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**Fwd: next week's meeting**

1 message

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**Peggy Cole** <[pcole@littletongov.org](mailto:pcole@littletongov.org)>  
To: Wendy Heffner <[wheffner@littletongov.org](mailto:wheffner@littletongov.org)>  
Cc: Loretta Lohman <[lorettalohman@gmail.com](mailto:lorettalohman@gmail.com)>

Wed, May 11, 2016 at 12:09 PM

City Clerk Heffner,

Please include Dr. Lohman's email message in the official record for the public hearing on allowing retail marijuana in Littleton.

Thank you.

Peggy Cole, PhD  
City Council Member at Large

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From: **Loretta Lohman** <[lorettalohman@gmail.com](mailto:lorettalohman@gmail.com)>  
Date: Wed, May 11, 2016 at 9:34 AM  
Subject: next week's meeting  
To: Peggy Cole <[pcole@littletongov.org](mailto:pcole@littletongov.org)>

Got a call last night seeking folks to flood the council meeting as it took up recreational marijuana. However they couldn't or wouldn't tell me which side the group was on. Personally I am in favor of getting the tax revenue that everyone else is getting. It is not the greatest policy to shut off that source and no recreational sales doesn't stop folks from recreating in Littleton.

I don't plan to be among those flooding the chamber but this might be a useful heads up.

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## Sale of Recreational Marijuana in Littleton

1 message

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**Peggy Cole** <pcole@littletongov.org>

Wed, May 11, 2016 at 9:46 PM

To: Wendy Heffner <wheffner@littletongov.org>

City Clerk Heffner,

Joan Zoetewey called me early this evening (May 11, 2016) to tell me that she and Calvin (her husband) strongly oppose the sale of recreational marijuana in Littleton. Please include their opposition in the official public record when the recreational marijuana ordinance comes before Council for second reading.

Thank you.

Peggy Cole, PhD  
Council Member at Large

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**Fwd: Sale of Recreational Marijuana in Littleton - Please Oppose**

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**Phil Cernanec** <pcernanec@littletongov.org>  
To: Wendy Heffner <wheffner@littletongov.org>

Wed, May 11, 2016 at 10:08 AM

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From: **Kaitlyn Johnson** <koosterjohnson@msn.com>

Date: Wednesday, May 11, 2016

Subject: Sale of Recreational Marijuana in Littleton - Please Oppose

To: Peggy Cole &lt;pcole@littletongov.org&gt;, "pcernanec@littletongov.org" &lt;pcernanec@littletongov.org&gt;, "dclark@littletongov.org" &lt;dclark@littletongov.org&gt;, "bbeckman@littletongov.org" &lt;bbeckman@littletongov.org&gt;

To our Littleton representatives,

Thank you to each of you for representing the people of Littleton- it is a responsibility that I imagine would always be rather difficult. There are many issues that I am sure result in unhappy citizens of Littleton on both sides. Thank you for working hard to represent our opinion and struggling over these sensitive issues.

The issue that I, as a resident of Littleton, am most concerned about is marijuana use within our city limits. Thus, I am writing you to ask that you vote to *continue the ban* on the sale of recreational marijuana within Littleton.

My personal experience with the drug has always been negative. Although I respect the right of those who choose to smoke or use marijuana, other's personal use of the drug always affects those around them. The smell is intolerable, a sticky sweet, permeating type of smell that always lingers. With the recent legalization of its use in our state, I've started worrying that others decisions to "get high" could mean that I, inadvertently, could be "getting high" with them, regardless of my decision to remain drug-free. My co-workers come to work with stories of how they have to keep their windows closed and friends have to stay off of their back porches, just to escape the smell and avoid the effects of the drug!

This, to me, is a major infringement upon my rights as a citizen. Recreational smoking- both of marijuana and tobacco- should be practiced privately, in a way that has no effects on the health of those around them. While the law may state this, and seek to enforce it, my experience is that those who choose to smoke marijuana inevitably infringe upon my decision to not smoke it. I can't avoid smelling it! This reason alone for me is more than enough to justify our good city in continuing to refuse the request to sell marijuana for recreational use. If it is their decision to smoke marijuana, our state has plenty of other cities in the area with plenty of stores. We do not need to increase the use of recreational marijuana in our city.

