Survey Results: Cannabis

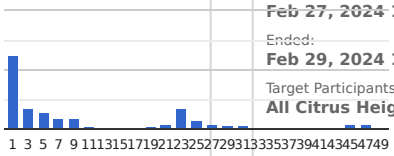
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These FlashVote results are shared with local officials

342
Total Participants
336 of 740 initially invited (45%)
6 others
Margin of error: ± 5%

Applied Filter:
Locals only
Participants for filter:
312

Response Time (hours)

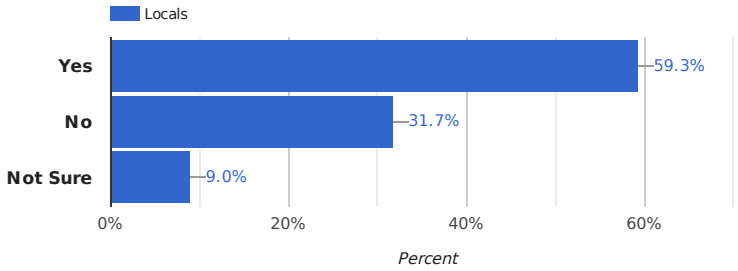


Started:
Feb 27, 2024 11:07am PST
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Feb 29, 2024 11:00am PST
Target Participants:
All Citrus Heights

Q1 In general, do you support legalized cannabis for adult use?

(312 responses by)

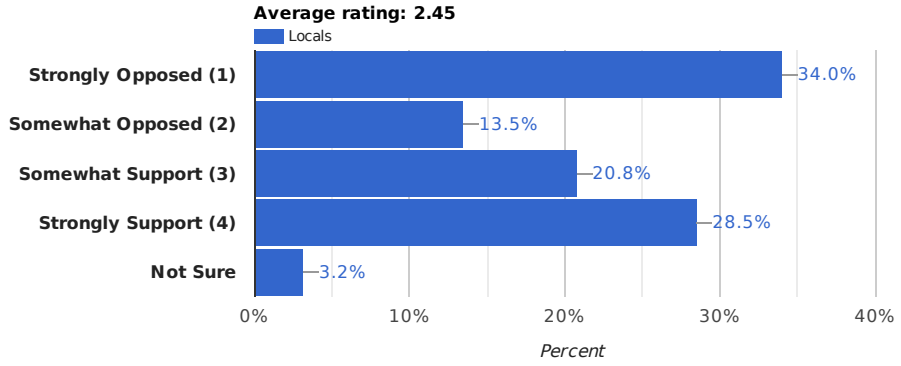
Options	Locals (312)
Yes	59.3% (185)
No	31.7% (99)
Not Sure	9.0% (28)



Q2 Please rate how much you would support having retail cannabis stores in Citrus Heights?

(312 responses by)

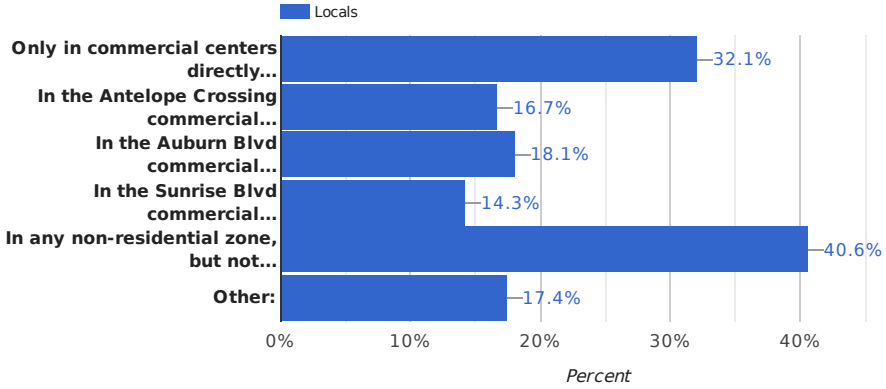
Options	Locals (312)
Strongly Opposed (1)	34.0% (106)
Somewhat Opposed (2)	13.5% (42)
Somewhat Support (3)	20.8% (65)
Strongly Support (4)	28.5% (89)
Not Sure	3.2% (10)



Q3 If retail cannabis stores (dispensaries) were allowed, where would be the best places to locate them in Citrus Heights? (Choose all that apply)

(293 responses by)

