



Response to Potential Marijuana Legalization in Missouri:

Mitigating community impact

Report to City Council by Lee's Summit's
Health Education Advisory Board

Background

- **Council Passed 2016 Resolution:**
City Council is against legalization of marijuana for recreational or medical purposes outside FDA process.
- **State legalization attempts continue**
- **HEAB directed to advise Council**

HEAB Subcommittee-marijuana

- 4 HEAB members
- City staff
 - Administration
 - Planning
 - Legal

Uncertainty of state outcome

- No new law?
- **Medical** marijuana law?
- **Recreational** marijuana law?
- Citizens' initiative?
- State legislature?
- Multiple laws?
- DETAILS?? (e.g. Age 18? 21?)

Concerns

- Public Health
- Effect on YOUTH
- Public Safety
- How to minimize negative impact on community?

Public Health concerns

- ER Visits
- Hospitalizations
- Low-birth-weight BABIES
- Accidental ingestion by CHILDREN



Public Health concerns (cont'd)

- YOUTH

- Marijuana Exposure/Usage

- Brain development

- **Perception** of risks ↓

- **Actual** risks ↑

- Mental Health Issues

Public Safety concerns

- Impaired driving/Traffic accidents
- Crime

Marijuana as *Medicine*?

- Medical Evidence
- Completely different ***processes***:
 - FDA approved medications
 - State-legalized “medical marijuana”

Summary

- Potential statewide legalization presents multiple Public Health and Public Safety concerns in Lee's Summit.
- Negative impact on on YOUTH in our community is a major concern.

HEAB recommends that City Council be ***proactive*** in addressing these concerns.

HEAB recommendation

Adopt Resolution:

- Reaffirming opposition to any effort to legalize marijuana for recreational or medical purposes, outside of the FDA process.
- Accepting draft ordinances, Exhibits A and B.
- Directing staff to:
 - Immediately review such ordinances upon passage of any marijuana legalization.
 - Bring one or both in a substantially similar form directly to the Council for review & consideration.