My position on this issue is also very much affected by the negative influence marijuana has on our community and state. As a fairly recent graduate from Heritage High School, and with many of my friends attending college in Colorado, I have seen marijuana use among my peers go from relatively obscure to extremely common. Do we want to create a stigma in our city that marijuana use is encouraged??? Should drug use be added to the list of things that youth do "recreationally"? Making life decisions as a teenager was hard enough without the effects of drugs! I fully support a drug-free community that actively seeks to promote a clean, healthy lifestyle. Isn't that what our school "drug free" presentations are all about? Adjusting the content of lunches offered at our schools to match a more healthy, balanced diet? I see the decision to allow recreational sale of marijuana as a double standard to the students and children of our city. (On one side, we seek to help our students take care of their bodies, and on the other, state that it is perfectly fine for them to smoke for fun.)

By not allowing the sale of marijuana for recreational use in Littleton, I hope that I can breathe fresh air at home. Further, I think that this would help parents, leaders, and members of our city to encourage youth and students to hold off or choose to abstain from using all drugs (including marijuana).

Thank you for taking the time to understand my opinions. Please help our city remain a welcoming, clean & wholesome place.

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**Peggy Cole** <pcole@littletongov.org>  
To: Wendy Heffner <wheffner@littletongov.org>  
Cc: Paul Johnson <paulthemonk@gmail.com>

Wed, May 11, 2016 at 11:35 AM

City Clerk Heffner,

Please include Mr. Johnson's email message in the public record for the second reading of the proposed ordinance on retail marijuana.

Thank you.

Peggy Cole

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From: **Paul Johnson** <paulthemonk@gmail.com>

Date: Tue, May 10, 2016 at 8:42 PM

Subject: Sale of Recreational Marijuana in Littleton - Please Oppose

To: Peggy Cole <pcole@littletongov.org>, pcermanec@littletongov.org, dclark@littletongov.org, bbeckman@littletongov.org

Thank you to each of you for representing the people of Littleton. Although I am not an elected official as you are, I can only imagine the challenges that you face. I especially am grateful for the efforts you make in choosing difficult options when sometimes there is no win-win outcome.

I am writing you to ask that you vote to continue the ban on the sale of recreational marijuana within Littleton.

Just last night I was helping a friend move out of his apartment near Littleton Blvd and Gallup and the smell of marijuana smoke lingered in the air. Two weeks ago, my wife and I were staying in downtown Denver to celebrate our wedding anniversary. As we walked the halls of the hotel again I smelled marijuana smoke. Back in March after attending an Easter celebration, we were driving on Broadway in Englewood and stopped at the King Soopers. Again, the smell of marijuana smoke was overwhelming as we walked into the store. I don't want to get high. I don't want to smoke marijuana. What could I have done in these situations. Called the police and complained. Who or where is the offender?

This doesn't seem fair to me. Why should I have to smell the stuff if I don't want to. Maybe I misunderstood the law, but I thought that people who use the drug recreationally were supposed to use it 'privately.' I respect the right of those who choose to smoke or use marijuana. However, my experience is that those who choose to smoke marijuana infringe on my right to not smoke marijuana. I can't avoid smelling it. This reason alone for me is enough that our good city should continue to refuse requests to sell marijuana for recreational use. Those who smoke marijuana don't seem to respect the rights of those who don't want to smoke.

Other cities in the area have plenty of stores. Denver voted on 4/26 that 421 stores was enough for their market.

There are other reasons I believe that recreational use of marijuana has had a negative influence on our community and state. CPR's 'Colorado Matters' radio show interviewed a woman who worked in the school system in the Greeley area. From her experience recreational use of marijuana has encouraged youth to use. This had some bad consequences in her experience. (Unfortunately I cannot find the exact reference for this story, so I hope I recall it correctly) This seems to mirror what I have heard from my teenagers attending Heritage High School. Those who use marijuana is more frequent among their peers than before the change in the law.

By not allowing the sale of marijuana for recreational use in Littleton, I would hope that I would have more of a chance to breath fresh air. Further, I think that this would help parents encourage students to hold off or choose not to use at all (my preference.)

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**Peggy Cole** <pcole@littletongov.org>

Wed, May 11, 2016 at 6:55 PM

To: Wendy Heffner <wheffner@littletongov.org>

City Clerk Heffner,

Carol Meier telephoned me about 6:20 p.m. this evening (May 11, 2016) to say that she totally opposes allowing the sale of recreational marijuana in Littleton. Please include her opposition in the official public record when the recreational marijuana ordinance comes before Council for second reading.

Thank you.

Peggy Cole, PhD  
Council Member at Large

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