



CITY OF NAPA

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MEETING MINUTES - Final

CITY COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF NAPA

Mayor Scott Sedgley
Vice Mayor Mary Luross
Councilmember Liz Alessio
Councilmember Bernie Narvaez
Councilmember Beth Painter

Tuesday, January 18, 2022

3:30 PM

Held via Zoom

3:30 PM Afternoon Session

6:30 PM Evening Session

The Meeting was conducted as a teleconference in compliance with California Government Code Section 54953(e), and members of the City Council, City Staff, and the public participated in the meeting telephonically or electronically.

3:30 P.M. AFTERNOON SESSION

1. CALL TO ORDER: 3:31 P.M.

1.A. Roll Call:

Present: 5 - Councilmember Alessio, Councilmember Narvaez, Councilmember Painter, Vice Mayor Luross, and Mayor Sedgley

2. AGENDA REVIEW AND SUPPLEMENTAL REPORTS:

City Clerk Carranza announced the following supplemental items:

Item 4.: Email from Jarvis William Peay

Item 7.A.:

- PowerPoint Presentation from City Staff
- Email from Bob Archibald

(Copied of all supplemental documents are included in Attachment 1)

3. ADMINISTRATIVE REPORTS:

3.A. [445-2021](#) Proclamation of Local Emergency to Respond to the Coronavirus (COVID-19)

City Manager Potter provide the staff report.

Mayor Sedgley called for public comment; there were no requests to speak.

A motion was made by Councilmember Alessio, seconded by Councilmember Painter, to adopt a Resolution R2022-001 ratifying and continuing the Proclamation of Local Emergency to respond to the Coronavirus (COVID-19), and authorizing the use of remote teleconferencing provisions for City Council meetings pursuant to Government Code Section 54953(e). The motion carried by the following vote:

Aye: 5 - Alessio, Narvaez, Painter, Luros, and Sedgley

Enactment No: R2022-001

4. PUBLIC COMMENT: None.

(See supplemental document in Attachment 1)

5. CONSENT CALENDAR:

Approval of the Consent Agenda

A motion was made by Vice Mayor Luros, seconded by Councilmember Narvaez, to approve the Consent Agenda. The motion carried by the following vote:

Aye: 5 - Alessio, Narvaez, Painter, Luros, and Sedgley

- 5.A. [11-2022](#) City Council Meeting Minutes
Approved the January 4, 2022 Regular Meeting Minutes.
- 5.B. [474-2021](#) Emergency Replacement of Oak Street Storm Drain
Determined there was a need to continue the emergency action to execute and implement construction contracts for the replacement of the Oak Street Storm Drain from Franklin Street to Brown Street, and determine that the actions authorized by this item are exempt from CEQA.
- 5.C. [478-2021](#) Annual Report on Development Impact Fees for Fiscal Year 2021
Received the Annual Report on Development Impact Fees with Required Five-Year Findings for Fiscal Year Ending June 30, 2021.
- 5.D. [8-2022](#) Monthly Budget and Investment Statement
Received the Monthly Budget and Investment Statement as of October 31, 2021.
- 5.E. [10-2022](#) 2021 Annual Fire Inspection Compliance Report
Adopted Resolution R2022-002 acknowledging receipt of the 2021 Annual Fire Inspection Compliance Report prepared pursuant to California Health and Safety Code Sections 13146.2 - 13146.4 (SB 1205).
Enactment No: R2022-002
- 5.F. [6-2022](#) Acceptance of Homeless, Housing Assistance and Prevention Grant

Authorized the City Manager to: (1) execute all documents necessary to accept a grant from the Business, Consumer Services and Housing Agency for the Homeless, Housing Assistance and Prevention Program Round 3 in the amount of \$96,387; and (2) approve the increase of revenue and expenditures budgets by \$96,387 in the Non-Recurring General Fund, as documented in Budget Adjustment BE2201501.

6. ADMINISTRATIVE REPORTS:

- 6.A. [480-2021](#) Quarterly Recruitment Update & Human Resources Spotlight
- Human Resources Director Heather Ruiz provided the staff report.
- Discussion was brought back to Council; individual comments and questions ensued.
- Mayor called for public comment; there were no requests to speak.

7. PUBLIC HEARINGS/APPEALS:

- 7.A. [409-2021](#) Annual Update to Speed Limits on City Streets
- (See supplemental documents in Attachment 1)
- Mayor Sedgley opened the public hearing.
- Tim Wood, Senior Civil Engineer, and Ed Moore, Supervising Engineering Assistant, provided the staff report.
- Mayor Sedgley asked for disclosures; Councilmembers provided them.
- Mayor Sedgley opened public testimony.
- Maureen Trippe, Co-founder of Slow Down Napa - spoke in support of the Ordinance amendment and provided remarks regarding current and planned traffic safety and enforcement efforts and traffic calming measures.
- Carlotta Sainato, Program Manager, Napa County Bicycle Coalition - spoke in support of the Ordinance amendment and provided remarks regarding Safe Routes to School and desire to see future resource allocation for additional traffic calming measures.
- A motion was made by Councilmember Painter, seconded by Councilmember Narvaez to close public testimony. The motion carried unanimously.**
- Discussion was brought back to Council; individual comments and

questions ensued.

A motion was made by Councilmember Alessio, seconded by Councilmember Painter, to:

(1) Approve the first reading and introduction of an ordinance amending Napa Municipal Code Section 10.20.040 related to the establishment and enforcement of speed limits; and

(2) Adopt Resolution R2022-003 determining that a Declared Speed Limit is justified based on an Engineering and Traffic Survey for identified City streets and roadway segments, and determining that the actions authorized by this resolution are exempt from CEQA. The motion carried by the following vote:

Aye: 5 - Alessio, Narvaez, Painter, Luros, and Sedgley

Enactment No: R2022-003

8. COMMENTS BY COUNCIL OR CITY MANAGER:

Councilmember Alessio ask if Council would support a request to ask staff to prepare a proclamation to recognize the care givers at the Queen of the Valley Medical Center, to acknowledge care givers. Brief discussion ensued between members. Council supported the future proclamation with the request to broaden the recognition to include additional local health care service providers.

CITY COUNCIL RECESS: 4:57 P.M.

6:30 P.M. EVENING SESSION

9. CALL TO ORDER: 6:30 P.M.

9.A. Roll Call:

Present: 5 - Councilmember Alessio, Councilmember Narvaez, Councilmember Painter, Vice Mayor Luros, and Mayor Sedgley

10. PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE:

11. AGENDA REVIEW AND SUPPLEMENTAL REPORTS:

City Clerk Carranza announced the following supplemental items:

Item 14.A.:

- Emails from "Getting it Right from the Start," S.M. Carranza, Laren Neihaus, Lenor Hirsch, Janet Mendelsohn, Constance Finegan, Keith and Joan Piper, Catherine Hoffman.

- Voicemail from Lavern Berg

- Email and 2018 Presentation from Dr. Relucio

(Copies of all supplemental documents are included in Attachment 2)

12. PUBLIC COMMENT:

Robbie Meyer - commented regarding homelessness. He shared a recent incident and raised concerns regarding the Police Department's response to the incident and requested updates to existing policies.

Justin Hamilton Hole - asked that the agenda packets be included in the City's newsletter.

13. ADMINISTRATIVE REPORTS:

13.A. [419-2021](#) Creative Space and Local Manufacturing Action Plan (Make It In Napa Initiative)

Neal Harrison, and consultants Teri Deaver of Artspace, and Gina Falsetto with PlaceMade provided the report.

Mayor called for public comment; there were no requests to speak.

Discussion was brought back to Council; individual comments and questions ensued.

14. PUBLIC HEARINGS/APPEALS:

14.A. [463-2021](#) Adult-Use Cannabis Ordinance.

(See supplemental documents in Attachment 2)

Mayor Sedgley opened the public hearing.

Community Development Director Vin Smith Provided the staff report.

Mayor asked for disclosures; Councilmembers provided them.

Mayor opened up public testimony.

Jerred Kiloh, co-owner if Abibe Napa - spoke in support of the ordinance.

Zachary Gilmore - representing workers in Cannabis - spoke in support of the ordinance and asked for fair labor practices.

Claire Courtney - Cannabis organizer for UFCW Local 5 - spoke in

opposition of the ordinance. Suggested an amendment to include a Labor Peace Agreement (LPA).

Ricardo, and Billy S, Herbivor Cannabis Dispensary in Napa - asked Council to impose a moratorium to protect the number of dispensaries that are allowed in the market place.

Celeste Gonzales with the Napa County Office of Education, on behalf of Babara Nemko, Napa County Superintendent of Schools, read letter in opposition of the ordinance as was submitted to the written letter.

Caity Maple, in behalf of Perfect Union - spoke in support of the ordinance.

Lauren Niehaus, Director of Government Relations for Harvest Napa - spoke in support of the ordinance.

Danny Bernardini, on behalf of the Napa Solano Building Trades - spoke in support of a Labor Peace Agreement.

John Gomez, representative of United Food Commercial Workers UFCW 5 - spoke in opposition of the ordinance as written and suggested Labor Peace Agreement language added.

Craig Litwin, CEO of 421 Group - spoke in support of the ordinance.

Alfredo Delgado, UFCW Local 5 - suggested amendment to the ordinance to include a Labor Peace Agreement with a minimum of 10 employees.

Aimee Henry - owner of Napa Cannabis Collective and member of Napa Business Alliance - spoke in support of the ordinance.

Deanna Garcia - Napa Cannabis Collective - spoke in support of the ordinance.

