

**From:** Barbara LaRaia [REDACTED]  
**Sent:** Monday, June 1, 2020 3:15 PM  
**To:** Melissa Thurman; CouncilSB; Marc Zafferano  
**Subject:** June 02, 2020 Meeting: CANNABIS/MARIJUANA Item 4B

Hello.

I am taken aback that this item is even up for a COUNCIL vote to be put on the November 2020 ballot BY THE CITY COUNCIL, USING TAXPAYER MONEY, and KNOWING THAT IT IS STILL AGAINST FEDERAL LAW. Thank you Laura Davis and Michael Salazar for voting NO to even consider putting this on the ballot. We are in a Pandemic of the entire planet, plus San Bruno has a DANGEROUSLY NEGATIVE budget (about \$9 million deficit; it was ALREADY over \$4 million in deficit BEFORE the pandemic.). The agenda packet on this bad Marijuana plan states it will cost us taxpayers over \$100,000 JUST FOR CONSULTANTS and COMMUNICATION COSTS (mailers to the public) to put it on the ballot. Then, there is another 150 HOURS (about ONE FULL MONTH) of EXTRA work for our already exhausted, skeleton staff. And this is NOT counting what has been done so far (see June 02 agenda packet for Cannabis.)

We do NOT need dispensaries, manufacturing plants, and other retail pot businesses in small San Bruno. Council members Marty Medina and Linda Mason have been pushing this and it is just wrong. Their political "base" should be the ones paying for and putting it on the ballot if they so choose. And I am dismayed that MAYOR Medina has voted to push this issue forward to vote on June 02.

CANNABIS is AGAINST FEDERAL LAW. For a GOVERNMENT entity such as a City Council to actually vote to put a FEDERALLY-ILLEGAL issue on the ballot is inviting trouble. If we ever need Federal Aid (other than for something like a catastrophic earthquake), it can LEGALLY be denied to San Bruno if the COUNCIL put something FEDERALLY-ILLEGAL on the ballot. It basically creates BARRIERS to getting NEEDED help from the Federal Government.

ANY Cannabis activity invites crime. It is and ALL-CASH business, because banks will not get involved (smart) because POT IS AGAINST FEDERAL LAW.

In 2018, the International City/County Management Association stated there are "terribly troubling economic impacts of the Cannabis industry." Also, the few cities in this area that allowed some form of commercial cannabis activity did NOT collect much tax revenue for their city. (This is all documented - please read agenda packet.) Even worse, Palm Springs has had multiple lawsuits against it after allowing commercial cannabis. Odors wafting through the neighborhoods, just to name ONE.

For Linda Mason and Marty Medina to have been touting the liberalization of a FEDERALLY-ILLEGAL DRUG, and for MAYOR Medina to even CONSIDER putting this issue on the ballot is so disheartening and tells us citizens a lot. Even worse, there is a skeleton staff - people have been furloughed, and those left have been working so so much that I worry for their health during this pandemic. Where is the compassion? I am so so troubled not just by the issue of the COUNCIL putting this illegal item on the ballot, but also by the fact that certain council members do NOT seem to get the impact to staff (and taxpayers). FIRE THE CONSULTANT, vote NO, and let's get on with things that are of IMMEDIATE IMPORTANCE to this city devolving into the abyss..... Otherwise, you have no business being on the City Council.

Thank you.  
Barbara LaRaia

**Melissa Thurman**

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**From:** Riechel [REDACTED]  
**Sent:** Monday, June 1, 2020 7:03 PM  
**To:** Melissa Thurman; CouncilSB; Marc Zafferano  
**Cc:** Riechel Robert  
**Subject:** June 2 2020 Council Study Session 4B Comments

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San Bruno City Clerk:

Please post my comments below on the City Web Page under Comments for the June 2<sup>nd</sup> 2020 Special Study Session for Agenda Item 4B: Cannabis and Marijuana November 2020 Ballot Question.

Thanks

Robert Riechel

Honorable Mayor Rico E. Medina and City Council Members

My Name is Robert Riechel and I am here to address you on:

Agenda Item 4b. Provide Direction Regarding Placing a Cannabis Initiative Measure on the November 2020 Ballot

I ask the Council by unanimous agreement to:

1. Vote tonight to TABLE all discussions on the question of putting on the 2020 November ballot any question relating to Cannabis and or Marijuana
2. Vote tonight to direct City Staff to STOP expending any City Staff time and expenses on the subject of Cannabis and or Marijuana

These actions MUST be taken because the City's 2019—2020 current budget has been reduced to keep it balanced and the Proposed City 2020-2021 budget is also having to be reduced to keep it balanced.

As the City consultant in tonight's Council packet states "assuming at least three mailings were conducted, the total consulting and communication costs associated with this effort is estimated to be approximately \$100,000." The City would have to further reduce programs and or services to the residents and or lay off additional employee(s) to cover this estimated \$100,000 cost. The City can NOT accept more program and or service cuts or employee layoffs.

At this time the City can NOT justify this proposed \$100,000 cost.

A couple of comments on the process leading up to tonight's meeting:

1. No mention of tonight's study session on Cannabis and or Marijuana was posted on the City's main web page as of Monday evening at 7:00 p.m..  
Residents continue to ask for City wide notice of such meetings.
2. I did not receive any e=mail notification of tonight's meeting
3. I did not receive any post office delivered notification of tonight's meeting.
4. After the November 2020 election, the City MAY desire to revisit such a study session with City wide pre-notice.

I look forward to the Council passing these 2 motions.

Thank you for your time.

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Robert Riechel

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