



Amendment 64 Legalization of Marijuana in Colorado

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Amendment 64 Ballot Wording

Shall there be an amendment to the Colorado constitution concerning marijuana, providing for the regulation of marijuana; Permitting a person twenty-one years or older to consume or possess limited amounts of marijuana; Providing for the licensing of cultivation, product manufacturing and testing facilities, and retail stores; Permitting local governments to regulate or to prohibit these facilities; Requiring the state legislature to levy a sales tax on the sale of marijuana; Requiring the first \$40 million in tax revenue raised per year to be credited to the public school capital construction fund; And requiring the state legislature to enact legislation governing the cultivation, processing and sale of industrial hemp?

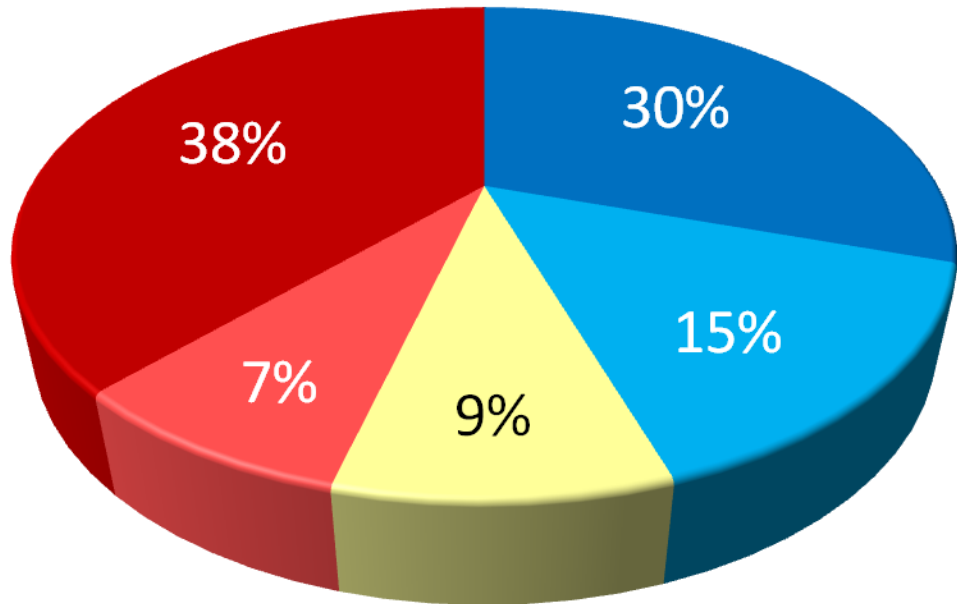
Key Provisions

- Initiated constitutional amendment
- Legalizes marijuana for recreational purposes
- Allows anyone twenty-one years or older to possess and consume up to one ounce of marijuana
- Permits opening marijuana retail stores, growing facilities, manufacturing facilities and testing facilities
- Requires the state legislature to levy a sales/excise tax; first \$40 million in tax revenue raised per year will be directed to the public school capital construction fund
- Requires state agencies to adopt and implement regulations and licensing requirements for a huge new industry

Support For Marijuana Legalization

Do you favor or do you oppose — the legalization of marijuana for recreational purposes in Colorado?
If respondent says favor or oppose ask: Do you feel strongly about that, or not?

- Favor - strongly
- Favor - not strongly
- Not sure
- Oppose - not strongly
- Oppose - strongly



Why Oppose Amendment 64?

- Adverse effect on children and the educational environment in Colorado
- Impaired driving - more crashes and fatalities involving drivers under its influence
- Legalization leads to increased use
- Treatment and addiction rates would rise
- It would still be illegal – doesn't change federal law
- Bad for business – creates a negative image of Colorado

Amendment 64 Harms our Children

- Adolescents are more likely than adults to develop problems with marijuana abuse and addictions
 - Marijuana abuse accounts for 67% of adolescents in substance abuse programs
- Over the past 4 years:
 - Suspensions for drug violations increased 45%
 - Expulsions for drug violations increased 35%
 - Referrals to police increased 17%
- Marijuana use among the most vulnerable group, ages 12-25, is projected to double

Amendment 64 Increases Impaired Driving

- According to recent statistics, between 2006 and 2010, more than 400 people were killed in Colorado from car crashes involving a driver who was on drugs.
- In 2009, 80 samples per month were submitted to the Laboratory Services Division by law enforcement statewide. Now with the proliferation of marijuana they receive about 1400 samples per month.

Amendment 64 Conflicts with Federal Law

- Marijuana remains a Schedule 1 drug as defined by the Controlled Substances Act (CSA)
- Federal law will continue to ban the production, manufacture, transportation and distribution of marijuana in Colorado regardless of the voters' decision on Amendment 64.
- The U.S. Supreme Court has already made it clear that federal law supersedes state law in this area.
 - Justice Kennedy stated in the recent Arizona immigration ruling that state laws cannot supersede federal law
- In 2010, with California's Prop 19 ballot issue, the federal government reiterated its formal opposition to legalization

Amendment 64 is Bad for Business

- Gray areas and implications to HR policies - Zero tolerance, random drug testing, HIPAA
- Increased liabilities and costs to employers
 - Increased use exposes workers to increased risk of injury
 - Undermines workplace safety programs
- Impacts on productivity
- Jeopardizes federally funded projects
 - Conflicts with federal law
 - Drug-free workplace requirements outlined by the federal government
- Economics don't make sense – legalized marijuana won't solve Colorado's budget crisis or reduce criminal justice costs
- Negative image of Colorado
 - Bright minds, high physical activity and healthy living vs. pot capital of the nation?



or



Next Steps and Call to Action

- Visit our website: www.VoteNoOn64.com
 - Take a position against Amendment 64 (personally or corporately)
 - Make a contribution
 - Email your contact list
- Contact your local elected officials and encourage them to adopt a formal resolution in opposition
- Talk to key opinion leaders in your “circles of influence”



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