

ARGUMENT IN FAVOR OF MEASURE R

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Vote Yes on Measure R – Montclair Cannabis Business License Tax Measure

Help keep Montclair safe and prosperous by protecting Montclair's long-term financial ability to fund essential community needs including public safety and 911 emergency medical services, street and sidewalk maintenance, youth and senior services, initiatives aimed at retaining local businesses and jobs, maintenance of parks and streets, emergency operations and disaster preparedness, and capital projects improving the City's infrastructure.

A **Yes Vote on Measure R** will authorize the City Council to enact a gross receipts tax of up to 7% on a variety of cannabis businesses including retail stores, delivery, testing, manufacturing, and cultivation generating approximately **\$3.5 million** in unrestricted funds that will allow the City of Montclair to continue providing high quality programs and services to Montclair businesses and residents.

Cannabis businesses are currently prohibited in Montclair; however, approval of a separate Measure (Measure II, also on the November 8 General Municipal Election ballot) by Montclair voters authorizes the licensing of cannabis businesses in the City of Montclair. The State Legislature has also considered bills legalizing cannabis businesses throughout California.

Measure R does not approve or allow for cannabis businesses to operate in the City of Montclair. **Measure R** simply permits Montclair to collect a gross receipts tax from cannabis businesses should they be licensed to operate in Montclair. By creating a tax structure now, Montclair will have a tax in place if cannabis business are licensed or mandated to operate in Montclair.

We ask that you **Vote Yes on Measure R** to raise approximately **\$3.5 million** in unrestricted funds for essential services and programs.

Measure R includes strict transparency requirements, mandates that annual independent financial audits be presented to the public, and requires that **Measure R** funds be spent only in Montclair.

Vote Yes on Measure R!

s/ Corysa Martinez, City Council Member of the City of Montclair

s/ Ginger Eaton, Montclair Planning Commissioner and former Mayor of the City of Montclair

s/ Steve Hammitt, Board Chair, Montclair Chamber of Commerce

s/ Dr. James Lally, Chief Medical Officer, Health Service Alliance, Montclair Community Health Center