

ARGUMENT AGAINST MEASURE T

If you are concerned about Oroville's quality of life, our youth, the cities future development and unintended consequences, you will vote 'NO' on Measure T.

Recreational marijuana is being welcomed into society just as tobacco once was. It will take decades to know the full impact on mental and physical health. This tax, if passed will incentivize the Oroville City Council to execute an ordinance ushering the marijuana industry, seed to sale, into the city limits of Oroville. The normalization and commercialization of marijuana sends a false message to our youth that it's a safe product.

The marijuana plants grown today are being genetically engineered to contain levels of THC that exceeds 20% (10 times stronger than the marijuana of the '60's) for the specific purpose of getting high. These products are targeting the youth with pot-tarts, cookies and infused flavored drinks, to name a few.

Tax revenue gained from the marijuana industry has proven statewide to be well below anticipated goals. Grand jury reports are being written and published on the downfalls and the unintended impact this industry has on host cities including a rise in crime and increased blackmarket activity.

At this time marijuana is still a Category 1 drug under federal law. Those that need medical marijuana have access to it. We do not need to expose the youth or adults of this community to this experiment.

Oroville residents were denied a vote on the marijuana issue. A No vote on this tax will remove the incentive to move forward by the five city council members that are choosing revenue over the law, our cities youth, and recent reports documenting the disastrous consequences it brings to host cities.

Vote to keep Oroville a recreational area, not a drug hub.

Vote NO on Measure T.

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