Options	Locals (293)
Only in commercial centers directly adjacent to I-80 (near interchanges)	32.1% (94)
In the Antelope Crossing commercial corridor (Antelope/Lichen/Tupelo)	16.7% (49)
In the Auburn Blvd commercial corridor (Auburn Blvd from I-80 to Old Auburn)	18.1% (53)
In the Sunrise Blvd commercial corridor (Sunrise Blvd from Antelope Road to Madison Ave)	14.3% (42)
In any non-residential zone, but not within 600 feet of a school or park	40.6% (119)
Other:	17.4% (51)





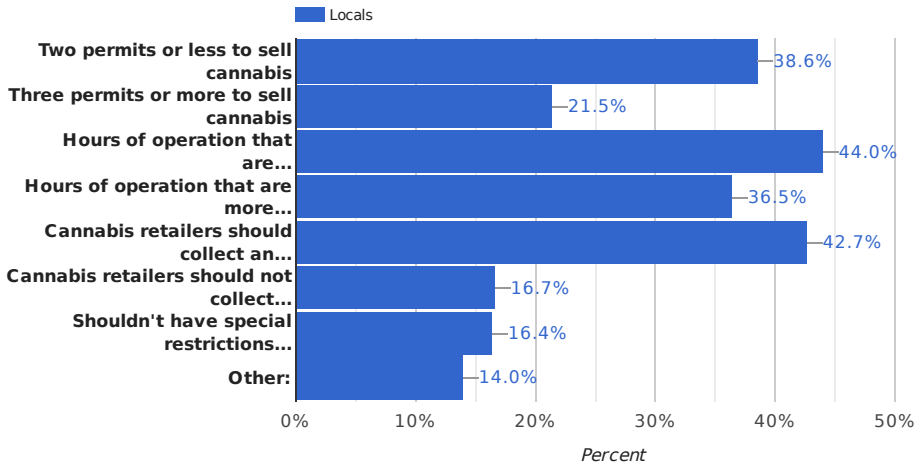
Next to police station.
Would prefer spread out to give everyone equal access that needs it
Nowhere
I'd say closer to the police station as possible. Police response time to auburn/80 area is usually
NOT IN MY CITY!
2 many gas stations is same as 2 many cannabis outlets; limits to location based upon intelligence
Make stricter laws - revoke dispensary license if caught selling to minors
None
There are enough dispensaries woma short distance from Citrus Heights . We don’t need one in our c
None. There are plenty of dispensaries downtown and they deliver in Citrus Heights.
No not in our sweet town
None - This should not be allowed in our city.
I can't vote for others to have this near them when I sure don't want it near me!
at least 1 mile from any park or school
No place is good! Do not allow them!
NOWHERE IN CITY LIMITS!!! We DON"T need this kind of reputation as a city going forward.
Nowhere in Citrus Heights.
no place in Citrus Heights
Not sure but far from schools/ parks
Opposed to any "Pot Stores" because of the potential for criminal activity such as robberies, etc.
in any locations that work for the dispensery but not within 600 ft of a school
No Cannabis sales in Citrus Heights. It can alter thinking and cause DUI tickets. No No NO!!!!
In some out of the way area non residential or far from residences, schools and parks and malls
no where in the city!
None. I don’t want them in Citrus Heights
None, CH is small and all areas would be bad - it just would lower the status of our city

