

San Francisco Democratic Party

Resolution of the San Francisco Democratic Party in Support of AB 2312

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Whereas, San Francisco has been a Safe Harbor City for medical cannabis since 2000 and its citizens have continually supported and voted for regulated safe and ethical access to medical cannabis. The Democratic Party, Democratic Leader Nancy Pelosi, Mayor Ed Lee, and the Board of Supervisors remain fully committed to the San Francisco Medical Cannabis Program, the people of San Francisco and the medical cannabis community at large during this new Federal campaign of intimidation and attacks on safe access in California.

Whereas, cannabis has been clearly proven to provide medical benefits for numerous health conditions, including HIV, cancer, and glaucoma, and

Whereas, the U. S. Attorneys in California are not targeting individuals and organizations that are operating outside of the law, but instead are aggressively persecuting a peaceful and regulated community, wasting Federal resources in using a series of threatening tactics to shut down regulated access to medical cannabis across the state of California. The dismantling of our legal, regulated and law abiding medical cannabis facilities in San Francisco has resulted in depriving thousands of patients of medication; employees of jobs, and the State of California much needed tax revenue.

Therefore be it resolved that the SF Democratic County Central Committee asks Democratic elected officials to demand President Obama, U.S. Attorney General Eric Holder and Melinda Haag, U.S. Attorney for the Northern District of California, to cease all Federal actions in San Francisco immediately, respect State and local laws, and stop the closure of City-permitted medical cannabis facilities; and asks the City and County of San Francisco to establish an emergency plan to expedite the re-permitting of any medical cannabis dispensaries closed as the result of Federal interference but that was otherwise in compliance with local law and in good standing with the San Francisco Department of Public Health;

And be it further resolved that the DCCC endorses Assembly Bill 2312 (AB 2312) by Assembly member Ammiano. This bill would create the first statewide regulatory framework for the medical cannabis industry in California; and urge the Board of Supervisors, Mayor Ed Lee, and all elected Democrats to also endorse AB 2312.

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