Micah, Co-Owner of Abide - spoke in support of the ordinance.

A motion was made by Councilmember Alessio, seconded by Vice Mayor Luros to close public testimony. The motion carried unanimously.

Discussion was brought back to Council.

Individual Council comments and questions ensued. Community Development Director Smith, Police Chief Gonzales, and City Attorney Barrett responded to questions and provided further clarification.

A motion was made by Councilmember Luros, seconded by Mayor Sedgley, to approve the first reading and introduction of an Ordinance, amended to include Labor Peace Agreement language, amending Napa Municipal Code Section 17.52.275 (Medicinal and Adult-Use Cannabis Regulation and Safety Ordinance) to authorize the issuance of cannabis clearances for adult-use cannabis retailers and manufacturers. The motion failed by following vote:

Aye: 2 - Luros and Sedgley

No: 3 - Narvaez, Painter and Alessio

Brief discussion ensued.

A motion was made by Councilmember Painter, seconded by Vice Mayor Luros, to: (1) approve the first reading and introduction of an Ordinance amending Napa Municipal Code Section 17.52.275 (Medicinal and Adult-Use Cannabis Regulation and Safety Ordinance) to authorize the issuance of cannabis clearances for adult-use cannabis retailers and manufacturers and (2) direct staff to return to Council to a future City Council meeting with information on next steps including Labor Peace Agreement language, distance between facilities, and number of facilities. The motion carried by the following vote:

Aye: 4 - Narvaez, Painter, Luros, and Sedgley

No: 1 - Alessio

15. COMMENTS BY COUNCIL OR CITY MANAGER:

Councilmember Narvaez acknowledged the Lighted Arts Festival and encouraged the public to attend.

16. ADJOURNMENT: 8:44 P.M.

Submitted by:

Tiffany Carranza, City Clerk

ATTACHMENT 1

SUPPLEMENTAL REPORTS & COMMUNICATIONS

Office of the City Clerk

**City Council of the City of Napa
Regular Meeting**

January 18, 2022

FOR THE CITY COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF NAPA:

AFTERNOON SESSION:

4. PUBLIC COMMENT:

- 1) Email from Jarvis William Peay received on January 6, 2022.

7. PUBLIC HEARINGS/APPEALS:

7.A. Annual Update to Speed Limits on City Streets

- PowerPoint Presentation from City Staff.
- 1.) Email from Bob Archibald received on January 18, 2022.

From:
Sent: Thursday, January 6, 2022 7:14 AM
To: [Clerk](#)
Subject: Public Comment
Attachments: NEW MADDEN.rtf

[EXTERNAL]
Thank you.

Back in the sixties, during a summer visit to my eldest brother's home in the nation's capital, he took me on a tour of the White House. I was in awe of the splendor and majesty of the building and all of its magnificent appointments. However, it was not until I moved to California, Merced California in particular, that I had the opportunity to enjoy the company of not one, but two US presidents. Myself and 500 of my neighbors had an old fashioned town hall meeting with President Jimmy Carter. Being a huge fan of the US Secret Service and its methods and practices, I was thrilled to be selected to join in the festivities. Several years later, in the same little town of Merced, I was a part of the local GOP apparati getting it done, when we learned that the VP George Herbert Walker Bush would be visiting, and we went in to overdrive regarding the prep, because the later victorious presidential candidate would be toting along Chuck Norris and members of the Beach Boys. Heaven. I still have the business card of Bush's military aide who asked that I send him one of the " Read My Lips " tee shirts that we were giving to our staff. Now fast forward to the time when I am driving, again, driving along in Pleasanton one weekday afternoon, and I hear this booming, familiar voice, and my brain recognizes it as none other than the recently departed John Madden. It was weird, because music was on in my vehicle, and besides, there were no NFL games on a weekday afternoon. I looked to my right, and there he was much to my amazement. I parked and hustled over to meet the man, who was very cordial, and he was saying that he had come down from his perch in Blackhawk to see his dentist. I joked about him flying, and he was kind enough to give me his autograph and one heck of an adrenaline rush. My point is, and I am sure that I am not succumbing to recency bias, my point is that I got a greater joy and appreciation of my moments with the late great coach, then the other two luminaries. Jarvis William Peay, Napa



NAPA MUNICIPAL CODE CHAPTER 10.20 SPEED LIMIT REVISIONS

January 18, 2022

Speed Limits – A Small Piece of Traffic Safety

- City Staff recognizes the importance of Traffic Safety and improving Traffic Safety as a priority of the City Council.
- Setting legally defensible and appropriate speed limits is a small but key piece of Traffic Safety
- We are here because:
 - The City is authorized to conduct Engineering and Traffic Surveys to deviate from Statutory Speed Limits
 - The City, by ordinance, may adopt and post Declared Speed Limits for roadways under its jurisdiction
 - NMC Chapter 10.20 SPEED LIMITS grants the city the authority to set, post and enforce declared speed limits on its streets
- Staff will go through the process of setting the speed limits through Engineering and Traffic Studies and the results of those studies
- Staff Report also lists a number of active Public Works and Police Department initiatives in the staff report that should improve Traffic Safety



GENERAL TERMS & TOPICS

- Basic Speed Law
- Maximum Speed Limits
- Prima Facie Speed Limits
- Declared Speed Limits
- Engineering and Traffic Surveys
- Speed Surveys and Adjustments
- Council Recommendation and Questions



Speed Limits – Basic Speed Law

The California **Basic Speed Law** states that

“No person shall drive a vehicle upon a highway at a speed greater than is reasonable or prudent having due regard for weather, visibility, the traffic on, and the surface and width of, the highway, and in no event at a speed which endangers the safety of persons or property.” (CVC 22350)



Speed Limits – Maximum & Prima Facie Speed Limits

The California Vehicle Code (CVC) sets 2 **Maximum Speed Limits** for roadways:

- 65 mph, or
- 55 mph for 2-lane, undivided roadways



The CVC also sets 6 **Prima Facie Speed Limits**:

- “Prima Facie” is a Latin term meaning “at first appearance”, meaning no speed limit is posted.
- 15 mph for 3 conditions (including alleys), and
- 25 mph for 3 conditions (including Residence Districts)



- Only certain streets and conditions satisfy the Vehicle Code’s definitions in Districts for Prima Facie 25 mph. All remaining streets fall under the Maximum 65/55 mph State Limits.

Any deviations from State Limits must be declared, based on an Engineering and Traffic Survey



Speed Limits – Declared Speed Limits

The Vehicle Code permits local authorities, to declare a decrease (or an increase) from maximum and prima facie speed limits within their jurisdictions on the basis of Engineering and Traffic Surveys

“Declared Speed Limits” are:

- between 25 and 65 mph,
- effective when signs giving notice are installed, and
- enforceable by radar or laser equipment



Speed Limits – Engineering and Traffic Surveys

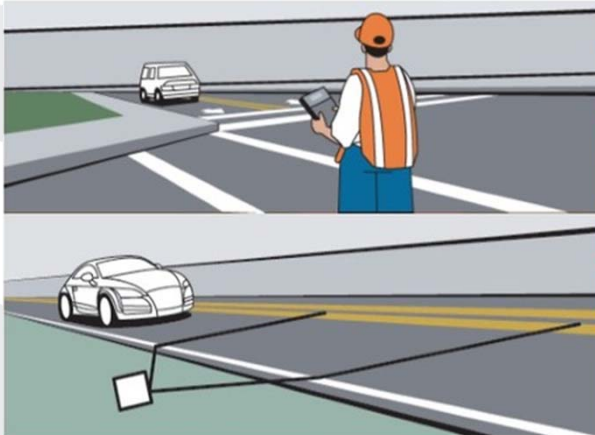
Engineering and Traffic Surveys consists of measurements and consideration of (CVC 627):

- the measurement of prevailing speeds on the roadway segment,
- the review of reported collision history, and
- Roadway, traffic and roadside conditions not readily apparent to a driver

Also considered are:

- residential density, and
- pedestrian and bicyclist safety

ETS are valid for 5, 7 or 10 years under certain CVC conditions



Speed Limits – ETS

City of Napa Engineering and Traffic Survey

VEHICLE SPEED DATA			
Location: <u>Coombs Street between Spruce St and First St</u>		Speed	Number
Posted Limit: <u>25mph</u>		Speed	Number
Direction: <u>NB SB</u>	Recorder: <u>EBM</u>	15	40
Date: <u>6/3/2021</u>	Day: <u>Thursday</u>	16	41
Begin Time: <u>3:15p</u>	End Time: <u>4:00p</u>	17	42
Weather: <u>Clear Dry Warm</u>	Land Use: <u>Res-Park-Comm</u>	18	43
		19	2
		20	3
		21	5
		22	9
		23	15
		24	13
		25	25
		26	14
		27	17
		28	16
		29	5
		30	4
		31	56
		32	57
		33	58
		34	59
		35	60
		36	61
		37	62
		38	63
		39	64
		TOTAL	128
Summary Statistics			
Total Observed	<u>128</u>		
Speed Range	<u>19 - 30</u>		
50th percentile speed	<u>25</u>		
85th percentile speed	<u>28</u>		
10 mph pace speed	<u>21 - 30</u>		
% in pace speed	<u>96</u>		
Skewness index	<u>1.000</u>		
ANALYSIS INFORMATION			
Segment Length (mi.): <u>0.9</u>	ADT: <u>5,274</u>	Count Date: <u>4/1/2021</u>	
Number of accidents: <u>8</u>	Time period: <u>3</u> years		
Calc. Accident Rate = <u>1.54</u> Fatal + Injury Crashes per Million Vehicle-Miles			
Street Width (ft): <u>40</u>	Configuration: <u>2V 2P</u>	Terrain: <u>Flat</u>	
Parking Conditions: <u>Both</u>	Sidewalk: <u>Both</u>	Class: <u>Collector</u>	
Other Considerations: Based on the 85th percentile speed of 28mph, an adjacent City Park, an accident rate higher than statewide average for similar roadways, it appears reasonable to retain the existing 25mph posted speed limit.			
RECOMMENDATION			
On the basis of an engineering and traffic investigation, as reported above, and in accordance with the provisions of Sections 627, 22352, 22357, 22358 and 40802 of the California Vehicle Code, a speed limit of <u>25mph</u> is hereby determined to be reasonable for the above street segment.			
Signature: <u>JTB Jacobs</u>			
Date: <u>7/7/2021</u>			