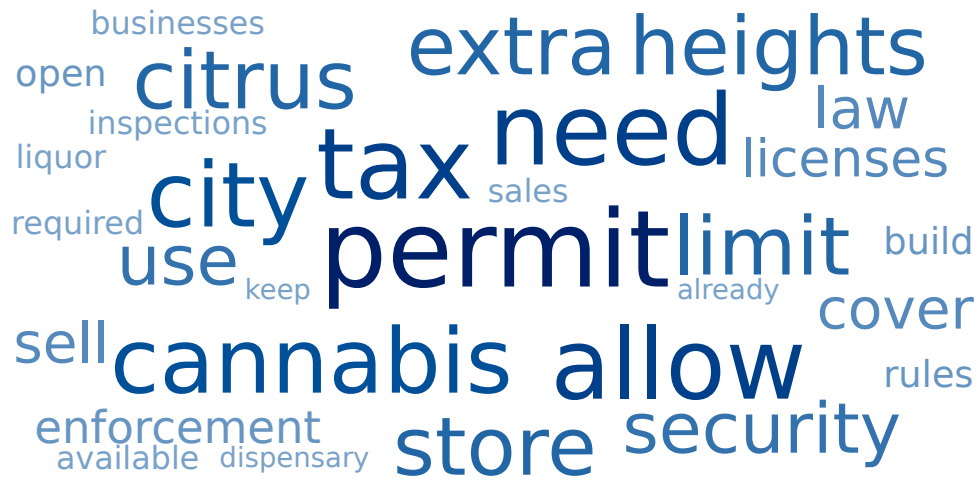
Auburn Blvd near Manzanita
At the dumps!
No where!!!!!
As long as you are taxing it, put almost anywhere.
OUTSiDE OF CITRUS HEIGHTS!!!!!!!
No where in Citrus Heights we do not encourage drug use
None. Do not want them.
nowhere is acceptable
No where in Citrus Heights.
Any dispensaries need to be as close to a police/sheriff station as possible. Not near shopping mal
In any non-residential zone, but not within 5 miles of a school or park.
Not in Citrus Heights
do not allow cannabis store in citrus heights
next to City Hall and the Police Department
Nowhere. Not in this city.
nowhere in Citrus Heights
near the police department
Sylvan corners has empty spaces
Non-residential zone w/o any type of schools/parks, i.e. private, public, day care, whatsoever.
Near the police station
Similar restrictions as liquor stores.
Out as far as possible, industrial area
Not within city boundaries. They can have it delivered.
No where
I have no idea

Q4 Should retail cannabis stores move forward, city staff may recommend that a maximum of two licenses be made available. What restrictions would you support, if any? (Choose all that apply)

(293 responses by)

Options	**Locals** (293)
Two permits or less to sell cannabis	38.6% (113)
Three permits or more to sell cannabis	21.5% (63)
Hours of operation that are consistent with State regulations (6 am – 10 pm)	44.0% (129)
Hours of operation that are more restricted than State regulations	36.5% (107)
Cannabis retailers should collect an extra local tax on cannabis sales	42.7% (125)
Cannabis retailers should not collect an extra local tax on cannabis sales	16.7% (49)
Shouldn't have special restrictions on cannabis sales in Citrus Heights	16.4% (48)
Other:	14.0% (41)





I agree there should be a limit on how many but I feel it should be equally spread out
THEY SHOULD NOT OPEN AT ALL - MAX TAX BECAUSE YOU'LL NEED IT FOR EXTRA POLICE
Essentially use same rules as applied to alcohol sales; limit licenses initially
Some tax is ok, but too much tax will just keep people buying illegal or growing their own.
If liquor stores impose a extra local tax then so should a dispensary. If not then no
We don’t need a dispensary in Citrus Heights.
None none none extra work for law enforcement
It should not be allowed in our city!
I won't vote on the "least bad" choice, until I have to.
No licenses should be allowed! Do not allow them!
NO SALES WITHIN CITY LIMITS
no permits
Not sure. Maybe 3 permits
with the size & strange shape of the city's boundries allow more than 3 permits
It will get into the hands of children, and is addicting.

Just keep them out of the city.

It seems plausible to have one permit which covers what is needed. (?)

Required to have adequate security.

Open from 10-6...I don't want teenagers to be tempted

NO CANNABIS!!!!

Citrus heights should tax it and use the money to build tiny house communities

No where in Citrus Heights we do not encourage drug use

A tax only to cover costs of inspections and any need for law enforcement

None

Extra security regulations for building and personnel. Enough retail theft already occurs

Each site should have armed security to prevent robberies and cannabis usage in the parking lot.

Should be the same as liquor stores. After all, liquor causes many more deaths than Cannabis.

Need to NOT sell to minors!!!! Huge consequences for selling to minors.

do not allow cannabis store in citrus heights

No canabis permits.

None in this city.

No licenses should be made available

just, no

Background checks on owners and employees.

Having a limited number of cannabis businesses

Random inspections, verifying rules are being followed.

Strong security presence along w/cameras

Adjacent businesses should approve.

