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INITIATIVE COORDINATOR
ATTORNEY GENERAL'S OFFICE

Request for Title and Summary for Proposed Initiative

Dear Initiative Coordinator Ashley Johansson:

Pursuant to Article II, Section 10(d) of the California Constitution, we the undersigned are submitting the attached proposed statewide Constitutional Amendment ballot initiative to your office and request the preparation of a title and summary for the ballot initiative as provided by law.

We propose the title: The Compassionate and Sensible Access Act.

We have also included with this letter the signed Proponent Certifications required under California Elections Code sections 9001(b) and 9608, our voter registration addresses and payment in the amount of \$200.

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Thank you for your time and attention to this matter.

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INITIATIVE CONSTITUTIONAL AMENDMENT TO BE SUBMITTED DIRECTLY TO THE VOTERS

Title: The Compassionate and Sensible Access Act Findings and Declarations

The People of the State of California, through the passage of the Compassionate Use Act, recognize that cannabis in all forms, including but not limited to its flowers, leaves, and derivatives and concentrates thereof, is an alternative medicinal treatment. Since the passage of the Compassionate Use Act, more and more evidence supports the People's conclusion that cannabis is a valuable medicinal herb. Despite this evidence and the People's desire to make access to cannabis safe and affordable to anyone it may help, many local jurisdictions have sought to pass regulations and restrictions effectively denying such safe and affordable access. Therefore, We the People propose this Compassionate and Sensible Access Act be added to the Constitution of the State of California: Cannabis is a legitimate, alternative medicinal treatment. Therefore:

(1) No state or local agency or body shall adopt a law that burdens in any way the ability of doctors to recommend cannabis for medicinal and/or therapeutic purposes, unless said law applies such burden equally to the recommendation of other non-prohibited herbal or therapeutic treatments.

(2) No state or local agency or body shall pass any law which impedes a patient's ability to obtain or cultivate cannabis in any manner that is consistent with the other non-prohibited flora cultivation and business in said jurisdiction, providing that said cultivation or business is not within 600 feet of a school (K-12) unless approved by local authority.

(3) No state or local agency or body shall enact any legislation that impedes a patient's ability to obtain, transport or cultivate cannabis, so long as the method of obtaining, cultivating or transporting cannabis is consistent with the business practices and/or cultivation practices of other non-prohibited flora in said jurisdiction and provided that said activity is not within 600 feet of a school (K-12) unless approved by local authority.

(4) No state or local agency or body shall adopt laws that create non-competitive marketplaces for medical cannabis and its derivatives.

Definitions: For the purposes of this act, cannabis is defined as (a) a non-prohibited plant (b) a genus of flowering plants that includes three different species, Cannabis sativa, Cannabis indica and Cannabis ruderalis, (c) any member of such genus, and (d) any part or any derivative of such plant or plants.

Severability: If any clause of this Amendment is held to be invalid by a court of competent jurisdiction, such decision shall not affect the validity of the remaining portions of this Amendment.

This section shall be interpreted liberally to effect the purposes set forth herein.

The Attorney General of California has prepared the following title and summary of the chief purpose and points of the proposed measure:

MEDICAL MARIJUANA. INITIATIVE CONSTITUTIONAL AMENDMENT. Bars state and local laws restricting patients' ability to obtain, cultivate, or transport medical marijuana, including concentrated cannabis, in any way that does not apply equally to other plants, unless the activities are within 600 feet of a school. Bars state and local laws creating noncompetitive markets for medical marijuana. Broadens definition of marijuana under state law to include all parts of, and anything made from, the marijuana plant. Bars state and local laws restricting doctors' ability to recommend marijuana to patients in any way that does not apply equally to herbal or therapeutic treatments. Summary of estimate by Legislative Analyst and Director of Finance of fiscal impact on state and local government: **Potential increase in tax revenue related to sales of medical marijuana of tens of millions of dollars annually, depending on how the measure is interpreted by the courts.** (15-0044.)