Speed Limits to Remain

Eighteen (18) roadway segments with recommended speed limits that already match existing posted speed limits: (mph)

Dry Creek Rd (40)	Redwood to Trower		Jefferson St (30)	Calistoga to Lincoln
Dry Creek Rd (40)	Trower to N City Limit		Main St (25)	Pearl to Jackson
Linda Vista Ave (25)	W Pueblo to Redwood		Pearl St (25)	Franklin to Soscol
Redwood Rd (30)	W City Limit to Dry Creek		Third St (25)	Jefferson to Soscol
Solano Ave (35)	Lincoln to Redwood		Fourth St (25)	Third to Coombs
El Centro Ave (30)	Byway to Jefferson		Coombs St (25)	Spruce to First
El Centro Ave (30)	Jefferson to E City Limit		S Jefferson St (30)	S Terminous to Imola
Big Ranch Rd (45)	Trancas to N City Limit		Terrace Dr (30)	Shurtleff to Coombsville
Golden Gate Dr (30)	S City Limit to Imola		Shurtleff Ave (25)	Imola to Terrace



Speed Limit Reductions

Twelve (12) roadway segments with recommended speed limits that are 5mph lower than existing posted speed limits: (mph)

S Jefferson St (25)	Imola to Old Sonoma	Soscol Ave (35)	Silverado to Third
Jefferson St (25)	Old Sonoma to Laurel	Soscol Ave (35)	Third to Lincoln
Jefferson St (25)	Laurel to Calistoga	Linda Vista Ave (25)	Trower to N City Limits
Main St (25)	Jackson to Lincoln	Wine Country Ave (30)	Linda Vista to Hwy 29
Main St (25)	Lincoln to Pueblo	Kansas St (25)	Gasser to Soscol
Laurel St (25)	Griggs to First	Imola Ave (30)	Soscol to Shurtleff



Speed Limit Increases

Zero (0) roadway segments with recommendations that are higher than existing posted speed limits:



Speed Limits – Staff Recommendation

Recommendation:

(1) Approve the first reading and introduction of an ordinance amending Napa Municipal Code Section 10.20.040 related to the establishment and enforcement of speed limits.

(2) Adopt a resolution determining that a Declared Speed Limit is justified based on an Engineering and Traffic Survey for identified City streets and roadway segments, and determining that the actions authorized by this resolution are exempt from CEQA.



QUESTIONS



Speed Limits – Speed Limit Enforcement

City of Napa Police Officers use visual estimation of a potential speeding vehicles and use one of the following evidence collection methods:

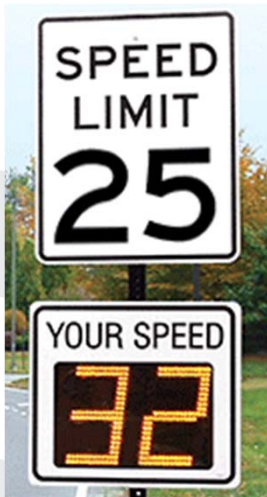
- pacing the vehicle (following in a calibrated patrol vehicle), or
- use of certified Radar or Lidar equipment in accordance with CVC

Valid ETS are used in Court as evidence for all speed violations that are not covered by Prima Facie and Maximum Speed Limits

Without a valid ETS and adoption into the Municipal Code, Napa Police Officers have limited evidence to support citations for unsafe speeding violations



Traffic Calming and Neighborhood Traffic Management



Traffic Calming Objectives are met through a combination of parallel strategies known as the “3 E’s”:

- Education – information awareness
- Engineering – Physical measures
- Enforcement – targeted enforcement



Resources

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Federal Highway Administration Intersection Safety Issue Briefs

- [Access Management \(PDF\)](#)
- [ADA Considerations \(PDF\)](#)
- [Human Factors \(PDF\)](#)
- [Intersection Safety Countermeasures \(PDF\)](#)
- [Introduction \(PDF\)](#)
- [Older Drivers \(PDF\)](#)
- [Pedestrian Safety \(PDF\)](#)
- [Red Light Running \(PDF\)](#)
- [Red-Light Cameras \(PDF\)](#)
- [Resources \(PDF\)](#)
- [Road Safety Audits \(PDF\)](#)
- [Roundabouts \(PDF\)](#)
- [Signals \(PDF\)](#)
- [Stop Signs \(PDF\)](#)
- [The National Intersection Safety Problem](#)
- [Traffic Control Devices \(PDF\)](#)
- [Work Zones \(PDF\)](#)

Institute of Transportation Engineers Traffic Information Program Series (TIPS)

- [4-way Stop Signs \(PDF\)](#)
- [Bicycling \(PDF\)](#)
- [Bus Signs \(PDF\)](#)
- [Citizen Participation \(PDF\)](#)
- [Construction Signs \(PDF\)](#)
- [High Occupancy Vehicle Lanes \(PDF\)](#)
- [Lower Speed Limits \(PDF\)](#)
- [Maximizing Transportation Operations \(PDF\)](#)
- [Median Treatments \(PDF\)](#)
- [Right of Way Regulations \(PDF\)](#)
- [School Zones \(PDF\)](#)
- [Sign Shapes \(PDF\)](#)
- [Speed Humps \(PDF\)](#)
- [Speed Limits \(PDF\)](#)
- [Stop Bar Placement \(PDF\)](#)
- [Stop Signs \(PDF\)](#)
- [Traffic Engineering \(PDF\)](#)
- [Traffic Sign Colors \(PDF\)](#)
- [Traffic Sign Types \(PDF\)](#)
- [Traffic Signal Warrants \(PDF\)](#)
- [Tree Removal \(PDF\)](#)
- [Turn Lanes \(PDF\)](#)



SERVICES	RESIDENTS	BUSINESS
<p>NIXLE URGENT NOTIFICATIONS</p> <p>ONLINE CRIME REPORTS</p> <p>PROJECTS Current Construction Projects Upcoming Projects Bidding Information Measure T Public Safety & City Hall Facilities Project Neighborhood Pavement Rejuvenation Project</p>	<p>SERVICE CENTER</p> <p>VINE TRANSIT SYSTEM</p> <p>VISITORS Attractions & Things to Do Historic Interest Sites Useful Links for Visitors Wineries</p> <p>STREET SWEEPING</p>	

Traffic Issues




Report traffic signal timing issues, speed limit problems or speeding, or issues related to signs, road striping or markers, visibility, road obstructions and more.


Streetlights & Traffic Signals



Request new streetlights, report streetlights out, damaged streetlight poles, faulty traffic signals and more.



The Institute of Transportation Engineers
 Traffic Engineering Council
 presents TIPS on



Speed Limits



From: [Bob Archibald](#)
To: [Clerk](#)
Subject: Public Comment for Today's Council Meeting
Date: Tuesday, January 18, 2022 11:33:46 AM

[EXTERNAL]

Please provide these comments to Council re 7.A. 409-2021 Annual Update to Speed Limits on City Streets

My name is Bob Archibald

[REDACTED]

I urge Council to approve the traffic safety amendments that will be presented in today's meeting. Agenda item 7A. Public Works and the Police Department have put together an excellent set of improvements that include reducing the speed limit on 10 city streets, expansion of the Traffic Unit for enforcement, requesting a state grant to fund even more improvements and rewriting the traffic calming process for people to identify problems and suggest changes.

Congratulations Napa for doing the right thing. If today's meeting were an "in-person session", there would be a standing ovation from the audience. Like any set of major changes to how a city operates, council is the body responsible for oversight and follow-up. It would be a good idea to ask Public Works and the Police Department to return to council from time to time to report on progress. Please do not let these changes fall out of sight from your awareness.

Here's a strong recommendation that would promote a successful outcome:

Task two residents from Napa who are familiar with Traffic safety issues to check-in on the progress being made. This could be as simple as attending a monthly status meeting with the departments responsible. Their expertise could be quite helpful in achieving a outcome that meets the needs of our neighborhoods.

By the way, more than 600 "Slow Down Napa" signs have been placed on front yards throughout Napa. As a result, I'm starting to see a little improvement on my street, South Jefferson.

Bob Archibald

[REDACTED]

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No: 3 - Narvaez, Painter and Alessio

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No: 1 - Alessio

15. COMMENTS BY COUNCIL OR CITY MANAGER:

Councilmember Narvaez acknowledged the Lighted Arts Festival and encouraged the public to attend.