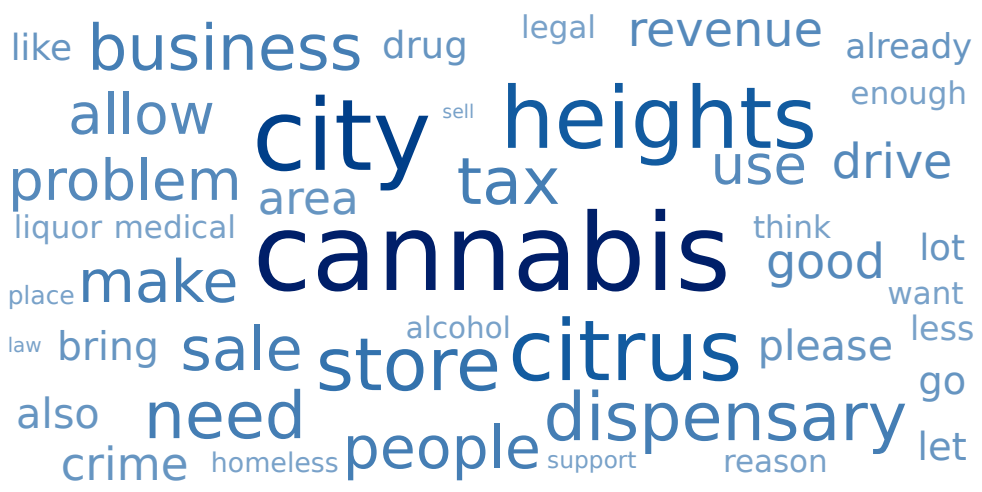
Calculate Permits, fees, and taxes to pay the salaries of enforcement required to monitor the prog

No such stores please

No permits available.

Q5 Any other comments or suggestions about cannabis in Citrus Heights?

(121 responses by)



Cannabis would probably have less benefits than other retail businesses and more problems and regulations attached.

Legalized is one problem. I recommend medical need only but I think that ship has sailed.

Just please do this right, you have sooo many examples on how to and how to not do it correctly. I also feel that for delivery services, they should have to apply for a road use license where they pay some fee (either percentage of the sell but I feel people would lie about this or a set charge per year to pay their fair share of taxes to use our terribly maintained roads

I would prefer that laws be enacted so cannabis be sold where cigarettes and/or liquor is sold. If it's legal, let it be sold where other legal, but restricted products are sold.

NEVER, NEVER, NEVER. IT WILL ATTRACT A SUBCULTURE THAT WE HAVEN'T HAD TO DEAL WITH, ALONG WITH INCREASED ADDICTION AMONG THE HOMELESS, YOUTH AND MENTALLY ILL, DUE TO ACCESSIBILITY. DO NOT DO THIS TO THE CITIZENS OF CITRUS HEIGHTS

The community has previously said NO to cannabis

Let the market decide what the market will support. We do not need a lot of government interference.

I don't use cannabis myself but feel that it's no different from alcohol and should be available to adults. I don't mind if taxes are added, however takes on cannabis are already very high and too much more will only keep people buying it illegally or growing their own, which will gain nothing for the city. Just bear that in mind when deciding how much city tax to add to it.

It would be nice to not have to drive to Sacramento.

If approved and an extra CITY tax is added, that revenue should only be used to improve the appearance of homes for elderly residents. Perhaps hire a crew to mow people lawns, clean up elderly people's property, perhaps clean gutters etc.

If you believe adults are entitled to buy alcohol why would they not be entitled to buy cannabis? If not, cannabis sales should not be allowed. To collect added taxes on Cannabis makes no sense. Frankly, the sale of alcohol should be substantially "tightened"; traffic deaths alone suggest that. Same rules for both make the most sense. Medical exception for cannabis seems reasonable. Penalties for misuse for either should be re-examined.

Cannabis sales brings negative externalities beyond that of a normal businesses (increased crime near dispensaries that are an all-cash business, littering of drug paraphernalia, the awful smell permeating through everything and simply attracting an undesirable element to our city). If this is approved, it must be done thoughtfully and carefully. An extra tax to mitigate these issues should also be strongly considered.

Please don't allow cannabis dispensaries in Citrus Heights.

I buy THC products from a dispensary in Sacramento. There are plenty to choose from. Citrus Heights is struggling enough to attract young families to the area. Having one or more dispensaries in our city may further discourage families from moving here. We need better schools to get young families to move here. Let's focus on that!

can we regulate outdoor signage/advertising?

I oppose any dispensary in Citrus Heights. This will drive down our home values and make already sketchy neighborhoods less desirable. See Auburn Blvd and Antelope as previous scenarios of pawn shops, vape store, liquor stores, recycling centers, etc as undesirable blight.

