

RESOLUTION

WHEREAS, any official position of the City of Los Angeles with respect to legislation, rules, regulations or policies proposed to or pending before a local, state or federal governmental body or agency must have first been adopted in the form of a resolution by the City Council with the concurrence of the Mayor; and

WHEREAS, the U.S. House is expected to vote on Wednesday or Thursday, July 25 or 26, on the Commerce-Justice-State Appropriations bill, which includes an amendment by Hinchey (D-NY) and Rohrabacher (R-CA) to prohibit the use of these funds by the Department of Justice to prevent states such as California from implementing laws authorizing the use of medical marijuana; and

WHEREAS, the U.S. Drug Enforcement Administration recently warned more than 150 Los Angeles landlords that they risk arrest and the loss of their properties if they continue renting to cannabis dispensaries; and

WHEREAS, the agency's letter has caused worries among landlords, some of whom have taken the threat seriously enough to ask dispensaries currently renting from them to move out; and

WHEREAS, the DEA move has focused entirely on California likely because of the state's passage a decade ago of Proposition 215, which legalized medical marijuana; and

WHEREAS, the City is about to enact an interim control ordinance that will cap and regulate the number of outlets, likely resulting in a thinning of the ranks of Los Angeles dispensaries; and

WHEREAS, raiding dispensaries and arresting patients hasn't worked to end medical marijuana, it just pushes the practice underground; and

WHEREAS medical marijuana dispensaries serve patients with AIDS, multiple sclerosis, spinal cord injuries and other serious afflictions who otherwise would have to endure great pain.

NOW THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED, that the City Council determine, as provided in Section 54954.2(b)(2) of the Government Code, and pursuant to Rule 23 of the Rules of the Los Angeles City Council, that there is a need to act on this matter and that the need for action came to the attention of the Council subsequent to the posting of the agenda for today's meeting.

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, with the concurrence of the Mayor, that by the adoption of this resolution, the City of Los Angeles hereby includes in its 2007-2008 Federal Legislative Program SUPPORT for the Hinchey-Rohrabacher amendment to the Commerce-Justice Appropriations bill and any other legislation that would prohibit the use of these funds by federal agents to raid fully permitted marijuana dispensaries in states that have laws supporting their operation.

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