ARGUMENT IN FAVOR OF MEASURE ___

The Upland Regulate Marijuana Act of 2016 (URMA) is the common-sense, responsible legislation that the City of Upland needs now. Despite banning medical marijuana sales since 2003, Upland has seen an explosion of illegal, unregulated marijuana shops. There are 24 shops in Upland, including 9 storefronts and 15 mobile dispensaries. These illegal operations violate the city's existing ban and operate near our schools, parks and homes. URMA builds on the success of similar regulations adopted by small and large cities across California. This initiative will reduce shops, crime and citizen complaints. In addition, Upland will increase tax revenues to enforce these new regulations.

Thirteen years ago, Upland's city council banned medical marijuana businesses. This ban is completely ineffective and quite costly. *The Press Enterprise* reports that it costs roughly $100,000 to close an illegal dispensary and that shops usually reopen nearby. Despite the existing ban, today Upland has a total of 24 illegal marijuana operations, including storefronts and mobile dispensaries. Upland has tried to end this black market, but has only wasted our taxpayer dollars in vain.

The only proven and effective approach: limit medical marijuana businesses with sensible regulation. After recognizing that bans fail, the City of San Jose passed regulations that reduced the number of dispensaries from more than 100 to only 16. Today, San Jose has 1 dispensary for every 62,500 citizens; San Diego has 1 for every 100,000; Oakland has 1 for every 103,500. Meanwhile, Upland has 1 for every 3,125 citizens! While other cities eliminated marijuana sales near their schools, parks and homes, Upland still encourages a black market to flourish.

Upland needs responsible government. Another ban will not work. Eliminate Upland's ineffective ban and regulate this market or watch our city attract more violent crime near our schools, parks and homes.

Nicole DeLaRosa
Upland Resident and Proponent

July 7th, 2016

Stephen Dunn
Retired City Manager

July 7th, 2016

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Nicole DeLaRosa
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June 7th, 2016

Stephen Dunn
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VOTE NO ON THE UPLAND MARIJUANA MONOPOLY!

This virtually unregulated marijuana dispensary monopoly being supported by a STRIP CLUB OWNER would allow three dispensaries to operate next to the Strip Club on Foothill Boulevard and Central Avenue.

The safety of our citizens is threatened by the phony regulations in this ordinance. It would allow vaping, consumption of edible pot, and extracts on site causing impaired driving and potential accidents. It allows 18 year olds to own and operate dispensaries selling marijuana to other teenage customers. NO CRIMINAL BACKGROUND CHECKS are required of the owners or operators of the dispensary. It also allows 24 hour operations with no restrictions on the size of the facility.

Enforcement of this Monopoly would be difficult and costly. It does not allow police or code enforcement inspections without prior notice and also does not allow revoking permits and closing them permanently down for any reason causing more safety and related criminal issues.

Upland would be required to spend money to enforce the monopoly's ordinance by shutting down competing dispensaries to protect their monopoly. The ordinance would allow only the marijuana monopoly to deliver and require the City to impose fines on any others that attempted to deliver. Upland would SUFFER SIGNIFICANT COSTS for enforcement of this ordinance.

This corrupt ordinance may establish a potential MARIJUANA CARTEL in Upland and the ordinance would abolish the City's Ban on Marijuana Dispensaries and delivery.

The backers of the marijuana ordinance publically threatened city council members with a recall if they did not agree with their plan. This terrible ordinance is an OUTRAGE TO UPLAND FAMILIES wanting a safe and healthy community to raise a family.

This proposed marijuana monopoly is BAD MEDICINE for Upland. Please join us and the California Police Chiefs Association in voting no on marijuana.

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Carol Timm — July 11, 2016

Carol Timm
City Council Member

Glenn Bozar — July 11, 2016

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City Council Member

The opponents of this citizen's initiative offer false or misleading claims. This is what Upland's 24 illegal marijuana businesses want to protect their flourishing black market.

1. This measure is supported by a broad community that includes more than 7,000 Upland voters, advocacy groups and business owners, not a single strip club owner. Frustrated by the crime that 24 illegal marijuana operations attract, citizens support regulations that emulate successful efforts elsewhere.

2. No monopoly or cartel. This measure limits sales to parcels zoned for "ADULT USE, COMMERCIAL" and located far from schools, parks and homes. Multiple business owners and different property owners could qualify for this reasonable, competitive market. **With over 400,000 residents, Oakland has only 4 dispensaries. San Diego's 1.4 million residents have 14. With only 76,000 residents, Upland has 24!** And unlike the legal businesses in other cities, all of Upland's marijuana operations are illegal and not taxed!

3. This initiative borrows successful regulations that California cities use to reduce and regulate dispensaries. Upland officials can regulate anything not addressed in this initiative, including criminal background checks and hours of operation. Our opponents lie and mislead voters.

4. Upland continues to waste money! Upland has already wasted money better spent fixing our streets and sidewalks and enhancing our public safety. Our city leaders continue to pursue policies that they can't enforce and we can't afford. This measure provides laws and revenue to regulate safer, licensed businesses located away from our schools, parks and homes.

Visit **regulateupland.com**

Vote Yes!

Nicole DeLaRosa
Upland Resident and Proponent

July 14, 2016

Stephen Dunn
Retired City Manager

July 14, 2016

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Upland Resident and Proponent

July 14, 2016

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July 14, 2016

Rebuttal to Argument in Favor of Measure __

Measure__ is a DECEPTIVE attempt to create a MONOPOLY of three marijuana dispensaries next to a strip club, essentially creating a RED LIGHT DISTRICT on Foothill Boulevard. This district will be a blight on a new residential neighborhood being developed at the west end of Upland and be detrimental to the entire city.

This measure FALSELY states that creating a monopoly will eliminate illegal black market dispensaries, reduce crime and citizens' complaints. The exact opposite has happened in Los Angeles, San Diego and San Jose. According to internet search results LA has 2,559, San Diego 707 and San Jose 205 pot businesses. Upland Police have closed most illegal dispensaries collecting $350,000 in fines. This measure DOES NOTHING to prevent illegal shops from operating.

Measure__ WILL NOT save Upland money on enforcement nor provide significant tax revenue by selling marijuana to teenage "patients." This leads to increased crime as Upland experienced by the robbery and shooting that occurred at an illegal dispensary. Tragically, security guards have been murdered during robberies in cities that have attempted regulations. None of our surrounding cities permit medical marijuana dispensaries.

This measure is about a few WEALTHY INVESTORS profiting from a monopoly marketing the sale of high potency marijuana, edibles and extracts that can be consumed on site creating modern day opium dens. It does not allow unannounced inspections or criminal background checks. This is not sensible regulation, but a dangerous threat to the safety of Upland families.

Keep Upland safe. Vote NO on Measure__.

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Carol Timm

Carol Timm
City of Upland Council Member

July 19, 2016

Glenn Bozar

Glenn Bozar
City of Upland Council Member, Mayor Pro Tem

July 19, 2016