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**Supervisors' Jan. 23 Agenda Item 38: -- extending for two years! the 45-day temporary ban on commercial licenses for both medical and recreational (adult) cannabis**

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Honorable Board of Supervisors:

Last year the State of California passed legislation, the Adult-Use Cannabis Regulation and Safety Act, legalizing the adult consumption of recreational cannabis and the licensing of regulated commercial businesses to sell cannabis. This legislation, SB 94, became effective January 1st.

Now the Board of Supervisors are considering an ordinance to put off the licensing of dispensaries for recreational marijuana, make them illegal, and to **kick the can down the road for two whole years!**

In effect the Board is proposing to ignore SB 94 and substitute its own Prohibition-like local policy in place of State law granting citizens the freedom to buy marijuana legally from local licensed stores.

This Proposed draconian ordinance will make El Dorado County the laughingstock of its more progressive neighbors, and reinforce El Dorado's image as backward, redneck, out of touch with the times, and not a place young adults (or liberty-loving other adults) would want to live.

The subtext of this Ordinance is of course political - posturing by right-wing politicians pandering to their'base' at the expense of the rights of the rest of the county's citizens.

This ordinance also is *anti-local business*. Citizens of El Dorado can and will drive to another county or city which respects State law and make their purchase there and give *that* jurisdiction the taxes that El Dorado County should have **and needs**.

Talk about self-defeating and out-of-touch and counterproductive legal posturing!

It is time for this Board to address modern times and current State law, and to create local legislation permitting and regulating cannabis commerce here.

Nature abhors a vacuum. If you do not create local licensing but simply prohibit recreational cannabis sales, you are creating a vacuum into which the Mexican gangs can, and will, move with their unregulated and uncontrolled trafficking.

You do *not* have the choice of local cannabis or not. You only have the choice of locally-regulated, locally-controlled cannabis sales versus drug outlaws doing their thing outside the law with no regulation.

Do the right thing.

Get a **new** Cannabis Advisory Committee, drawn from a *wide spectrum* of the public and who *declare their respect for State law* and SB 94.

Give that new reformed Cannabis Advisory Commission the directive to come back by April 1 this year with proposed local legislation that allows the commercial local sale and taxation of recreational cannabis.

Respect your constituents' civil liberties and rights under the law. Free El Dorado County from 1920s-style Prohibition.

Thank you.

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