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January 8, 2018

Mr. Patrick Duff
opra+request-3219-194cb103@requests.opramachine.com

Dear Mr. Duff:

This is in further response to your OPRA request, which I received on December 12, 2018, seeking "emails sent and received by Mayor Reid @ sreid@pointbeach.org, from 12-1-17 through 12-12-18, with the query of the words 'marijuana' and or 'dispensary' in either the body or the subject line."

An extension was required to fulfill your request.

Attached are the remaining responsive e-mails, along with redaction and privilege logs.

Sincerely,

Eileen A. Farrell, RMC
Municipal Clerk

Attachments

DOCUMENT PRIVILEGE LOG IN RESPONSE TO OPRA REQUEST 2018-150

EXHIBIT	Date	Document Description	Subject	Privilege Asserted	Production Status
1	5/30/18	Email involving Michigan, Reid, Vogel, Cortes, Kanitra, Toohey, Migut, Santanello, Richl, Duffy, Quaglia	Memorial Day Weekend	Deliberative	NOT PRODUCED
2	12/13/17	Email involving Farrell, Reid, Mayer, Richl	2017-12/19 Agenda - DRAFT	Deliberative	NOT PRODUCED
3	6/26/18	Email involving Michigan, Reid, Vogel, Cortes, Kanitra, Toohey, Migut, Santanello, Richl, Duffy, Quaglia	Weekend Activity & Friday, June 29 th	Deliberative	NOT PRODUCED
4	6/30/18	Email involving Santanello, Michigan, Reid, Vogel, Cortes, Kanitra, Toohey, Migut, Santanello	Bench Party Detail	Deliberative	NOT PRODUCED
5	12/18/17	Email chain involving Farrell, Reid	Boards & Committee/ Miscellaneous Appointments	Deliberative	NOT PRODUCED
6	8/13/18	Email chain involving Riordan, Farrell, Richl, Michigan, Reid, Karsh	Medical Marijuana Rights	Attorney/Client	NON-PRIVILEGED EMAIL PRODUCED

REDACTION INDEX IN RESPONSE TO OPRA REQUEST 2018-150

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1	12/27/17	Email involving Powers & Reid	Pt Pleasant Beach marijuana sales ban	Telephone #	PRODUCED
2	12/27/17	Email involving Gregory & Reid	Media request	Telephone #	PRODUCED
3	12/11/17	Email chain involving Farrell, Santanello, Migut, Toohey, Reid, Mayer, Cortes, Vogel, Riehl, Kile, Mutter, Kanitra, Mayor Council	DART coalition conference	Telephone #	PRODUCED
4	12/27/17	Email involving Reid, DiDonato	Chasing News skype interview request for today	Email addresses & Telephone #	PRODUCED
5	12/27/17	Email involving Waters & Reid	Marijuana dispensary	Email address	PRODUCED
6	12/27/17	Email involving Evans, Reid, Mayer, Vogel, Migut, Santanello, Toohey, Cortes	From David Evans to the Mayor and Council thank you for rejecting pot	Email address & Telephone #	PRODUCED
7	12/28/17	Email involving Capko, Reid	RWJ Barnabas Health marijuana presentation	Telephone #	PRODUCED
8	12/29/17	Email chain involving Farrell, Reid, Riehl, Sprechman	Speaking request	Email address, Address & Telephone #	PRODUCED
9	12/18/17	Email involving Burns, Reid	Pot ban	Email address & Telephone #	PRODUCED
10	1/1/18	Email involving Evans, Reid, Mayer, Vogel, Migut, Santanello, Toohey, Cortes	From David Evans to the Mayor and Council here is what legalized pot looks like	Email address & Telephone #	PRODUCED
11	1/3/18	Email involving Dudo, Reid	TV interview	Email address & Telephone #	PRODUCED
12	1/4/18	Email involving Bandazian, Reid	Rick Bandazian	Address, Email address & Telephone #	PRODUCED
13	1/8/18	Email involving Morgan, Reid, Santanello, Vogel, Migut, Kanitra, Toohey, Cortes	Ordinance op-ed questions	Email address, address & Telephone #	PRODUCED
14	1/25/18	Email chain involving Kanitra, Farrell, Santanello, Migut, Toohey, Reid, Cortes, Vogel, Riehl	Save the Date: Cannabis education for local officials - February 20 th Trenton, NJ	Email address	PRODUCED
15	2/6/18	Email chain involving Farrell, Santanello, Migut, Toohey, Reid, Kanitra, Cortes, Vogel, Riehl, Kile, Mutter	Reminder: New Jersey CannaBusiness Association cannabis education seminar for state and local officials	Telephone #	PRODUCED
16	2/19/18	Email involving Stahley, czeplert, dianelitterer, Grace, Reid	Confirming this Thursday	Telephone #s	PRODUCED
17	2/20/18	Email involving Stahley, dianelitterer, czeplert, Hanlon, Reid	Marijuana forum Thursday 2/22 event at Rider	Telephone #s	PRODUCED
18	3/7/18	Email involving Farrell, Santanello, Migut, Toohey, Reid, Kanitra, Cortes, Vogel, Riehl, Kile, Mutter, Michigan	Slide presentations - marijuana conference February 21	Telephone #	PRODUCED
19	4/16/18	Email chain involving Farrell, Reid, Riehl, Kile, LiVolsi	Marijuana legalization	E-mail addresses, Address, Telephone #	PRODUCED
20	4/18/18	Email involving Farrell, Reid	Marijuana legalization	E-mail addresses, Address, Telephone #	PRODUCED
21	5/22/18	Email involving Sloan, Reid	Your top 5 morning headlines	Email addresses	PRODUCED
22	5/25/18	Email involving Farrell, Reid, Riehl, Kile, luke	Vote to stop alcoholic Republican Nazi thugs	Address & Telephone #	PRODUCED

