

Argument Against Measure M

A Yes Vote on Measure M to allow taxes to be assessed on Commercial Cannabis is a vote telling your county leaders that you support the production of Commercial Cannabis in Lassen County. An already stretched budget will become tighter as our shrinking Sherriff's Department will have to deal with the offenders that are not following the new County ordinances through the abatement process. There will also be an impact on probation and the schools who will have to deal with juvenile offenders. The County will also have to hire additional non-law enforcement employees to make sure the cannabis industry is taxed properly. Currently the Federal Banking system does not allow transactions derived from Cannabis activities. The County Treasurer will effectively become a money launderer. This will also put at risk the other non-cannabis County and School funds that are held by the Treasurer should the Federal Government decide to freeze the County Treasurer's bank account, or should our current bank drop services to the County and the Schools for depositing money that the Federal Government deems to be illegal funds. Assemblyman Brian Dahle told the Board of Supervisors at the July 17, 2018 meeting to go slow, there is not a solution to the Federal Banking problem in the foreseeable future, and that cannabis is not the "cash cow" that people think it is. The voters of Lassen County should listen to Assemblyman Dahle who is deeply involved at the state level, understands the complexities, and whom resides in and loves Lassen County. Lassen County does not have the expertise, law enforcement staffing, or additional finances to hire new employees to enforce this tax. For these reasons Lassen County SHOULD NOT pass a local tax on Cannabis. Vote no on Measure M.

Signed:

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