

Your MB city council is **UNIFIED** on **Measure V**. We urge residents to **vote YES** on V to **KEEP** our city-wide **BAN** on retail pot shops in Manhattan Beach.

- **YES on V MAINTAINS** the city's **CURRENT BAN** on retail pot. In 2017, MB residents spoke, and City Council responded: An ordinance was passed making **ALL** retail and commercial cannabis sales illegal in MB. That **BAN** has worked for five years. **Vote YES** to maintain MB's control and **REAFFIRM** our community's desire to keep retail pot **OUT** of MB.
- **YES on V** helps **KEEP** our **YOUTH SAFE**. **YES** on V affirms our priority to **PROTECT** our youth and our family-oriented community. Health officials confirm that increased accessibility to pot normalizes and **INCREASES** its use. Youth use can lead to heart, mental health, brain, lung, and developmental problems. According to the Beach Cities Health District and a study published by the National Library of Medicine, the drug's potency has **TRIPLED** over the years. **Vote YES** to protect our youth from these dangerous effects.
- **YES on V** helps **PREVENT CRIME**. Cash-only businesses like retail pot attract crime. Captain Lilian Carranza of the LAPD gang/narcotics unit reported in March 2022: "From my experience, **the target is [..] money as well as [...] cannabis.**" In the first quarter of 2022, there have been more reports of robberies, burglaries, assault with a deadly weapon, and other crimes at [LA] dispensaries than during **ANY OTHER** stretch since cannabis became available for retail sale four years ago. Keep crime **OUT** of MB by voting **YES**.

**Vote YES on Measure V** on or before November 8 and **KEEP** our city's **BAN** on retail pot.

Thank you.

Manhattan Beach City Council

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