

**Argument in Favor of Measure N**  
**Commercial Cannabis Cultivation, Manufacturing and Testing Tax**

Submitted by the City Council for the City of Banning

YES on MEASURE N — It protects Banning residents, allows for the regulation of the cannabis cultivation, manufacturing and testing industry, and will generate up to \$1.2 million in annual City revenue, which could fund police, fire, paramedics, youth and senior programs, parks and more.

Proposition 64 legalized recreational cannabis and gave local governments the responsibility to regulate the legalization within their communities. A new regulatory tax and enforcement framework addressing commercial cannabis businesses in the City is needed.

The Banning City Council recently completed a process to impose TOUGH NEW REGULATIONS on where and how cannabis businesses can cultivate, process and test cannabis. These uses will ONLY be allowed on properties in the City's Industrial Zone, in warehouses (not outdoors) and AWAY FROM residentially zoned neighborhoods, schools, day care centers, youth centers and parks. Stringent standards on these businesses would apply, including security and odor control.

MEASURE N WILL ALLOW THESE TOUGH REGULATIONS TO GO INTO EFFECT and will approve a City tax on their operations. The operators of these businesses will pay the tax; RESIDENTS WILL NOT HAVE TO PAY THIS TAX.

Banning needs to tax the cannabis industry in order to address a budget deficit, effectively enforce our ordinances, and fund critical services such as police, fire, parks, roads and infrastructure and other important municipal services.

It is imperative that we regulate and tax the cannabis industry to ensure compliance with existing laws and DEAL WITH THE BLACK MARKET.

A YES vote means Banning will allow CAREFULLY CONTROLLED indoor commercial cultivation, manufacturing and testing of cannabis by approving a tax on these uses. A YES vote means FUNDING FOR CITY SERVICES FOR RESIDENTS.

VOTE YES ON MEASURE N.

## STATEMENT BY PROPONENTS/AUTHORS OF ARGUMENTS

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ballot proposition N at the General Municipal  
(NAME OR NUMBER) (TITLE OF ELECTION)  
election for the City of Banning to be held on November 6, 2018  
(JURISDICTION) (DATE)

hereby state that this argument is true and correct to the best of their knowledge and belief.  
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- (1) Its articles of incorporation, articles of association, partnership documents, bylaws, or similar documents.
- (2) Letterhead containing the name of the organization and its principal officers.
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