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ARGUMENT AGAINST MEASURE A

VOTE NO ON MEASURE A, which was written by owners of medical marijuana shops and puts profits ahead of neighborhood public safety.

Measure A is bad for our children and our neighborhoods because it:

- Makes mobile marijuana sales and deliveries legal, increasing the likelihood that drugs end up in the hands of our children.
- Allows dispensaries to open 1,000 feet from a neighborhood school – that is just a few blocks away.
- Permits marijuana sales to people under the age of 21.
- Allows pot shops to open near residential areas, restaurants, stores and family-oriented businesses, local colleges and universities, churches and places of worship, and city parks and libraries.
- Contains loopholes in the measure to allow more pot shops to open and operate in the City as Riverside grows.
- Removes prohibition on uses that are illegal under federal law.

Measure A jeopardizes the safety of Riverside residents.

- It does NOT require criminal background checks for dispensary owners and employees.
- It does NOT require safety lighting or security cameras accessible by the Riverside Police Department.

In fact, Measure A's safety requirements are so lax that dispensaries only have to self-certify that they will hire a security patrol. Furthermore, this measure does NOT require dispensaries to pay additional City fees or taxes to offset public safety costs to monitor these businesses, which often attract drug users and criminals.

And Measure A is not about helping seriously ill patients because there is no requirement for dispensaries to test and analyze medical marijuana for pesticides and other toxins.

Local law enforcement officers, educators, business owners and residents across Riverside urge a NO vote on Measure A to protect neighborhoods, help keep drugs away from young people and maintain public safety.

Vote NO on Measure A.

Mayor and City Council of the City of Riverside

By William R. Bailey, III, Mayor
By Chris MacArthur, Mayor Pro-Tem
By Steve Adams, Council Member
By Mike Gardner, Council Member
By Andy Melendrez, Council Member

