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MJ Shops

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Mayor Lewis
City Council

I recently provided my personal thoughts if we should or should not allow Marijuana Shops in our city. I clearly stated I am opposed. Since then with feedback and input from others, I am sending this follow up, I would appreciate it very much if you will take the time to read this

I have done an informal survey of city residents. The approximately 15 -19 residents asked, are all long time citizens here, many have served the city in various councils and committees. All but 1 answered they do not want the Shops here. While these residents may be of my generation, their opinion is important, sincere and still should count and be respected

As to the thought that the council should not try to regulate morality; you can not, as use of marijuana will be allowed by statute.

A comparison to sale of alcohol has also been used. Local governments have had since 1934 to learn to regulate alcohol.

The allowing of marijuana use, is a overnight change, with no accompanying experience or guidance. If shops are prohibited now, as experience and guidance is gained, changes could be made as needed

Once shops are allowed and the door is thrown open, it will be almost impossible to make changes to existing Businesses even if change is needed.

The city does and has prohibited various businesses in the past and will in the future. From strip clubs to ice cream stores.

As far as financial benefit, any tax or employment gain will be negligible.

While some may be okay with MJ Shops here, it will still be "just not next door to my business or residence", so where in the city?

Gene Conley

Sent from my iPhone