

**OFFICIAL ARGUMENT IN FAVOR OF MEASURE G
CITY OF SAN RAFAEL – JUNE 5, 2018 PRIMARY ELECTION**

Voting **YES on G** ensures that the City of San Rafael receives a fair share of tax revenue from commercial businesses within the City selling cannabis legally. **Measure G will not cost local homeowners or residents one penny.**

Importantly, Measure G **does not authorize new marijuana dispensaries or businesses in our community**. It simply allows our community to apply a fair and reasonable local tax when commercial marijuana/cannabis businesses are approved.

Proposition 64, which was approved by California voters in 2016 allowing the sale and use of marijuana, also imposed state taxes on the production and sale of marijuana. However, revenue from these taxes all go to the State. Approval of Measure G ensures that our **local community benefits from cannabis businesses** operating here.

Voting **Yes on G** provides the financial resources to regulate and oversee marijuana businesses **without taking money away from existing programs**. This regulatory oversight by the City is important to ensure that marijuana businesses operate in a safe and legal manner and do not negatively impact our quality of life.

All funds generated by Measure G **must stay here in San Rafael** to support local programs and services. **Not one penny can be taken away by Sacramento.**

Funds from Measure G may be used to:

- Maintain adequate numbers of **on-duty police officers, firefighters and paramedics**
- Preserve rapid **9-1-1 emergency response times**
- **Repair potholes, city streets and sidewalks**
- Enhance community centers and facilities
- Administer a cannabis oversight program

Dozens of other cities have adopted similar cannabis taxes to benefit from marijuana sales in their communities and to ensure they have the resources to combat potential negative consequences of marijuana legalization.

Please join San Rafael's respected leaders in voting **Yes on G** for locally controlled funding to protect our City, our safety and our quality of life.

Gary O. Phillips, Mayor of San Rafael

John Gamblin, Vice Mayor of San Rafael

Diana Bishop, Chief of Police, on behalf of the San Rafael Police Department

Christopher Gray, Fire Chief, on behalf of the San Rafael Fire Department

Beau Blanchard, Board Chair, San Rafael Chamber of Commerce