



If Measure Z – the ‘Citizen’s Medical Cannabis Business Initiative of 2017’ passes...

1. Vista would have about as many marijuana dispensaries as Starbuck’s (11 storefronts).
2. Dispensaries could be 600 feet from a K – 12 school – less than two football fields. But there are NO distance considerations for parks, churches, day-care centers, pre-schools, or youth serving organizations. That means they could be next door to a Boys and Girls Club.
3. Dispensaries would be at least 500 feet from another dispensary, but there is no requirement they be equally spread throughout the City. Historic downtown Vista could have up to 5!
4. The City would be FORCED to issue dispensary permits to applicants meeting minimum requirements. There is NO public notification, NO public hearings for residents to speak, NO opportunity to add additional rules, and NO way for the City to require a special use permit like they do to sell alcohol.
5. Residents living next to commercial, industrial, business park or mixed use zones would have NO say about dispensary locations next door to their homes.
6. The legal age for medical marijuana is only 18 (unlike adult use, which is 21); so dispensaries in Vista would be open to anyone 18 and up.
7. Measure Z requires applicants to have been in business for 6 months with a current Board of Equalization Seller’s Permit – opening the door for out-of-town marijuana businesses. It also requires all employees to have a current marijuana recommendation or CA Medical Marijuana Card.
8. Measure Z severely limits enforcement options against those breaking the rules. The City could not take criminal or public nuisance action against violators. It reduces penalties to a misdemeanor or infraction, so there is little incentive to follow the rules.