More work for law informants, more crime

Allowing cannabis is not the answer to financial issues with the city budget. Keep Citrus Heights a good place to live.

This would make Citrus Heights trashy. Please find another way to tax revenue for the city.

n/a

Please don't authorize cannabis sales in our city.

The drug is no worse than alcohol and should be treated as such. Police should give them lowest priority to cannabis enforcement and focus more community policing and outreach.

I know a person who uses legal cannabis products, and she gets them from her doctor. IF a medical need is there, let people get a prescription for it and use the associated pharmacies, or grown their own limited amount for medical/nonmedical personal use. Both are legal options! Sheesh. What's next? Come on, Citrus Heights!

I'm not really thrilled about it but it's probably better than the problems associated with trying to ban it.

Limited to 3 or less dispensaries

Cannabis users should not be held to any different standards than those who use tobacco or alcohol.

Instead of spending time and money on this issue, you people should be spending more valuable time dealing with the horrible homeless problem that Citrus Heights has!!!!

Take a good look at the kind of traffic/loitering/crime current cannabis outlets attract. This does NOT bode well for a city trying to improve our image. The tax money these operations contribute is not worth the detractions going forward.

I am not in favor of Citrus Heights allowing Canibas businesses to operate in Citrus Heights

Cannabis stores are the last thing this City needs. We already have an illegal narcotics trafficking problem that's out of control. The Citrus Heights Police do absolutely nothing to try to stop the endless flow of methamphetamine, fentanyl, and heroin. We have a homeless problem that's out of control, too. The last thing we need is to bring more drugs into this city to be sold, even if it's just cannabis retailers.

Not sure.

I do not support this idea of selling cannabis in Citrus Heights, EVER!

Let another municipality deal with Pot Stores. Pot attracts lowlifes and with them comes crime. Pot stores seemed to get robbed frequently (on almost a daily basis) which can/will put innocent people in the middle of a bad situation. We have enough problems with the homeless and DUIs that we do not need to add to them by adding Pot stores to the mix.

Make sure they are placed in the right location

We need to bring more commerce and experiences to the Citrus Heights area. Bringing cannabis sales to areas like Auburn Blvd can help to revitalize the economy in that area by filling in vacant lots and driving people to the area. I also believe that bringing cannabis sales to the City is also in line with the strategic goal of diversifying for a resilient economy.

These stores are not a good idea. We already have a drug and homeless problem. This will only exacerbate any drug and alcohol issues.

I strongly oppose cannabis in Citrus Heights, I have seen first hand the horrible impact it has on the communiries it resides in.

Many people use cannabis in some form or another. Might as well benefit from the increased revenue and traffic to our city dispensaries would provide. It's not like we don't already have enough bars and liquor stores.

CBD fine, TCH - addictive & a problem.

There are liquor stores everywhere. I cannot see why cannabis should be problematic. I welcome stores opening with hopefully the assist of our state legislators finally figuring out how they can pay taxes and also utilize banking.

It will not bring anything good to our city. We will be sorry if we allow this to happen.

I don’t want Cannabis in Citrus Heights. Their presence will degrade our city. I also don’t want my kids to see them.

Look at the "trouble" records of other cannabis stores in Sacramento before initiating. Citrus Heights doesn't need anymore problems.

Not at this time

Keep the Sales Tax revenue from LEGAL Cannabis sales right here in Citrus Heights. Imposing additional taxes will further amplify the cost differences between legal and illegal cannabis sales.

Not a good idea for Citrus Heights - will just down grade the area.....lived here my whole life. Selling it here will just attract the wrong kind of people into the area and quickly. We dont need the money that bad - CH has been smart for a lot of years. We have a modest city that's done pretty well. Work on BETTER types of businesses to come into the area!

No stores n3ar parks or schools

It is already here. License, tax and sell, with adequate security paid for with extra charge. CH Police will likely be required to assist.

Cannabis is an incredibly lucrative and growing legal industry. The local revenue potential is reason enough to allow the establishment of dispensaries within the city limits. Having dispensaries in a city's limit demonstrates that a city cares about growing industries and wants to help legitimize small businesses in an industry that may have been viewed poorly by previous generations. Citrus Heights should be doing whatever is possible to bring new business into the city.