23	5/29/18	Email involving Farrell, Reid, Riehl, Kile	Cannabis	Email addresses	PRODUCED
24	6/3/18	Email involving Sloan, Riehl, Kile, Coyne, Farrell, Mutter, Mills, Gardner, Reid, Santanello	NRTAC - 2018 invite .pdf	Email addresses	PRODUCED
25	6/29/18	Email involving Reid, Smart Approaches to Marijuana	You won't believe what Senator Schumer did...	Email address	PRODUCED
26	7/6/18	Email involving Reid, Mayer, Vogel, Migut, Santanello, Toohey, Cortes, Evans	From Dave Evans webinar on litigating against the marijuana industry	Email addresses & Telephone #	PRODUCED
27	7/17/18	Email involving Reid	Please join me in stopping the next big tobacco	Email address	PRODUCED
28	7/18/18	Email involving Reid, Mayer, Vogel, Migut, Santanello, Toohey, Cortes, Evans	From Dave Evans webinar on litigating against the marijuana industry	Email addresses & Telephone #	PRODUCED
29	7/30/18	Email involving Reid	Action alert: stop big marijuana - contact your legislators today!	Email address	PRODUCED
30	8/1/18	Email chain involving Mazzagetti, epurcell, Engelstad, Naughton, Quinn, Reid, Chapland, Spiegel	Jersey Shore program Friday	Email addresses & Telephone #	PRODUCED
31	8/9/18	Email involving Reid, Boccio	A request from a fellow Mayor	Email address & Telephone #	PRODUCED
32	8/16/18	Email involving Reid	Your help is vital	Email address	PRODUCED
33	9/6/18	Email chain involving Mutter, Reid, Riehl, Kile, Farrell, Kelly, Brown, Kelly	Legalization of marijuana can provide investment in housing as reparative justice	Telephone #	PRODUCED
34	9/19/18	Email chain involving Michigan, Reid, Santanello, Cortes, Kantra, Riehl, Duffy, Quaglia, Ocean Chiefs, Undisclosed Recipients	Meeting invitation	Email addresses	PRODUCED
35	10/5/18	Email involving Reid	Urgent: tell these senators to vote no	Email address	PRODUCED
36	11/15/18	Email involving Kile, Reid	WNYC Radio	Telephone #	PRODUCED
37	11/20/18	Email involving Reid	This is not a drill: marijuana legalization bill to be voted on Monday	Email address	PRODUCED
38	11/26/18	Email involving Reilly, Reid	Article	Email addresses	PRODUCED
39	11/26/18	Email involving Reid, Riehl, Kile	Legalize marijuana vote to defeat GOP alcoholic Nazi thugs	Address & Telephone #	PRODUCED
40	12/7/17	Email chain involving Farrell, Santanello, Migut, Toohey, Reid, Mayer, Cortes, Vogel, Riehl, Kile, Mutter, Riordan	Planning Board	Email address	PRODUCED
41	12/10/18	Email involving Conway, Reid	Friendly advocate communication regarding marijuana	Email address	PRODUCED
42	12/27/17	Email involving Waters, Reid	Marijuana dispensary	Email address	PRODUCED
43	12/27/17	Email involving Farrell, Reid	NJ TV News - PBS for New Jersey interview	Email address	PRODUCED
44	12/11/18	Email involving Reid	Urgent: tell these lawmakers to vote no	Email address	PRODUCED
45	12/12/18	Email involving Sloan, Reid, Greenbaum, Rowe, Smit & Davis LLP	New Jersey sets the stage for passage of adult-use cannabis legislation - now what?	Email addresses	PRODUCED
46	1/2/18	Email involving Kile, Reid	Messages for you	Telephone #s	PRODUCED
47	8/13/18	Email chain involving Riordan, Farrell, Riehl, Michigan, Reid, Karsh	Medical Marijuana Rights	Email address	NON-PRIVILEGED EMAIL PRODUCED
48	4/18/18	Email chain involving Farrell, Reid, Livosi	Marijuana legislation	Email addresses, address, phone #	PRODUCED

