



## **Draft: Elements for 2016 Initiative**

- 1) Make marijuana legal for adult use, possession, etc. along similar lines as alcohol. General model similar to Colorado, with modifications and adjustments for California. In particular, structure regulations to be compatible with California's longstanding outdoor cultivation industry.
- 2) Allow personal use cultivation (override prohibitory "nuisance" ordinances if possible??) and sharing with family & friends.
- 3) Civil instead of criminal penalties for minor offenses (similar to alcohol). Defelonize small-scale cultivation, distribution and possession with intent. Reserve criminal punishment for offenses on feds' "hit list": growing on public lands, sale to minors, export from state, etc.
- 4) Maintain a medical marijuana distribution system distinct from adult use system (a la Colorado). Medical system features: tougher quality standards, lower taxes, + possibly more rigorous standards for medical "recommendations" than presently (e.g., require state IDs for purchase??)
- 5) Provide for safe access to medical marijuana to bona fide patients everywhere in state (e.g., by delivery services or overriding local dispensary bans). Extend civil rights to bona fide patients, as originally intended in 215 (if possible).
- 6) Local option for adult use sales and on-site consumption.
- 7) Allow for adult use on private premises at owner's discretion (unlike Colorado), while prohibiting "public" use on streets, schools and public property. Licensed cannabis cafes by local option.
- 8) Provide California with tax and licensing fee revenues from legal cannabis. Excise taxes on cannabis to be shared by local governments that host licensed outlets. Raise a few hundred million dollars for drug treatment, education, health care, plus marijuana & highway safety research.
- 9) Clear prior convictions a la Prop 47. Provide a path for former MJ offenders to eliminate felony records for offenses that have been de-felonized. ("Release the prisoners" may be going too far – there aren't many MJ prisoners serving long terms in CA anyhow.)

ESSENTIAL - Be acceptable to the voters