16. ADJOURNMENT: 8:44 P.M.

Submitted by:

Tiffany Carranza, City Clerk

ATTACHMENT 2

**SUPPLEMENTAL REPORTS & COMMUNICATIONS
Office of the City Clerk**

**City Council of the City of Napa
Regular Meeting
January 18, 2022**

FOR THE CITY COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF NAPA:

EVENING SESSION:

SUBMITTED PRIOR TO THE COUNCIL MEETING

14. PUBLIC HEARINGS/APPEALS:

**14.A. Request City Council Adoption of an Ordinance creating Adult-Use Cannabis Ordinance
Dispensary Regulations**

- 1) Email from Getting it Right from the from the Start received on October 29, 2021.
- 2) Email from S.M. Carranza received on November 14, 2021.
- 3) Email from Lauren Niehaus received on January 12, 2022.
- 4) Voicemail from Laverne Berg received on January 17, 2022.
- 5) Email from Lenore Hirsch received on January 17, 2022.
- 6) Email and 2018 Presentation from Dr. Relucio provided by Councilmember Alessio, forwarded on January 18, 2022.
- 7) Email from Janet Mendelsohn received on January 18, 2022.
- 8) Emails from Constance Finegan received on January 17, 2022.
- 9) Emails from Keith and Joan Piper received on January 18, 2022.
- 10) Email from Catherine Hoffman received on January 18, 2022.
- 11) Email from Rebecca Schenck received on January 18, 2022.

SUBMITTED DURING OR AFTER THE COUNCIL MEETING

14. PUBLIC HEARINGS/APPEALS:

**14.A. Request City Council Adoption of an Ordinance creating Adult-Use Cannabis Ordinance
Dispensary Regulations**

- 1) Email from Debbie Klimeck received on January 18, 2022.
- 2) Email from Debbie Klimeck received on January 19, 2022.

Item 14.A.

From: [Autrah A. Padon from the Staff](mailto:Autrah@nhi.org)
Sent: Friday, October 20, 2023 3:56 PM
To: [Scott Schley](mailto:Scott.Schley@liver.ca.ca); [Jillian Catano](mailto:Jillian.Catano@nhi.org); [Michael Allan](mailto:Michael.Allan@nhi.org)
Cc: [Autrah Sorenson](mailto:Autrah.Sorenson@nhi.org); [Alisa Veloso](mailto:Alisa.Veloso@nhi.org); [Yvona Silva](mailto:Yvona.Silva@nhi.org)
Subject: Review Requested: Napa 2023 Cannabis Policy Scorecard
Attachments: Napa 2023.pdf; 2023 Cannabis Policy Scorecard Methodology Summary & Best Practices in Action Map.pdf

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[EXTERNAL]

Dear Mayor Seligson and Mr. Allen,
On behalf of Getting it Right from the Start-<https://getitright.org/> and www.nhi.org/ (collectively "NHI"), a project of the Public Health Institute, we would like to offer you an opportunity to review our evaluation of your local cannabis policies in effect as of January 1, 2023. Our project works with cities and counties throughout California, as well as community organizations and other stakeholders, to protect against youth and problem cannabis use, better reduce other cannabis-related harms, and promote social equity in jurisdictions that have opted to allow commercial cannabis activity.

Since 2021 we have collected information on the cannabis retail, marketing and taxation laws passed by all cities and counties in California, using resources including CannabisLegal (a commercial database), database of municipal codes and jurisdiction websites. Using these resources, we have developed a series of "scorecards" for every California jurisdiction that allowed cannabis storefront, and this year we added those that allow only delivery retail sales. These scorecards measure how far your jurisdiction has gone beyond state law to promote public health and advance social equity. Today we would like to give you an opportunity to review the 2023 scorecard for your jurisdiction to check for accuracy, and as a way for you to benchmark your local adoption of best practices for cannabis regulation. Please note, changes to your laws made after January 1, 2023 are not reflected in this scorecard - they will be in the 2024 scorecard.

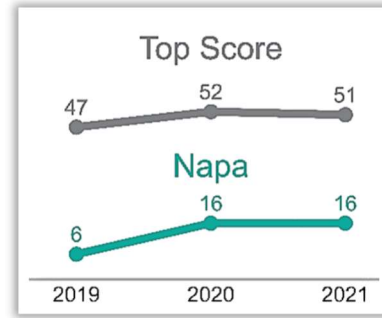
The scores are based on six public health and equity focused categories, that capture recommended policies to protect youth, reduce problem cannabis use, and promote social equity. A summary of the methodology is enclosed. We are happy to share our full methodology upon request, which details how we came to these measures and scores. Also enclosed is a map with concrete examples of best practices adopted by your fellow California cities and counties on the back page.
Please address any questions or feedback on your scorecard to [Autrah Sorenson](mailto:Autrah.Sorenson@nhi.org), at Autrah.Sorenson@nhi.org or <https://www.nhi.org/contact>. If we do not hear from you by November 5, 2023, we will assume our record of the cannabis regulations passed in your jurisdiction through January 2023 is accurate. We will be publicly releasing the 2023 scorecards in mid-November, which will be shared with you as well.
Lastly, we also provide free technical assistance, supported by the Conrad N. Hilton Foundation, and have developed tools and resources including three model local ordinances for California on cannabis retail, marketing and taxation, available at <https://getitright.org/resources> and <https://www.gettingrightfromthestart.org/our-model-ordinances>. We hope these resources help jurisdictions to allow legal sale without promoting the development of a new tobacco-like industry in our state.

Please let us know if you have any questions, or if we can be of assistance to your jurisdiction.
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Cannabis Policy

2021 SCORECARD

This scorecard analyzes local cannabis ordinances passed prior to January 1, 2021, in each California city or county that legalized storefront retail sales, to assess policies in effect going into 2021. It evaluates to what extent potential best practices were adopted to protect youth, reduce problem cannabis use and promote social equity beyond those already in state law. Scores fall into six public health and equity focused categories for a total maximum of 100 points.



■ Policy Adopted Beyond State Law
 ■ No Policy Adopted Beyond State Law
 ■ Weaker than State Law

RETAILER REQUIREMENTS		TAXES & PRICES		PRODUCT LIMITS		MARKETING		SMOKE-FREE AIR		EQUITY & CONFLICTS OF INTEREST	
Limit # of retailers (max. 10 pts)	0	Local retail tax (6 pts)	0	Limit high potency products (max. 6 pts)	0	Limit billboards (max. 6 pts)	6	Prohibit temporary event permits (5 pts)	0	Licensing priority for equity applicants (3 pts)	0
Require distance >600 ft. from schools (5 pts)	0	Revenue dedicated to youth, prevention or equity (max. 6 pts)	0	END THE CANNABIS KIDS MENU		Prominent health warnings on ads (4 pts)	0	Prohibit on-site consumption (3 pts)	3	Equity in hiring requirements (3 pts)	0
Require distance between retailers (2 pts)	0	Tax by THC content (5 pts)	0	No flavored products for combustion or inhalation (max. 5 pts)	0	Limit therapeutic or health claims (3 pts)	0			Cost deferrals for equity applicants (1 pt)	0
Other location restrictions (max. 3 pts)	3	Prohibit discounting (2 pts)	0	No cannabis-infused beverages (4 pts)	0	Business signage restrictions (3 pts)	3			No prescriber on retail premises (1 pt)	1
Health warnings posted in store (4 pts)	0	Minimum price (1 pt)	0	Limit other products/packaging attractive to youth (2 pts)	0	Limit marketing attractive to youth (2 pts)	0			No prescriber in ownership (1 pt)	0
Health warnings handed out (4 pts)	0										
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TOTAL SCORE = 16

2021 SCORECARD METHODOLOGY

Based on the best available research, we identified **six primary categories of policies** where local government can act to protect youth, public health, and equity if they opted to allow cannabis retail commerce. Criteria with the greatest potential for achieving these goals receive higher points, based on evidence from tobacco, alcohol and/or cannabis research. Cannabis laws of all California cities and counties passed by January 1st, 2021 were scored, using legal databases including Municode and Cannaregs, as well as municipal websites, accompanied by direct outreach to county or city clerks when needed. The maximum score possible was 100.

- 1) RETAILER & DELIVERER REQUIREMENTS:** Strategic limits on cannabis retailers can decrease youth use and exposure to cannabis.
 - **Caps on Retailers (10 points max).** Limit the number of licensed retailers, we used the ratio to number of inhabitants
 - **Distance from Schools (5 points).** Mandate a distance greater than 600 feet between K-12 schools and retailers
 - **Retailer Buffers (2 points).** Mandate a required distance between retailers
 - **Other Location Restrictions (3 points).** Mandate required distance between retailers and other youth serving locations not covered by state law such as parks, playgrounds, or universities, or other locations such as residential areas.
 - **Health Warnings Posted in Stores OR Handed Out to Customers (4 points each).** Mandate retailers post and/or hand out health warnings informing consumers of relevant risks at point of sale

Delivery-only requirements:

