned about possible health risks for the animals such as accidental overdoses, while others cite cannabis' Schedule I status which can make conducting official safety studies difficult.

While cannabis ingestion is rarely fatal, dogs are particularly sensitive to THC intoxication due to the high concentration of CB1 endocannabinoid receptors in various areas of their brains. Cats appear to be less susceptible to negative effects from the plant.

On February 28, the California Veterinary Medical Board declined to support AB 2215 in a 4-2 vote. Councilman Kalra will be working to lock down the fifth vote that is required to obtain the board's endorsement of the bill.

But California isn't the only state that is looking to allow vets to talk about CBD with their clients, Nevada Senator Richard "Tick" Segerblom [D] introduced a new omnibus bill that would, among other things, change the state's medical marijuana laws to also include pets.

SB 372 would allow veterinarians in the state of Nevada to issue medical cannabis cards to resident pet owners if they feel that marijuana would be the best treatment for the animal. Other changes in the bill include allowing more dispensaries in the state, exempting cannabis from workplace drug testing, and excluding marijuana use as the sole reason to arrest a driver.

In addition to the measures in the two west coast states, New York is also considering legislation to allow veterinarians to recommend cannabis as an alternative treatment option for pets.

NY Assemblymember Amy Paulin

On Thursday, March 15, New York Assemblywoman Amy Paulin [D] introduced AB 10104 which would amend public health law to grant medical cannabis access to animal patients in the state.

The proposed legislation would permit a veterinarian to recommend cannabis for "any medical condition that may benefit from treatment with medical marijuana as determined by a veterinarian licensed pursuant to article one hundred thirty-five of the education law."

Governor Cuomo has been somewhat reserved about expanding the state's current medicinal cannabis laws, though he approved funding in January for a study regarding the feasibility of legalizing marijuana in New York.

These first three bills aimed at allowing veterinarians to recommend medical cannabis for pets will only be the beginning. As legalization spreads and our understanding of the benefits of the cannabis plant grows, we can expect to see similar measures introduced in more states over time.

Because humanity's most-beloved non-human companions deserve the best care that we can give them.



## City officials violate first amendment

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Image via lawschoolnotes

At the March 20, 2018 Lemon Grove City Council Meeting, community member Teresa Rosiak-Proffitt asked multiple city officials to step down. Rosiak-Proffitt, who ran for mayor in 2016, mentioned the Jerry Jones & Lydia Romero vs Marcus Bush

civil rights lawsuit.

"Our city council is accountable and responsible to run our city with transparency, integrity and fiscal responsibility, and it is not happening. With respects to the lawsuit of Jerry Jones and Lydia Romero versus Marcus Bush, approximately \$15,000 was paid by the city's insurance policy because Marcus Bush said that Jones and Romero were retaliating against him for expressing his first amendment rights. Both of you do not demonstrate complete respect for the rights of every individual, and this is a concern." - Teresa Rosiak-Proffitt

The lawsuit settlement is a con-

cern as Lemon Grove is operating on a limited budget. The city's money could be used for matters other than fighting lawsuits, if only the lawsuits were avoided in the first place.

Unfortunately, the city's attempts to squelch free speech did not end with the Marcus Bush civil rights suit. In December, Lemon Grove's attorney sent Candid Chronicle a cease and desist letter.

Likewise, in an attempt to quiet this publication, Councilman Jerry Jones reportedly has filed a police report against Candid Chronicle, citing harassment. Attempting to quiet the press is an infringement of first amendment rights.

The first amendment houses freedom of speech, which protects individuals like Marcus Bush; freedom of speech is the right to express any opinions without censorship or restraint. The first amendment also houses Freedom of the press, the right to circulate without censorship by the government, which protects Candid Chronicle.





## Philadelphia's D.A. is Dismissing Cannabis Cases

By Jason Marcuz

Prosecutors across the country have been grappling with discrepancies between federal and state marijuana laws. Among them is Larry Krasner, Philadelphia's District Attorney. Krasner has sent a strong message to cops in his city. Basically, if citizens are arrested for simple marijuana possessions, they will not be prosecuted. Krasner, who became D.A. in January 2018, is taking a stand and has decided to instead tackle the major problems affecting Philly's residents. On February 15th, the D.A. announced his stand even as he dropped 51 cases involving simple marijuana possession.

The D.A. made it pretty clear to cops that his office was not going to prosecute any cases of simple marijuana possession. He believes that resources could be diverted to solve other problems such as homicides. He, however, made it very clear that he was only referring to cases of simple possession and not possession with intent to deliver or sell. Even as he made this profound announcement, Krasner also revealed that his office will file suit against ten companies in the pharmaceutical industry that he believes are largely responsible for Philadelphia's en-

democratic opioid problem.

These revelations were made just as he and the city's mayor co-wrote an op-ed in *The Inquirer* claiming that the war on drugs was a huge mistake. Since his appointment in January, Krasner has been making attempts to try and reform Philadelphia's drug policy. He believes opioids have drastically affected the city of Philly much more than any other city in America. Krasner thinks now is the right time to focus on opioids and let citizens know about the risks and dangers they pose. Apparently, pharmaceutical companies distract the public from learning about the dangers posed by opioids even as they earn billions of dollars each year.

The city has, through the years, relaxed punishments for small-time marijuana offenses. In 2014, the current Mayor, Michael Nutter, approved legislation that imposes a \$25 fine rather than arrest for anyone caught with an ounce, or 40 grams, of marijuana. Today, most offenders are issued with citations 90 percent of the time while the remaining 10 percent receive misdemeanor charges. Philadelphia is not alone in this pursuit. Other cities that have adopted similar approaches to the marijuana problem include San Francisco and San Diego. Both cities have gotten rid of thousands of marijuana-related convictions after the passage of Proposition 64. Krasner believes the decision he made is the right thing to do.



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