

Agenda Item: ID#18-0750 (4-D)

Date: 6/14/18

FRESNO CITY COUNCIL



Supplemental Information Packet

Agenda Related Item(s) – ID#18-0750 (4-D)

Contents of Supplement: REVISED Letter from Leslie Ann Eller, Central Valley California NORML

Item(s)

HEARING to consider submission of a Cannabis Business License Tax to the voters of the City of Fresno.

(1) *** RESOLUTION - Calling a general municipal election to be held on November 6, 2018; approving ballot measure text to be submitted to the voters of the City of Fresno imposing a Cannabis Business License Tax; requesting the assistance of the County of Fresno in connection with that election; and requesting consolidation of that election with any other election held on that date. (Subject to Mayor's veto)

Sponsors: City Councilmember Olivier, City Councilmember Baines III and City Councilmember Caprioglio

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Fresno City Council Members and Mayor Brand.

Dear City Officials,

I am submitting over 430 letters written and signed by members of our community. These letters are in support of Medical Cannabis Dispensaries in Fresno. This is a small fraction of the patients I am here today to represent. I was personally told by 3 Fresno Cannabis Medical clinics their patient count was well over 50k medical cannabis patients.

Medical Cannabis is medicine. It is as vital to some patients just as much as Insulin is for diabetics. Many medical cannabis users are on disability or on a limited income. We as Americans have compassion for our brothers and sisters, who must take medication daily to sustain a quality of life. Pharmaceutical medications and food items are non-taxable as these are life's necessities.

Medical Cannabis is MEDICINE and should be treated as such. Americans have a right to safe access to their prescribed medications.

I have been fighting this fight for many years here in Fresno. We seem to finally have taken 2 steps forward to take 3 steps backwards. I was hoping that you, as our City officials, really cared about the constitutes you represent and their right to safe affordable access to their medical cannabis.

Sincerely,

Leslie Ann Eller