 - **Local Permit (12 points max).** Mandate a local permit be obtained by deliverers originating within and outside the jurisdiction
 - **Medical Cannabis Sales (3 points).** Allow delivery sales of medicinal cannabis
 - **Independent ID Verification Process (10 points max).** Mandate use of an independent age and identity verification process before cannabis delivery
 - **Delivery Destinations (10 points max).** Limit where deliveries can terminate, i.e., no delivery to college dormitories
- 2) TAXES & PRICES:** Taxes & higher prices can decrease youth access while raising valuable revenue for local communities.
 - **Local Cannabis Tax (6 points).** Impose a local tax on cannabis retail
 - **Dedicated Tax Revenue (6 points max).** Dedicate tax revenue to youth, prevention, or reinvestment in communities most affected by the war on drugs
 - **Tax by THC Content (5 points).** Impose higher tax rates for high potency (high THC) products (if sale is allowed)
 - **Discounting (2 points).** Prohibit discounting on cannabis such as coupons or discount days
 - **Minimum Price (1 point).** Establish a minimum price floor for cannabis
- 3) PRODUCT LIMITS:** End the Cannabis Kids Menu of products that appeal to youth and limit products which increase adverse effects.
 - **Limit Potency (6 points max).** Prohibit sale of high potency cannabis flower and products through bans or ceilings
 - **Flavored Products (Non-Edibles) (5 points).** Prohibit sale of flavored combustible or inhalable (non-edible) products
 - **Cannabis-Infused Beverages (4 points).** Prohibit sale of cannabis-infused beverages
 - **Products Attractive to Youth (2 points).** Prohibit sale of products attractive to youth more clearly than state law
- 4) MARKETING:** Limited exposure to marketing to decrease youth use and provide accurate warnings to inform consumers.
 - **Billboards (6 points max).** Restrict or prohibit the use of billboards to advertise cannabis
 - **Health Warnings on Ads (4 points).** Require health warnings on all cannabis advertisements
 - **Therapeutic or Health Claims (3 points).** Prohibit the use of therapeutic or health claims on cannabis products, packages, or ads
 - **Business Signage Restrictions (3 points).** Restrict on-site business advertising
 - **Marketing Attractive to Youth (2 points).** Detailed restrictions on packaging or advertising attractive to youth
- 5) SMOKE-FREE AIR:** Smoke-free air policies can improve air quality, protect kids, and reduce secondhand smoke exposure.
 - **Temporary Events (5 points).** Prohibit temporary cannabis events such as at county fairs or concerts in parks
 - **On-Site Consumption (3 points).** Prohibit on-site cannabis consumption, whether by smoking, vaping or use of edibles
- 6) EQUITY & CONFLICTS OF INTEREST:** Cannabis policy can promote social equity and reduce conflicts of interest.
 - **Priority in Licensing (3 points).** Prioritize equity applicants when issuing cannabis business licenses
 - **Equity in Hiring (3 points).** Require hiring to prioritize low-income, transitional, or other workers from communities disadvantaged by the war on drugs
 - **Cost Reduction/Deferral (1 point).** Reduce/defer the costs of cannabis business licenses for equity applicants
 - **Prescribers (1 point each).** Prohibit on-premises patient evaluations and prescriber ownership of retailers

THE STATE OF CANNABIS POLICY IN CALIFORNIA'S CITIES & COUNTIES in 2021



Advancing Public Health & Equity in Cannabis Policy

Examples of what your neighbors are doing to protect youth, public health, and social equity



Del Norte County: Protected youth by increasing the **buffer between schools and retailers** to 1,000 ft. (52 other jurisdictions also increased the state required 600 ft buffer)

Weed: Protected the public and workers against secondhand smoke by not allowing **on-site consumption** (along with 132 other places such as Merced, Los Angeles City, Pasadena, & Sacramento)

Sacramento: Promoted **social equity** through equity in licensing provisions (as well as Oakland, Los Angeles City, Long Beach, San Francisco, Watsonville, El Monte & 13 other places)

Contra Costa County: Protected youth by prohibiting **flavored products** for combustion or inhalation (along with Chico, Watsonville & Mammoth Lakes), and banning vaping products

Grass Valley: Protected youth and mental health by **taxing high potency products** (Cathedral City, too), and sugar sweetened cannabis beverages

Stanislaus County: Increased the number of **sites with a required buffer** from retailers (as well as 114 other jurisdictions)

Mono County: Protected consumers by not allowing **health or therapeutic claims** on cannabis products or their marketing (as did Palm Springs)

Watsonville: Protected youth by prohibiting **advertising, packaging and products attractive to youth** (along with Mono County, Mammoth Lakes, Turlock, and 8 others)

Salinas: Protected youth by **capping** the number of licensed retailers at 1 for every ~32,000 people (99 other jurisdictions also capped the number of dispensaries)

Pasadena: Protected youth by prohibiting **promotions and coupons** offering discounted cannabis (along with 3 others)

West Hollywood: Protected consumers by requiring cannabis-related **health and safety training** of dispensary staff (Long Beach, Pasadena, Mt. Shasta, Mammoth Lakes & Mono County did, too)

El Monte: Protected youth by **dedicating tax revenue to youth** programs, addiction prevention and recreation (Riverside County, Sonoma County, Placerville, Pomona, Merced, Santa Ana, Turlock & Davis funded similar programs for youth)

Santa Ana: Informed consumers by requiring cannabis-related **health risks information on signs or in handouts** in dispensaries (along with 23 others, including San Francisco, San Jose, Culver City, Richmond & Chico)

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Subject: Fwd: request to oppose further cannabis sales

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To: bpainter@cityofnapa.org

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We are residents of the City of Napa. I write to ask that you please **oppose** any expansion of cannabis sales and new establishments in the City of Napa.

A letter writer to the Napa Register dated November 13th has put forth true and valid reasons for stopping furtherance of cannabis. For all the reasons she states in her letter and even more, I urge you to say and vote No if this comes up for discussion or vote.

Thank you.

S. M. Carranza

From: [Beth Painter](#)
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To: [Clerk](#)
Subject: Fwd: Industry gratitude
Attachments: Letter to Napa City Council - Adult Use 1.11.22.pdf

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[EXTERNAL]

Mayor Sedgley, Vice Mayor Alessio, Councilors,

Attached please find a letter from our cannabis industry group. We are looking forward to next week's meeting. I was hopeful to finally be in town to meet you in person, but I understand that we may be moving to a virtual meeting next week. If that is the case, I will most certainly participate online/via phone.

Thank you for all of the hard work you are doing in the city of Napa, particularly as this pandemic pushes on.

Stay healthy,

Lauren Niehaus | Director of Government Relations | 303.827.9039
| LNiehaus@harvestinc.com

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January 11, 2022

Honorable Scott Sedgley
Members of the Napa City Council
City of Napa
955 School Street
Napa, CA 94559

Mayor Sedgley, Vice Mayor Alessio, Councilmembers:

First and foremost, we hope you all enjoyed a wonderful holiday season and are continuing to remain safe during this latest COVID surge.

By now, you are familiar with our cohesive group of experienced cannabis retailers based in Napa. We want to thank you for all the work you and the Planning Commission have undertaken to move the updated adult use cannabis ordinance through the process. We very much look forward to an affirmative vote at the January 18th City Council meeting.

As we have previously mentioned, we strongly believe in the positive economic impact that adult use sales will bring to our city. Industry studies show that cannabis retailers offering delivery and the sale of both medical and adult use cannabis generate the most tax revenue and create the highest number of jobs within the industry.

We believe the proposed ordinance amendment maintains and incorporates the highest level of regulation and transparency existing in Napa's current ordinance, while allowing for adult use sales. We are looking forward to taking the next step of working with the Planning Department, upon passage of this ordinance, to receive formal approval to begin serving all 21+ customers with recreational cannabis in the city.

Thank you for your support throughout this process.

Kimberly Cargile
Owner, Napa Cannabis Collective

Lauren Niehaus
Director of Government Relations, Harvest of Napa

David Spradlin
Founder & CEO, Perfect Union

Micah Malan
Owner, Abide

Billy Summers
Owner, The Herbivore, Inc.

Chris Hester
License holder

From: Liz Alessio <lalessio@cityofnapa.org>
Sent: Monday, January 17, 2022 4:18 PM
To: Clerk <clerk@cityofnapa.org>
Subject: Fw: Cannabis dispensaries

Sharing email with public comment.

Thanks,
Liz

From: Lenore Hirsch [REDACTED] >
Sent: Monday, January 17, 2022 3:50 PM
To: Liz Alessio <lalessio@cityofnapa.org>
Subject: Cannabis dispensaries

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[EXTERNAL]

Hi, Liz. I just want to urge you to vote to get rid of the Rx mandates for cannabis dispensaries. I am 75 and have in the past used CBD products for arthritis and post-surgical pain. I know many seniors who use it as a sleep aid. I at one time paid the \$60 to get the medical approval (which is a joke—I understand that today, the dispensary puts you on the phone with someone, you state your reason for wanting it, and after paying a fee, you get the Rx). I let that certificate expire when the state law was passed, thinking finally, I won't have to drive to Vallejo and renew this stupid license. Since Napa has not yet approved any dispensaries without medical use, I have not availed myself of the products.

It's about time we make cannabis products available easily to folks who want them. I'm for limiting new shops for a short while. Or we could end up with every downtown block with 3 or 4 wineries and 3 or 4 pot shops! But please, let's be grown ups about this and do what the citizenry voted for. I think that most people opposed to this are simply opposed to marijuana. Fine, but we voted and the voice of the people needs to be listened to! Thanks for listening!

Lenore Hirsch
[REDACTED]

From: [Liz Alessio](#)
To: [Steve Potter](#); [Tiffany Carranza](#)
Subject: Fw: City Council Agenda 10/20: Adult Use of Cannabis
Date: Tuesday, January 18, 2022 9:21:22 AM
Attachments: [Cannabis Public Health Impacts 2.26.18.pdf](#)

Good morning,

Please share the attached cannabis report from Dr. Karen Relucio.

Thank you,
Liz

From: Relucio, Karen <Karen.Relucio@countyofnapa.org>
Sent: Monday, October 18, 2021 3:12 PM
To: Henn, Jennifer <JENNIFER.HENN@countyofnapa.org>; Liz Alessio <lalessio@cityofnapa.org>
Subject: RE: City Council Agenda 10/20: Adult Use of Cannabis

[EXTERNAL]

Hi Liz,

In terms of general concerns – our major concern is youth access, especially in people <25 years of age, as the brain is still developing up until age 25.