Once you open that can of worms it will be a dumping site for other cities less desirable citizenry

Loosen the requirements to grow marijuana plants, 6 or less, in a fenced in backyard on an owner owned residential lot. The 'grow house' requirement is unreasonable and unfair, especially for 1-2 plants.

For vets and others who are assisted by cannabis, we need to make it available in our city.

I would not support this proposal

No large signs about selling cannabis!

It's high time we had a cannabis dispensary in Citrus Heights. I'm tired of always having to drive at least 20-30 minutes to shop at one!

Are you really so greedy for income that you would make our city less safe?

I'd love to see at least one shop come to citrus heights. In a commercial place not close to schools or residences. Would hope for a large selection of edibles, not just weed.

Revenue for the City

I am strongly opposed to cannabis sales

Just because it's legal doesn't make it right!!!!

I do not support the sale of cannabis in Citrus Heights. There are plentiful sites in other nearby cities.

Please don't do this. Do you want your children and grandchildren using drugs. Think hard how this action will affect generations to come. Don't think money. Think common sense

I would rather it didn't happen - I think we're way too small of a city to cater to that, but if it does, it should only be near the I-80.

People who want it are going to get it from somewhere. If it creates a bit of income into the city, then they should be able to get it here with minimal city intervention.

Do not place them in any family shopping areas.

This will not be good for our city. Please do not bring them here.

I am highly against cannabis sales in Citrus Heights. How desperate is this city getting....We have enough problems. Nothing good will come of this!!!

Concerned that users will not be responsible and will drive under the influence and /or share the cannabis with underage kids. I know they'll get it somewhere but why make it easy. Sorry, lost two too many family to drugs.

Thanks for asking!

Liquor stores are much worse to have in our city than cannabis stores

It would be nice to have a dispensary in Citrus Heights so we can give our money to CH instead of Sacramento

Yeah, Citrus Heights pd already doesn't respond fast enough to areas like sunrise mall so don't put anything there. Put dispensaries as close to pd and sheriff stations as possible otherwise you're just setting dispensaries up for failure because I'm 99% sure dispensaries aren't as insurable as the retail stores law enforcement already can't protect. Set dispensary owners up for success by keeping them close to law enforcement stations or don't permit them at all. You can't protect businesses from, or prevent people from stealing 200k in jewelry from J.C. Penney. If you're gonna let another type of business operate in your city, especially one that can significantly profit you, you better do a better job and not fail them. If you can't guarantee you won't fail them into bankruptcy then don't even consider cannabis.

I would just hope that they would be like any other retail business, and subject to inspections, Etc. would like to ensure that customers did not not loiter around the business and did not drive under the influence

Until there is a portable test for cannabis use while driving, like a portable breath tester, cannabis use should be illegal. There needs to be an easy way to detect drivers who are high on cannabis.

If people are smoking weed near a school while school is in session there should be a hefty fine for that. Kids should be in school studying not being distracted by substances.

See my prior comment about the comparison to alcohol

They would be just like liquor stores. Even though aren’t allowed to by law, no one really oversees them to make sure that they aren’t.

I am 100% against cannabis sales in Citrus Heights.

Don't know why this is a topic being discussed right now but I think we're fine as we are. Without cannabis stores in the city.

Should be away from schools and parks where kids play.

How do you select who gets the precious licenses? How will you audit the businesses? How long are licenses valid for? How will you prevent licenses to be passed to new owners (was that a problem a few years back in Sacramento?)

Canabis should be administered under the guidance of a medical facility.

No cannabis stores in Citrus Heights.. This will bring more crime and homelessness.

Cannibus is so highly taxed now by the state CH doesn't need to add any more. Some people actually use this product for medical issues which keeps them off of pharm meds! The shops are more secure than any liquor store and I believe there's more issues with drunk people than cannibus users. Please approve the shop. We have a ton of bars and liquor stores.

None

I'm very much in favor of laws that reflect reality. Currently, by not allowing sales in Citrus Heights, the city is not only losing out on a revenue stream, but it also has a prohibition against delivery services. I have not heard of any delivery services who follow that law and specifically don't deliver in Citrus Heights because of it. Instead, the delivery service and the customer are currently breaking the law, but the likelihood of that law ever being able to be enforced is very small. If a law is on the books, but breaking that law is casually wide spread and doubtful to ever be enforced, then why have it? If the law is changed to reflect reality, suddenly there's a lot fewer law breakers in Citrus Heights, which has to be a good thing. With similar restrictions in surrounding areas, Citrus Heights could stand to make lots of money if we by default become somewhat of a regional hub for cannabis. Having the stores close to the freeway would be a reasonable restriction.

