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Argument in Favor of Measure L

Vote YES on Measure L to bring good-paying jobs and economic development to the blighted industrial areas of our Town by regulating state-licensed marijuana production and wholesale distribution—but not retail sales.

Marijuana businesses currently operate across our Town—but illegally, without any protections for children, without environmental protections, and without providing **skilled jobs** or **improving our Town's economy**.

The **majority of Town voters already approved** Prop 64, **legalizing adult use marijuana in California** and setting forth a system of statewide production and distribution. Instead of working to implement that system to benefit our Town, our **do-nothing politicians** doubled down on their **failed marijuana business prohibition**, which has proven just as **ineffective and problematic as alcohol prohibition**.

Alarming signs of poverty and blight loom over our Town—junk-filled wastelands polluting our beautiful desert, boarded up storefronts, and run-down infrastructure. The lack of local economic opportunity and resources is obvious.

Sensible elected leaders in many nearby desert cities already succeeded in bringing **skilled employment** and **economic development** to their cities by locally regulating state-licensed marijuana businesses.

Here are just a few local safeguards Measure L provides:

- **Prohibits all forms of retail marijuana sales**—prohibits pot shops, prohibits dispensaries;
- **Requires marijuana businesses to remain hidden in the Town's industrial areas;**
- **Keeps marijuana out of public view, bans signage depicting or referencing marijuana;**
- **Tough protections for children, preventing access to anyone under 21, and REQUIRING ALL MARIJUANA BUSINESSES TO BE AT LEAST 600 FEET AWAY FROM SCHOOLS!!!**

Don't be fooled by political hysteria from a small—but loud—group of fanatical marijuana prohibitionists. We know our Town's current approach toward marijuana doesn't make sense.

End our broken marijuana business prohibition, and implement proven reforms so marijuana business will be **safe, controlled,** and **locally taxable.**

Signature Statement

The undersigned author of the Direct Argument in favor of ballot measure L at the special municipal election for the Town of Yucca Valley to be held on June 5, 2018, hereby state that such argument is true and correct to the best of her knowledge and belief.

Signed _____ Dated: March 22, 2018

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