Attached was a presentation I gave in 2018 and the last few slides (14-15) discuss some mitigation measures.

Thanks!

Karen

From: Henn, Jennifer <JENNIFER.HENN@countyofnapa.org>
Sent: Monday, October 18, 2021 2:10 PM
To: Liz Alessio <lalessio@cityofnapa.org>; Relucio, Karen <Karen.Relucio@countyofnapa.org>
Subject: RE: City Council Agenda 10/20: Adult Use of Cannabis

Hi Liz,

Well, in terms of data, there are a couple of findings from the 2020 CHKS survey data for Napa County students. Although the percent of students who had used marijuana in the last 30 days actually declined in 2020-2021 (possibly related to the pandemic), 11% of 11th graders and 23% of non-traditional students had used within marijuana within the last 30 days. Although the ordinance is about adult use, 11% of 9th graders and 21% of 11th graders reported that adult acquaintances were a source of marijuana among students who use it.

Another trend in the survey findings was that marijuana use was higher among students who felt sad or hopeless or who seriously considered suicide. For example, 24% of 11th graders who reported considering suicide also reported marijuana use; among 11th graders who did not report considering suicide, 9% used marijuana. As the article Barb Nemko shared states, the linkage between marijuana use and mental health issues doesn't prove causality; it could also be that marijuana (as well as alcohol and other drugs) are being used to self-medicate.

Best,

Jennifer

From: Liz Alessio <lalessio@cityofnapa.org>

Sent: Monday, October 18, 2021 12:44 PM

To: Relucio, Karen <Karen.Relucio@countyofnapa.org>; Henn, Jennifer <JENNIFER.HENN@countyofnapa.org>

Subject: City Council Agenda 10/20: Adult Use of Cannabis

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Hi Dr. Relucio and Dr. Henn,

I'm not sure if you know, but Napa City Council is reviewing an ordinance change to include adult use of recreational cannabis. I'm concerned with the public health implications, especially on our younger adults. Do you have current data or concerns if this is passed?

Dr. Barbara Nemko sent me a link to the following article. She also shared the most recent scoring of where the US stands in education compared to other countries.

Marijuana:

<https://www.psychologytoday.com/us/blog/how-do-life/202011/the-latest-recreational-marijuana>

NAEP

<https://www.usnews.com/news/education-news/articles/2021-10-14/americas-kids-earn-disappointing-grades-on-nations-report-card>

International comparison (2018, latest available, but it's difficult to imagine that we're better in 2021) Do note that they make the US look better than it is by the first chart excluding non-OECD nations including China.

I appreciate your time and response.

Best regards,

Liz

Liz Alessio

Councilmember

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Public Health Issues



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Pregnancy and Breastfeeding

- Substantial evidence of statistical association between maternal cannabis smoking and lower birth weight
- Tetrahydrocannabinol (THC) can potentially affect fetal brain development and future cognition
- THC can also be present in breast milk for a long time





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Youth Use

- Cannabis use during adolescence may impair subsequent academic achievement, employment and income, social relationships and social roles
- Greater frequency of cannabis use or use at a younger age increases likelihood of problem cannabis use.
- Moderate evidence between cannabis use and development of substance use disorder for alcohol, tobacco and other illicit drugs (gateway drug)





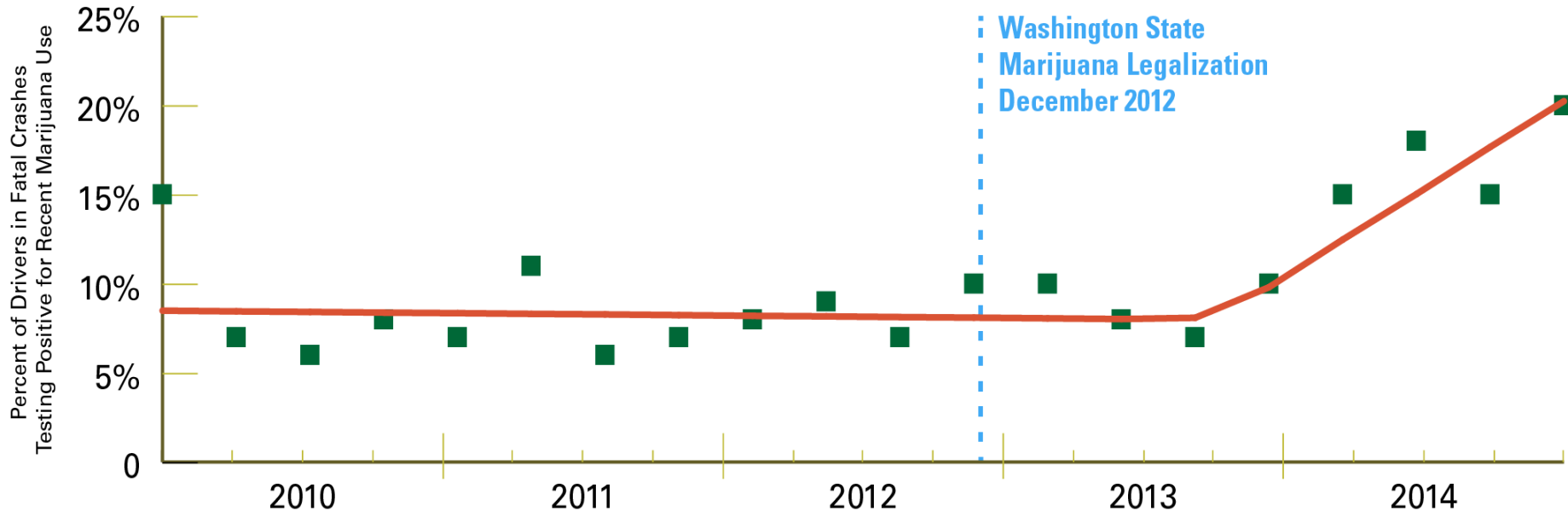
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Drugged Driving and Motor Vehicle Crash Fatalities – Washington State

Fatal Road Crashes Involving Marijuana Double After State Legalizes Drug



FATAL CRASHES INVOLVING DRIVERS WHO RECENTLY USED MARIJUANA DOUBLED IN WASHINGTON AFTER THE STATE LEGALIZED THE DRUG IN 2012.



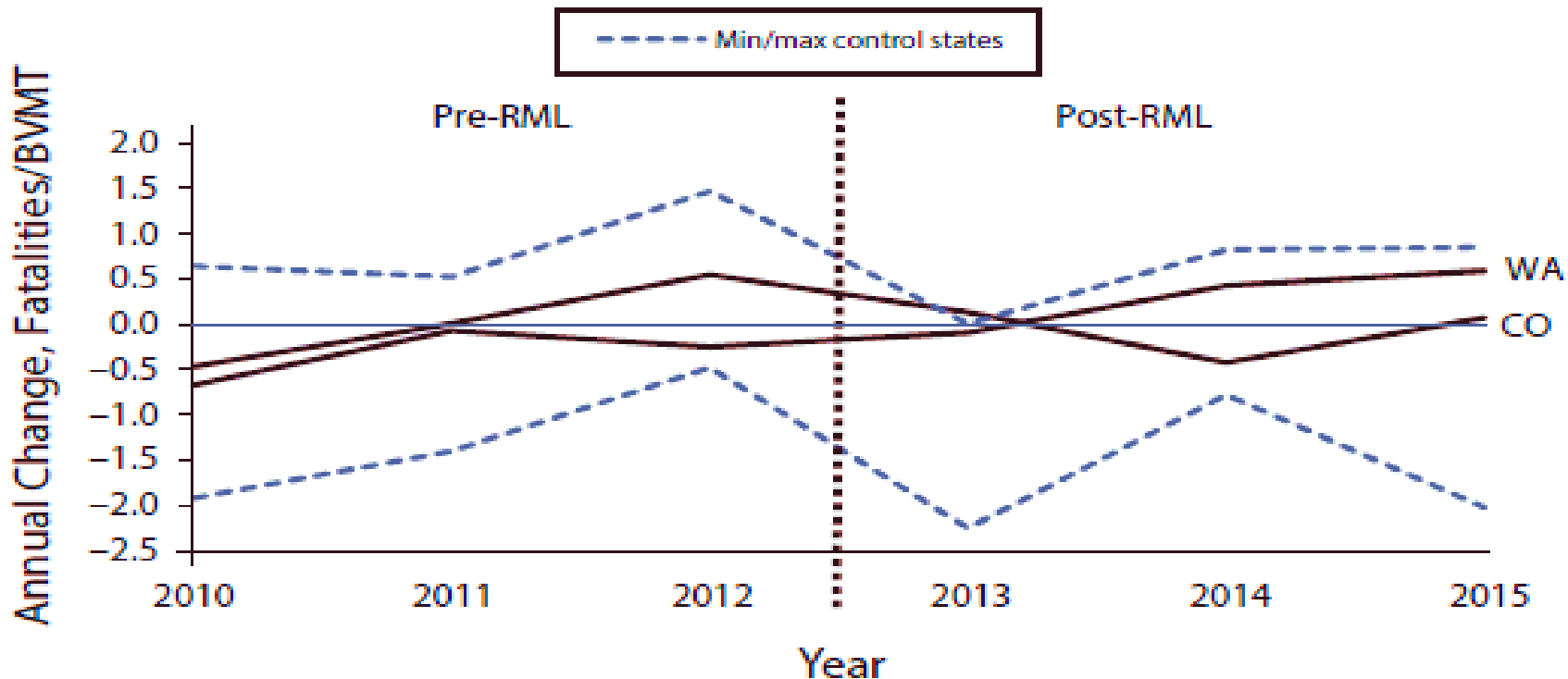
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— Trend



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Drugged Driving and Motor Vehicle Crash Fatalities



Note: min = minimum; max = maximum.

