

RESOLUTION NUMBER R- 306221
DATE OF FINAL PASSAGE OCT 26 2010

A RESOLUTION OF THE COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF
SAN DIEGO OPPOSING PROPOSITION 19, THE
MARIJUANA LEGALIZATION INITIATIVE, ON THE
NOVEMBER 2010 GENERAL ELECTION BALLOT.

WHEREAS, Proposition 19, the marijuana legalization initiative, would allow people 21 years old or older to possess, cultivate, or transport marijuana for personal use, and is a statewide measure that will be submitted to San Diego voters on the November 2010 ballot; and

WHEREAS, the initiative measure would legalize marijuana under California but not federal law, and permit local governments to regulate and tax the commercial production, distribution and sale of marijuana; and

WHEREAS, the initiative measure would prohibit people from possessing marijuana on school grounds, using it in public, smoking it while minors are present or providing it to anyone under 21 years old, and would maintain current prohibitions against driving while impaired; and

WHEREAS, supporters of Proposition 19 argue the measure, if enacted, would save costs of incarcerating and supervising certain marijuana offenders, and bring in potential increased tax and fee revenues to local governments; and

WHEREAS, opponents of Proposition 19 argue that the measure, if enacted, would increase substance abuse problems and create conflicts with federal laws; and

WHEREAS, Proposition 19 has been opposed by the California Police Chiefs Association, the League of California Cities, Mothers Against Drunk Driving (MADD) and the Coalition for a Drug-Free California; and

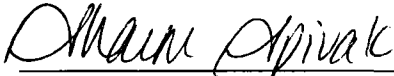
WHEREAS, the Intergovernmental Relations Department of the City of San Diego has recommended that the City Council also oppose Proposition 19, stating in part that there would be public safety issues and that any financial benefit would be offset by the cost of enforcing new regulations that local governments must promulgate; and

WHEREAS, the City Council's Committee on Rules, Open Government and Intergovernmental Relations voted to oppose Proposition 19 at its meeting of September 22, 2010 and recommended that the City Council oppose the measure; and

WHEREAS, no public funds shall be used in the campaign for or against the measure;
NOW, THEREFORE,

BE IT RESOLVED, that the San Diego City Council opposes Proposition 19, the marijuana legalization initiative on the statewide ballot, which will be submitted to San Diego voters on the November 2010 ballot.

APPROVED: JAN I. GOLDSMITH, City Attorney

By 
Sharon B. Spivak
Deputy City Attorney

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Or.Dept:Rules Committee

I hereby certify that the foregoing Resolution was passed by the Council of the City of San Diego, at this meeting of OCT 18 2010.

ELIZABETH S. MALAND
City Clerk

By 
Deputy City Clerk

Approved: 10-26-10
(date)


JERRY SANDERS, Mayor

Vetoed: _____
(date)

JERRY SANDERS, Mayor