

RESOLUTION NO. 22-0135

A RESOLUTION OF THE MANHATTAN BEACH CITY COUNCIL IN SUPPORT OF MEASURE V ON THE NOVEMBER 8, 2022 GENERAL MUNICIPAL ELECTION BALLOT READOPTING THE CITY'S COMMERCIAL CANNABIS PROHIBITION, AND AGAINST CANNABIS INDUSTRY MEASURE MB ON THE ELECTION BALLOT

WHEREAS, in 2017, the Manhattan Beach City Council adopted Ordinances ("2017 Ordinances") prohibiting commercial cannabis activity in Manhattan Beach; and

WHEREAS, a cannabis measure ("Measure MB") that would repeal the 2017 Ordinances, compel the City to approve three cannabis retailers in Manhattan Beach, and permit other commercial cannabis in the City qualified for the November 8, 2022 General Municipal Election ballot; and

WHEREAS, on July 19, 2022, the City Council placed an alternative cannabis measure ("Measure V") on the November 8, 2022 General Municipal Election ballot that maintains the status quo and reaffirms the City's existing prohibition on commercial cannabis activity; and

WHEREAS, the City Council prioritizes protecting the City's youth and family-oriented community and preventing crime; and

WHEREAS, youth use of cannabis can lead to heart, mental health, brain, lung, and developmental problems; and

WHEREAS, according to the Beach Cities Health District and a study published by the National Library of Medicine, cannabis's potency has tripled over the years; and

WHEREAS, communities that sell legal marijuana increase young people's perception of the drug's safety, which increases the likelihood of their intention to use cannabis; and

WHEREAS, in the first quarter of 2022, there were more reports of robberies, burglaries, assault with a deadly weapon, and other crimes at Los Angeles dispensaries than during any other stretch since cannabis became available for retail sale four years ago; and

WHEREAS, cash-only businesses, such as retail pot, attract crime; and

WHEREAS, Measure V would reaffirm the City's desire to keep retail pot shops out of the City, help protect the City's youth, and help prevent crime by readopting the City's existing prohibition on commercial cannabis activity.

NOW, THEREFORE, THE MANHATTAN BEACH CITY COUNCIL HEREBY RESOLVES AS FOLLOWS:

SECTION 1. The Manhattan Beach City Council supports Measure V at the November 8, 2022 General Municipal Election.

SECTION 2. The Manhattan Beach City Council opposes Measure MB at the November 8, 2022 General Municipal Election.

SECTION 3. The City Clerk shall certify to the passage and adoption of this resolution.

ADOPTED on September 20, 2022.

AYES: Franklin, Hadley, Stern, and Mayor Napolitano.
NOES: None.
ABSENT: None.
ABSTAIN: Montgomery.

/s/ Steve Napolitano

STEVE NAPOLITANO
Mayor

ATTEST:

/s/ Liza Tamura

LIZA TAMURA
City Clerk