FIGURE 1—Annual Year-Over-Year Changes in Motor Vehicle Crash Fatality Rates per Billion Vehicle Miles Traveled (BVMT) Before and After Recreational Marijuana Legalization (RML): Washington (WA), Colorado (CO), and 8 Control States, 2010–2015



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Overdose Injuries

- There is moderate evidence of a association between cannabis use and increased risk of overdose injuries, including respiratory distress, among pediatric populations in US States where cannabis is legal

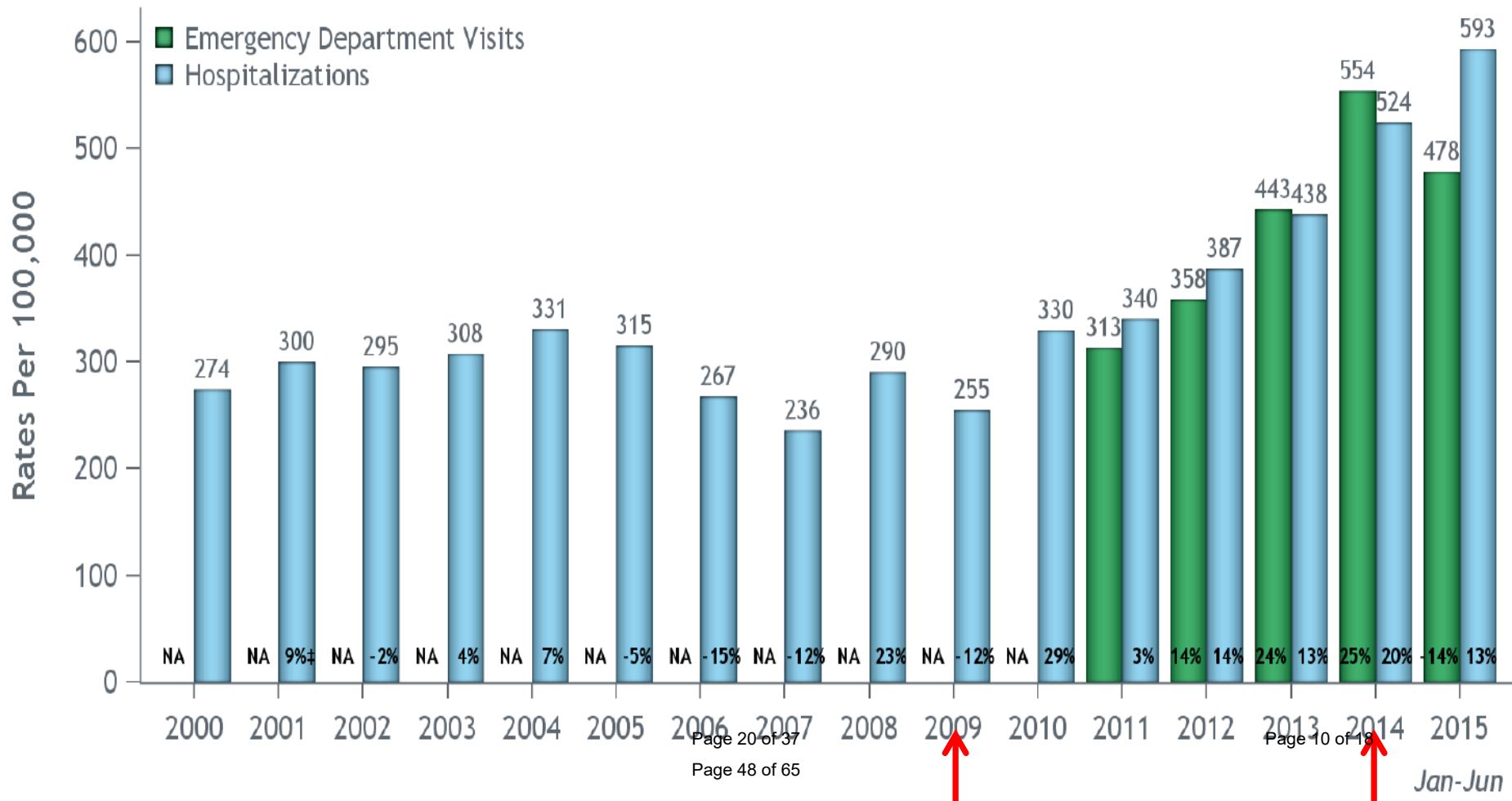




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Hospitalizations and ED visits (All Ages)

Figure 3. Rates of Hospitalizations (HD) and Emergency Department (ED) Visits with Possible Marijuana Exposures, Diagnoses, or Billing Codes† in First Three Diagnosis Codes per 100,000 HD and ED Visits by Year in Colorado.

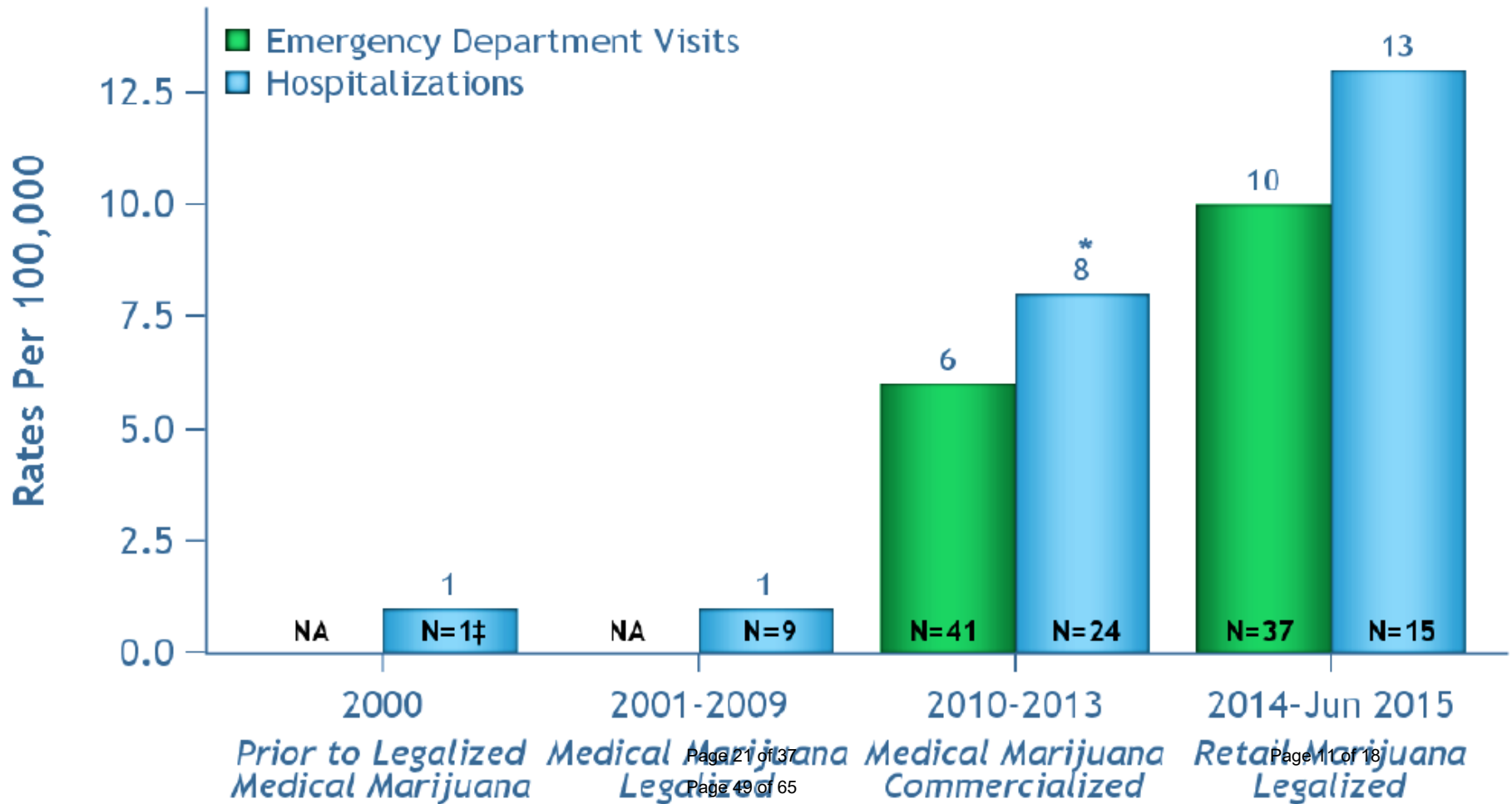




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Child Marijuana Exposures

Figure 1. Rates of Hospitalizations (HD) and Emergency Department (ED) Visits with Possible Marijuana Exposures† in Children Under 9 Years Old per 100,000 HD and ED Visits in Children Under 9 Years Old by Legalization Eras in Colorado.





