



Medical Marijuana Caregivers Association of El Dorado County

Established 2004

About Us

- ▶ Medical Marijuana Caregivers Association of El Dorado County (MMCA) incorporated in January 2004, as a nonprofit corporation to provide medical marijuana to qualified patients according to the guidance of California Senate Bill 420.
- ▶ MMCA is the first Medical Cannabis Dispensary to operate in El Dorado County, first Established 2004 in Placerville.
- ▶ As a collective, MMCA provides help and advice for the medical needs of our members, offering a safe and secure venue for our patients.
- ▶ In 2016 California voted in favor of adult use cannabis.
- ▶ In 2018 El Dorado County voted in favor of adult use cannabis.

Facts about MMCA

- ▶ One of the oldest continuously-operating medical cannabis dispensaries in California (likely in the world).
- ▶ Established business, locally-owned, in good standing.
- ▶ Licensed through the State of California Department of Cannabis Control since January 2018.
- ▶ 19 years of operation in El Dorado County with no complaints to date.
- ▶ MMCA has paid in excess of \$45,000 in cannabis taxes to El Dorado County in the last 3 year alone, and an estimated \$500,000+ in sales tax since first opening in 2004. We have also provided job opportunities for local residents.
- ▶ MMCA has helped countless patients throughout El Dorado County and the surrounding areas, including multiple generations of families. Our patients know and trust us.
- ▶ We look forward to continuing to serve our community for years to come.



WEDNESDAY
DECEMBER 8, 2004



Democrat photos by Joanne McCubrey

ND MRS. CLAUS wave to the crowds along the parade route in Placerville Sunday. Waving behind
tachel Jacobs, 13.

Parade tradition continues

By **JESSI MARTIN**
Staff writer

pite fears that the show would not go on,
e McIntire family successfully managed to
ordinate the Placerville Christmas Parade
h year running, with "Placerville's First

"Every entry showed up, and then some," Patterson
said.

There were veterans, Boy Scouts, Girl Scouts, Cubs
and Brownies, high school marching bands, private
business floats, equestrian clubs, and emergency per-
sonnel.

The event raised between 1,500 and 2,000 toys for

Democrat photo
by Joanne
McCubrey

**POT ADVO-
CATES** — Nick
Vaughn, 18,
left, and his
father, Matt
Vaughn believe
marijuana can
help the sick.
Matt Vaughn
hopes to open
a cannabis
club in the
area. The dog's
name is Zoe.



Medical marijuana advocate aims to open club here

By **RYAN MCCARTHY**
Staff writer

The man who hopes to open the first Bay
Area-style cannabis club in El Dorado
County draws upon his days in Plano, Texas
when his gas station was the first in the
1970s to sell beer and wine after alcohol
regulations eased.

"Everybody got over it," Placerville resi-

dent Matt Vaughn, 50, recalled.

He was in his early 20s, a self-describe
longhair in North Texas, when Vaughn sai
he had his first round with legal restrictions.
Those involved "blue laws" governin
alcohol and aimed at regulating morals an
conduct.

Now it's medical marijuana — not bec
regulations eased.

see **MARIJUANA**, page A-

Democrat photo
by Dan Burkhart



MMCA store front



- ▶ Welcoming comfortable setting with ample Parking (24 spots)
- ▶ Secure and well lit.
- ▶ ADA Compliant
- ▶ Dog Friendly

From the Road

3031 Alhambra Dr.



- ▶ Commercial Zone
- ▶ Low impact signage
- ▶ 15 years of operation at the same location

MMCA Patient Check-in and Sales room



- ▶ Safe and relaxed environment.
- ▶ Educational and comfortable setting.
- ▶ Mom and Pops style greet. We know our patients by name.
- ▶ Our inventory is curated for our patients.
- ▶ MMCA works really hard finding the best, safe and affordable access for our patients.

Range of Products



- ▶ CBD
- ▶ Edibles
- ▶ Tincture
- ▶ RSO
- ▶ Flower
- ▶ Etc.
- ▶ All fully compliant

Highlights from the Staff Report

- ▶ This project is **consistent** with the El Dorado County General Plan.
- ▶ This project is **consistent** with the Zoning Ordinance, including all applicable policies of Chapter 130.41 (Commercial Cannabis).
- ▶ This project **satisfies** the Conditional Use Permit findings.
- ▶ This project is **categorically exempt** under CEQA.

APPROVAL means...

- More local jobs
- Increased tax revenue
- Curbing the illicit market
- Continued access to medicine for many patients who trust MMCA
- Expanded access to cannabis products for responsible adult use from a well-respected vendor
- Adult use sales would be possible right away, since MMCA is an existing medical retailer (no build out required, existing customer base)
- Allowing a business that has served the community since 2004 to remain open

DENIAL means...

- Elimination of existing local jobs - increase in unemployment
- Decrease in tax revenue (MMCA currently pays cannabis taxes)
- Bolstering illicit market
- Patients would lose access to a trusted provider of medical cannabis
- Lack of access for responsible adult users who live in or visit the County
- A local, state-licensed, compliant business that has served the community for two decades would shut down

Help continue MMCA's legacy in El Dorado County and APPROVE this application.

- ▶ We ask that you APPROVE this application, which will allow MMCA to remain open and expand our offerings to serve the adult use market, which is growing as the medical market shrinks. The majority of licensed cannabis retail outlets across the state are approved for both medical and adult-use.
- ▶ Denying MMCA's application will effectively kill this local business. Financially, serving only medical patients is no longer viable. Moreover, the County is threatening to shut down even the existing licensed medical store if this application is denied.
- ▶ The Planning Commission has the power to decide on its own whether a cannabis permit should be issued, and does not have to defer to EDSO or Planning Department staff. Please exercise your independence!



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