49	5/8/18	Email chain involving Farrell, Santanello, Migut, Toohey, Reid, Kanitra, Cortes, Vogel, Riehl, Kile, Mutter, Clerks	Opposition legalization of recreational marijuana use & sale	Email addresses	PRODUCED
50	3/15/18	Email chain involving Farrell, Santanello, Migut, Toohey, Reid, Kanitra, Cortes, Vogel, Riehl, Kile, Mutter, Clerks	Barnegat Township Adopted Resolution	Email addresses	PRODUCED
51	5/7/18	Email chain involving Farrell, Santanello, Migut, Toohey, Reid, Kanitra, Cortes, Vogel, Riehl, Kile, Mutter, Clerks	Resolution opposing the enactment of legislation to legalize the recreational use and sale of marijuana	Email addresses	PRODUCED

Pt Pleasant Beach Marijuana Sales Ban

Brian Powers <bpowers@fios1news.com>

Wed 12/27/2017 7:11 AM

To: Stephen Reid <sreid@pointbeach.org>;

Good Morning Mr. Mayor-wanted to see if you might be available to interview with us on camera regarding Point Pleasant Beach's policy towards marijuana if it were to be legalized. Please let us know if you have any availability, thanks.

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Brian Powers
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media request

Phil Gregory <PGregory@wbgo.org>

Wed 12/27/2017 9:19 AM

cc: Stephen Reid <sreid@pointbeach.org>;

Mayor,

Are you available for brief phone interview on the council's vote to ban marijuana sales in the town?

Phil Gregory
Statehouse reporter
WBGO/WHYY


FW: DART Coalition Conference

Eileen Farrell

Mon 12/11/2017 9:36 AM

Re: Robert Santanello <bsantanello@pointbeach.org>; Thomas Migut <tmigut@pointbeach.org>; Thomas Toohey <ttoohey@pointbeach.org>; Stephen Reid <sreid@pointbeach.org>; William Mayer <wmayer@pointbeach.org>; Andy Cortes <acortes@pointbeach.org>; Thomas Vogel <tvogel@pointbeach.org>; Christine Riehl <Criehl@pointbeach.org>;

Re: Patricia Kile <pkile@pointbeach.org>; Janet Mutter <jmutter@pointbeach.org>; Paul Kanitra <pkanitra@pointbeach.org>;

