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**BALLOT MEASURE PRIMARY ARGUMENT SUBMISSION FORM**

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Word count limit for Primary Arguments = 300 words

Primary Argument in **FAVOR** of: \_\_\_\_\_

Primary Argument **AGAINST**: Measure - Cre: Retail Sale of Cannabis

1.	Name: <u>Considers Against Commercial Marijuana</u>	Title (optional):
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Signature: <u>[Signature]</u>		Date: <u>8/12/18</u>
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**PLEASE ATTACH A HARD COPY OF THE ARGUMENT TO THIS FORM. AN ELECTRONIC COPY OF THE ARGUMENT IN WORD FORMAT IS ALSO REQUIRED. THIS MUST BE SENT TO THE CITY CLERK PRIOR TO THE DEADLINE, OR YOU MAY SUBMIT A FLASH DRIVE WITH THE WORD DOCUMENT.**

Argument Against Measure \_\_\_ (re: Retail Sales of Cannabis Products)

Allowing the retail sale of marijuana products in HMB will have adverse effects on traffic safety, community safety and our youth. Vote NO on retail sales of cannabis products in HMB.

Marijuana dispensaries are attractive targets for criminals because they're often cash only operations and carry valuable inventory. In the last two years, numerous dispensaries in California – including one in Pacifica – were robbed, sometimes at gunpoint. A 3-year study in Denver found that legal marijuana shops are linked to higher volume of property crime in adjacent areas. The layout of our town makes it highly likely that marijuana retail outlets will be located very close to residential neighborhoods, which could expose residents to criminal activity.

Retail cannabis stores on the coast will also increase the risk of accidents and traffic fatalities on the coast since visitors to our community will be purchasing and consuming these products and then driving while impaired.

Risk to youth: They will be exposed to marijuana marketing through social media and promotional events sponsored by the marijuana industry. Studies have shown that, with repeated exposure, their perceptions of this drug's harmfulness will decrease and more will be likely to try it as well as try new methods of marijuana use such as edibles and vaping at a younger age. Some will become habitual users leading to lower academic performance and impaired cognitive abilities.

Access: Some have said they need retail storefronts to have access to marijuana. However, there are several dispensaries in Pacifica and dozens of delivery services operating in San Mateo County, providing convenient access, often at lower cost than storefronts. Pot stores are not necessary to allow personal adult consumption.

Please vote NO on retail marijuana stores in HMB! Protect our community!

Coastsiders Against Commercial Marijuana

Anne Martin, President

Jim Williams