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Cannabis-related poison control calls



Marijuana
Legalization
Era

Medical Marijuana Legalized

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Medical Marijuana
Commercialized

Retail
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Legalized



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Medical evidence that demonstrates support of use



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Therapeutic Use: Most established

- Adults with chemotherapy-induced nausea and vomiting
- Adults with chronic pain experienced a clinically significant reduction in pain symptoms
- Adults multiple sclerosis (MS) related spasticity, short-term use improves patient-reported spasticity symptoms
- Children with seizure disorders



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Other considerations supporting cannabis use

- Limited evidence that suggests that regular exposure to cannabis smoke may have anti-inflammatory activity
- Legalization may increase state revenues for needed medical and epidemiological research



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Mitigating Public Health Issues



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Prevention Policies

- Consider placing cannabis businesses 1000 ft. or more of school, daycare, youth center (state law 600 ft.)
- Restrict advertising for cannabis products and prohibit advertising within 1000 feet of schools, childcare, parks
- Prohibit vending machine sales, self-service displays, free sampling, sponsorship of sporting and cultural events and coupon redemption
- Label THC levels in cannabis products; childproof packaging
- Add cannabis to all clean air and social host ordinances
- Limit cannabis smoking in multiuse dwellings



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Educational Campaign Topics

- Implications of youth use
 - Targeted to youth
 - Targeted to parents and mentors of youth
- Avoiding use in pregnancy and breastfeeding
- Promoting safe use
 - Avoid driving
 - Lock up products
 - Education on higher potency of edibles and dabs

From: [Liz Alessio](#)
To: [Clerk](#)
Subject: Fw: Cannabis
Date: Tuesday, January 18, 2022 9:53:17 AM

Hello,

I'm forwarding public comment regarding tonight's Council meeting.

Thank you,
Liz

From: Janet Mendelsohn [REDACTED]
Sent: Tuesday, January 18, 2022 7:55 AM
To: Liz Alessio <lalessio@cityofnapa.org>
Subject: Cannabis

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[EXTERNAL]

Your "No!" vote re: non-prescription adult cannabis sales in Napa when the City Council first voted on the issue was the wisest vote! The City of Napa has no need for non-prescription cannabis sales as most cities in California have apparently realized by their consensus in non-approval.

I urge you to again vote "No"! Limit commercial cannabis sales to adults with prescriptions.

Sincerely, J. Mendelsohn, concerned Napa resident

From: [Liz Alessio](#)
To: [Clerk](#)
Subject: Fw:
Date: Tuesday, January 18, 2022 9:57:24 AM

From: Constance Finigan <[REDACTED]com>
Sent: Monday, January 17, 2022 9:44 PM
To: Liz Alessio <lalessio@cityofnapa.org>
Subject:

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Dear Ms Alessio,
Please vote no on allowing retail sales of marijuana.
Constance Finigan

From: [Mary Lueros](#)
To: [Clerk](#)
Subject: Fwd:
Date: Tuesday, January 18, 2022 10:02:35 AM

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From: Constance Finigan <[REDACTED]>
Date: January 17, 2022 at 9:41:17 PM PST
To: Mary Lueros <mlueros@cityofnapa.org>
Reply-To: Constance Finigan <[REDACTED]>

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Dear Mary,

Please vote no on allowing retail marijuana sales. The stench of marijuana smoke is bad enough as it is, and marijuana dulls the intelligence of those who consume it. Marijuana changes time-space perception and consumers of the drug hop in their cars and drive, unaware of how dangerous they are behind the wheel.

Thank you sincerely,
Constance Finigan

From: [Liz Alessio](#)
To: [Clerk](#)
Subject: Fw: Legal Cannabis
Date: Tuesday, January 18, 2022 10:00:02 AM

From: keith pieper <[REDACTED]>
Sent: Monday, January 17, 2022 8:28 PM
To: Liz Alessio <lalessio@cityofnapa.org>
Subject: Legal Cannabis

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[EXTERNAL]

We vote NO to allow legal Cannabis being sold in Napa.

We understand this is on the agenda for Tuesdays meeting.

Sincerely

Keith J. Pieper
[REDACTED]

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From: [Beth Painter](#)
To: [Clerk](#)
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[EXTERNAL]

2 NO votes is registered on legal Cannabis being allowed in Napa.

Understand this is to be taken under advisement at tomorrow's Council meeting.

Sincerely

Keith J. Pieper
Joan C. Pieper
[REDACTED]

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From: Catherine Hoffman [REDACTED]
Sent: Tuesday, January 18, 2022 1:53 PM
To: Clerk <clerk@cityofnapa.org>
Subject: Council Agenda Item: Adult Use Cannabis Regulation and Safety

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[EXTERNAL]

Council Members,

Unfortunately I am coming late to your review/discussion of this issue, so I apologize.

As a public health researcher and former nurse I reviewed the Adult Use Cannabis documents attached to tonight's agenda, looking for input from the sheriff's office and public health staff who might be available to advise you. The only mention of public safety (under *Section 1.2. Public Health, Safety, and Welfare...*) does not address what is known about the impact of alcohol and drug use in combination, nor how rates of alcohol and drug use have increased during the pandemic. In our small county, that builds its reputation and economy on wine and spirits, I trust we can continue to balance that with safety on our few roads.

I am attaching a link to a news article from last month (December 23, 2021) that reported on a meeting held by District Attorneys from 7 CA counties that was convened to discuss a significant uptick in DUI fatalities in 2021 compared to 2020. In all of the counties DUI deaths increased and in some—they more than doubled.

Additionally, more than half of those arrested for DUI showed a combination of both alcohol and drugs in their system. Their opinion on the factor driving this sudden increase may be the pandemic's impact on stress, mental health problems, and job loss — triggering greater use of substances in general.

With this in mind, perhaps the Council will consider:

- 1) consulting the sheriff's office for Napa data and public health advisors) and/or
- 2) recommending your decision be made after the pandemic subsides, albeit that may be awhile.

I hope this information is helpful in your deliberations tonight.

<https://www.dailydemocrat.com/2021/12/23/california-das-address-dramatic-uptick-in-dui-fatalities/>

Respectfully,
Catherine Hoffman, ScD, RN

[REDACTED]
Napa, CA. 94559

From: Rebecca Schenck [REDACTED]
Sent: Tuesday, January 18, 2022 4:48 PM
To: Clerk <clerk@cityofnapa.org>
Subject: General Public Comment: Intersection at Coombs and Oak

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[EXTERNAL]

I would like to submit a general public comment for the Napa City Council Meeting for 1-18-2022 regarding the intersection of Franklin Street and Oak Street and request that it be changed to a four way stop. Both Franklin Street and Oak Streets are identified a Bicycle Boulevards Class III) in the City of Napa Bicycle Plan <https://www.cityofnapa.org/DocumentCenter/View/8937/2021-City-of-Napa-Bicycle-Plan-PDF> Franklin Street is a good way to travel to downtown on a bike except for this intersection where Oak Street traffic does not have to stop and bikes have to stop on Franklin. Bikes have a hard time accelerating without conflicting with the Oak Street traffic. A true Bicycle Boulevard gives priority for bicycles by assigning right-of-way to the bicycle at intersections.

Thank you,
Rebecca Schenck
[REDACTED]
Napa, CA [REDACTED]

I want to speak about why I support adult-use cannabis in Napa. I have lived in the Napa Valley most of my life and have worked in the wine business for a good portion of my adult life. When Wine Business Monthly Magazine put on a seminar a few years ago titled “Wine and Weed” I had to attend and learned so much.

“The social use of cannabis includes its use for recreation, socializing and generally improving the quality of life. Most people who use cannabis today do so for these reasons. Historical records also point to the social use of cannabis.

In ancient India, Hindus were against the use of alcohol, but accepted social cannabis use. In ancient Rome, wealthy people finished banquets with a cannabis-seed desert that was known for the good feeling it caused. In ancient Indian weddings, cannabis (bhang) was served for good luck and as a sign of hospitality. Today, people often use cannabis for specific activities and occasions. When used properly, it helps some to relax and concentrate, making many more activities enjoyable. Eating/dining, listening to music, socializing, watching movies, playing sports, having sex and being creative are some things people say cannabis helps them to enjoy more. Sometimes people also use cannabis to make mundane tasks, like chores, more fun. “

Source: <https://www.heretohelp.bc.ca/why-people-use-cannabis>

In my personal experience, with both college sports and work injuries within the wine business the medicinal use is obvious, due to a fused ankle from college volleyball and then years later a severed quadricep repair twice. Yet, my concern is for those who may not have the urgent medical reason or the financial means to access the medicinal route to cannabis for well-being. Let me explain. After my first rounds of surgeries for the ankle injury I took Ibuprofen, an FDA approved over the counter medicine that is now killing my kidneys after 20 plus years of use. My Kaiser doctors are adamant I do not take Ibuprofen medication ever again. While I certainly qualify for the medicinal access, I know of other people with lesser physical issues that could use the access to cannabis for the well-being aspect to their lives. Not everyone has discretionary income these days in a covid world to pay for the additional doctor prescription required but they should have the access they need as human beings without judgement or marginalizing policies in place regarding access.

Thank you for your consideration in your vote on adult-use of cannabis in Napa today. As a side note, while attending graduate school in my early 40’s I used cannabis daily and was able to maintain a 3.9 GPA in my two-year academic program. The scare tactics of “refer madness” is just that, sheer madness.

Respectfully,

Debbie Klimeck

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[REDACTED]

From: Debbie Klimeck [REDACTED]
Sent: Wednesday, January 19, 2022 8:19 AM
To: Clerk <clerk@cityofnapa.org>
Subject: Addendum to why I support adult-use of cannabis in Napa

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In addition to why I support adult use of cannabis in Napa is the economic factor that Napa may be missing out on. From 2017 to 2021 I lived in Novato while commuting to Napa. Novato had no retail/medicinal location so I would drive to Sebastopol. With further research I found a dispensary in San Rafael that would deliver to my home. Again, the city of Novato missed out on the legal tax revenues from not having their own location within their city limits.

Thank you for your consideration.

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Debbie A. Klimeck
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