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Marijuana conference.pdf;

From: Mayor Council [<mailto:mayorcouncil@islandheightsboro.com>]
Sent: Saturday, December 09, 2017 1:08 PM
To: Mayor Council <mayorcouncil@islandheightsboro.com>
Subject: DART Coalition Conference

Greetings;

Attached please find the marijuana conference flyer that the DART Prevention Coalition is holding with the Health Department and the OC Prosecutors Office. This informative conference on what is happening in Colorado and what will have happen here and things that can be done as a community before/if it becomes legal in NJ. The presenter is the national coordinator of the National Marijuana Initiative for HIDTA.

Kindly RSVP directly as indicated on the flyer to:

teamlink@rwjbh.org

or call [REDACTED]

RSVP by December 27th

MARIJUANA:

Where we are today and what to expect

Friday, January 5, 2018
9:00a.m. – 12:00p.m.

Eagle Ridge County Club,
2 Augusta Blvd, Lakewood, NJ

9:00a.m. – 9:30a.m.
Breakfast and networking

9:30a.m. – 11:30a.m. Program

11:30a.m. – 12:00p.m. Q&A

RSVP by December 27th to
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Hosted by:
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collaboration with the Ocean County
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Target audience:

Key stakeholders in the community including:
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**Presenter Ed Shemelya, HIDTA
Coordinator, National Marijuana Initiative**

Ed Shemelya is a 30 year veteran of the Kentucky State Police and is currently the National Coordinator of the National Marijuana Initiative. This initiative is responsible for assisting and improving the capabilities of the 32 High Intensity Drug Trafficking Areas nationwide, in carrying out the National Drug Control Strategy objectives of disrupting domestic trafficking and production of, and reducing demand for, marijuana and derivative products.

What we are seeing in medical and recreational marijuana states

- The impact of legalization
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- Societal issues
- Potency of today's marijuana
- Make informed decisions through data
- Debunk the myths of marijuana
- Resources for key stakeholders

No cost to attend.
Registration is required.
Space is limited.

Re: Chasing News Skype Interview request for today

Stephen <[REDACTED]>

Wed 12/27/2017 9:55 AM

To: Tom DiDonato <[REDACTED]>;

Cc: Stephen Reid <sreid@pointbeach.org>;

Stephen Reid, [REDACTED]

Sent from my iPhone

On Dec 27, 2017, at 9:33 AM, Tom DiDonato <[REDACTED]> wrote:

Hi Mr. Mayor,

Good morning and Happy Holidays,

We would like to have you on our show today, Tuesday 12/27, to talk about the marijuana vote by your council last week. Bill Spadea would be doing the interview.

Please email or call to confirm for a Skype interview 1:15 and 2:15.

Best regards,
Tom DiDonato
Chasing News
[REDACTED]

Marijuana Dispensary

Cassidy Waters <[REDACTED]>

Wed 12/27/2017 6:22 PM

To: Stephen Reid <sreid@pointbeach.org>;

I'm glad you think people addicted to opiates is better than people ingesting THC. Family friendly my ass. Grow up.

You are a bad guy.

Thanks for being uninformed,

Cassidy

RWJBarnabas Health Marijuana Presentation

Capko, Michael <Michael.Capko@rwjbh.org>

Thu 12/28/2017 2:31 PM

To: Stephen Reid <sreid@pointbeach.org>;

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Marijuana Flyer.pdf;

Good afternoon Mayor Reid,

I'm writing to invite you to an event being held by the RWJBarnabas Health Institute for Prevention titled "Marijuana: Where we are today and what to expect". Our DART Prevention Coalition, part of the Institute for Prevention, focuses solely on prevention efforts in Ocean County. DART would like to recognize the recent ordinance passed by Point Pleasant Beach at this event and to encourage other towns to look at municipal level policy change as well. Your efforts in taking a proactive stance against legalization should be a model across the county and state.

I've attached the flyer with full event information. Please let me know if you'd be able to attend. Additionally, if you'd like to bring anyone else, just let us know as well. Thank you again for your work in your community and I hope to see you next Friday.