Limit the billboards advertised for it if you do move forward with dispensaries. The billboards will make Citrus Heights look so trashy.

Please don't allow cannabis to be sold in CH

As a person who has a medical problem that causes me to have no appetite. Marijuana gives me an appetite. So, yes, to the proposal of dispensaries for Marijuana.

We dont need cannabis dispensaries in CH. They are readily available in Sacramento County. Medicinal cannabis is available by prescription. No one is deprived of the medicinal value of this drug. The amount of taxes collected from two stores is minimal. What would be the reason for having such stores in CH? Would these stores put additional pressure on a police department already understaffed? I dont understand the reasoning behind these stores in our city.

From driving by these places of business, their parking lots become a gathering area, and are not attractive, because they don't have to be appealing.

I am generally ok with legal marijuana, however, Citrus Heights has a severe drug, crime and homeless problem that might be exasperated by legal marijuana.

I strongly support opening the city to new business including cannabis sales. The number of vacant commercial property continues to increase and new businesses should be invited to fill these spaces

Please not on the Auburn Blvd corridor. It has more than enough problems and 'sketchy' properties and doesn't need more.

I don't think we need any cannabis brick and mortar stores in Citrus Heights. Consumers can travel to stores outside the city limits to purchase the product or the cannabis can be ordered on-line and delivered to them.

The city should review how the introduction of cannabis dispensaries has affected crime and the business climate in other nearby areas before deciding whether to allow it in our city.

Normal working hours should be applied to open shopping hours, i.e., 9 AM or 10 AM to 5 PM or 6 PM, 7 days a week.

n/a

Thanks

Please, upscale only. There are some beautiful stores that resemble wineries. We don’t want the equivalent of the guy on the corner.

The revenue produced by allowing dispensaries in the city would be extremely beneficial

Yeah - who's gonna get rich on this??

Taxes collected from cannabis sales should only support non-critical services for the City. I.e, Police. Taxes related to Cannabis sales should be dedicated augmenting residential street repairs, and not subbplant existing residential street repair funding.

Age requirements.
Those sort of businesses don’t make Citrus Heights a better place to live.
They provide security and clean-up of property, no lingering outside the establishment.
I just want to say that dispensaries near the freeway might invite robbery and or burglary. Do the crime and get two to three freeway exists away and you might be home free. Mixing cannabis business with other businesses , increasing visibility, might actually deter crime.
I think hours of 8-8 are reasonable.. I support adults using cannabis for medical or recreational reasons.
Get it done!
The city needs additional tax revenue
As a medical user of marijuana, I have to drive up to 45 minutes to acquire medical marijuana. This means that not only am I using a good amount of gas and carbon footprint but also the $$ is going to the city of Sacramento. I spend on average up to $300 per month on medicine. Imagine how much recreational users spend!!
About time for this to become a reality.
If we have retail stores everywhere that sell alcohol and tobacco, both of which are highly addictive and associated with long term health problems and violent crime, there is no rational reason we can’t have cannabis dispensaries, which are not selling an addictive substance and is not associated with long term health problems or violent crime. It’s not the 1970s anymore and Nixon isn’t President. Let’s move into the 21st century together as a city. The more we learn about cannabis, the more we learn it is basically harmless.
Do not know much about subject. Just that if city could make $ off a C store ok I guess. People will go over to closest next city to buy anyway.
The council should not only think tax and fee revenue. How will this affect the imagine of our city? We are already are referred by many as the Heights, not in a good way. How many will you allow in the city? Will the local neighborhoods have a say? Are their members of the council who would benifit from bringing in dispensaries? Would they attract more of the drug using element of the homeless to our city? Form a commitee to research this important issue. When informed, present your information to the city. If our community wants to put this issue on the ballot, then you do so.
The same public education used to combat abuse in alcohol and tobacco should be used for cannabis and it's derivatives
These Kinds of stores have a negative impact on cities like ours.
I am concerned these stores are vandalized and thief could rise.
Don’t allow. We don’t need it in our city.
The city is missing out on this opportunity and there is a lot of demand. This should be viewed in the same way we view alcohol. We have bars and liquor retail throughout the area.
Don't allow it. Society is going to hell in a handbasket. Don't encourage it.

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