CITY OF HALF MOON BAY

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**BALLOT MEASURE PRIMARY ARGUMENT SUBMISSION FORM**

A ballot argument shall not be accepted unless accompanied by this completed form. In addition to the information provided here, the argument shall contain the printed name(s) and signature(s) of the person(s) who submitted it or, if submitted on behalf of a bona fide association or citizens/organization, the name of the association or organization and the printed name and signature of at least one of its principal officers who is the author of the argument.

Word count limit for Primary Arguments = 300 words

Primary Argument in **FAVOR** of: advisory: mature cultivation

Primary Argument **AGAINST:** _____

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**Measure __:**

*Advisory Vote Only: Should the City draft and adopt and ordinance to allow and regulate commercial, greenhouse cultivation of mature cannabis plants on existing greenhouse sites in the City's A-1 (Agricultural/Exclusive Floriculture) Zoning District?*

**Primary Argument in Favor:**

According to the City of HMB, 69% of voters favored Proposition 64, which legalized a regulated cannabis industry statewide two years ago. These cannabis ballot measures are a continuation of the process to implement a local, regulated cannabis industry in alignment with the mandate of our voters from 2016.

The Coastside Cannabis Coalition supports this advisory measure to draft and adopt an ordinance to allow and locally regulate commercial, greenhouse nursery cultivation of mature cannabis plants in existing greenhouse sites in the City's A-1 Zoning District.

We believe that the required security, restricted access, and environmental protection measures included in state cannabis regulations already address many of the community's concerns regarding cannabis cultivation on the coast. The county has already allowed the cultivation of mature cannabis plants, and adopting an ordinance allowing mature plants in HMB would put us in alignment with the county for regulatory and enforcement purposes.

Passing this measure would also support our local farmers and nursery operators by allowing them to get involved in cannabis related economic opportunities, which many have repeatedly asked for since Prop 64 was passed. The County is supporting out-of-county investors in coming to properties in the HMB area to begin licensed cannabis operations. The small number of eligible cultivation facilities in HMB are owned by local families who have been contributing to our community for generations. We should not keep our neighbors and local farmers from accessing these same time sensitive opportunities.

Additionally, passing this measure would allow our community to have local control of our cannabis regulations, so that HMB residents and Coastsiders can decide what is best for our local community instead of out-of-town and out-of-county speculators.

Learn more at: www.coastsidecannabis.org