Michael Capko | Manager, DART Prevention Coalition | 1691 US Highway 9 | Toms River, NJ 08757
[REDACTED] | Fax: 732.886.4809 | ✉ mcapko@barnabashealth.org

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FW: Speaking Request

Eileen Farrell

Fri 12/29/2017 10:55 AM

To: Stephen Reid <sreid@pointbeach.org>; 'Stephen' [REDACTED];

Cc: Christine Riehl <Criehl@pointbeach.org>;

Mayor,
Please see e-mail below.
Eileen

-----Original Message-----

From: bsprechman@mercercouncil.org [mailto:bsprechman@mercercouncil.org]

Sent: Friday, December 29, 2017 8:45 AM

To: Eileen Farrell <EFarrell@pointbeach.org>

Subject: Speaking Request

*** WEBSITE INQUIRY ****

NAME: Barbara Sprechman

MAIL: bsprechman@mercercouncil.org

COMPANY: Mercer Council on Alcoholism and Drug Addiction

ADDRESS: [REDACTED]

CITY: [REDACTED]

STATE: [REDACTED]

ZIP: [REDACTED]

PHONE: [REDACTED]

BEST TIME TO CALL: Anytime after January 1st

SUBJECT: Speaking Request

REQUEST: PLEASE SELECT

DEPARTMENT: Mayors Office

SAGE: Dear Mayor Reid:

We are reaching out to you and your Borough Council for prohibiting the sale of marijuana in your municipality. Would you be willing to speak at our upcoming forum on marijuana to be held February 22nd at Rider University at 6pm? We are inviting local government officials to learn more about how they can prohibit marijuana sales in their jurisdiction. We are expecting over

100 in attendance. Please let me know when I can call your office to discuss further. Thank you!
Barbara Sprechman

Pot Ban...

Gregory Burns <[REDACTED]>

Thu 12/28/2017 5:18 PM

re:Stephen Reid <sreid@pointbeach.org>;

Hi Stephen,

I hope that you and your family had a Merry Christmas.

I saw you on the NJ News broadcast. Gina and I are very happy about the position taken by you and the other members of the governing body concerning the banning of marijuana sales in PPB. Well done...all of you. I was particularly concerned about what our summers would be like. The police are hard-pressed as it is. Some of the transient population are difficult enough to handle as we all know. The sale of marijuana would certainly not be helpful.

All the Best to you and your family for 2018.

Greg & Gina Burns
[REDACTED]

FROM DAVID EVANS TO THE MAYOR AND COUNCIL HERE IS WHAT LEGALIZED POT LOOKS LIKE

[REDACTED]

Mon 1/1/2018 5:53 AM

To: [REDACTED] <[REDACTED]>; Stephen Reid <sreid@pointbeach.org>; William Mayer <wmayer@pointbeach.org>; Thomas Vogel <tvogel@pointbeach.org>; Thomas Migut <tmigut@pointbeach.org>; Robert Santanello <bsantanello@pointbeach.org>; Thomas Toohey <ttoohey@pointbeach.org>; Andy Cortes <acortes@pointbeach.org>;

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KIDS.ADS.pptx;

Mayor Reid and the Council

The marijuana industry is following the play book of the tobacco industry in trying to get our kids addicted. They market to young people with potent edibles such as cookies, candies, "gummie bears," sodas, brownies and ice cream. Their advertising uses cartoon characters and Santa Claus and images from popular kids' movies. See the enclosed examples from states that have legalized marijuana.

Would you want the kids in your town to be exposed to these ads?

Please keep speaking out about this.

Thank you.

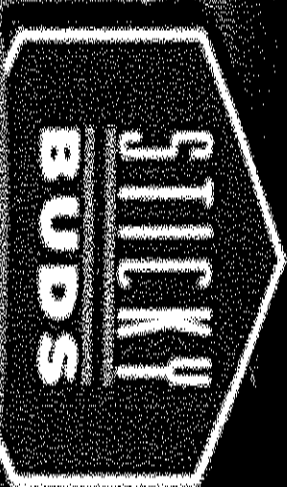
Dave Evans

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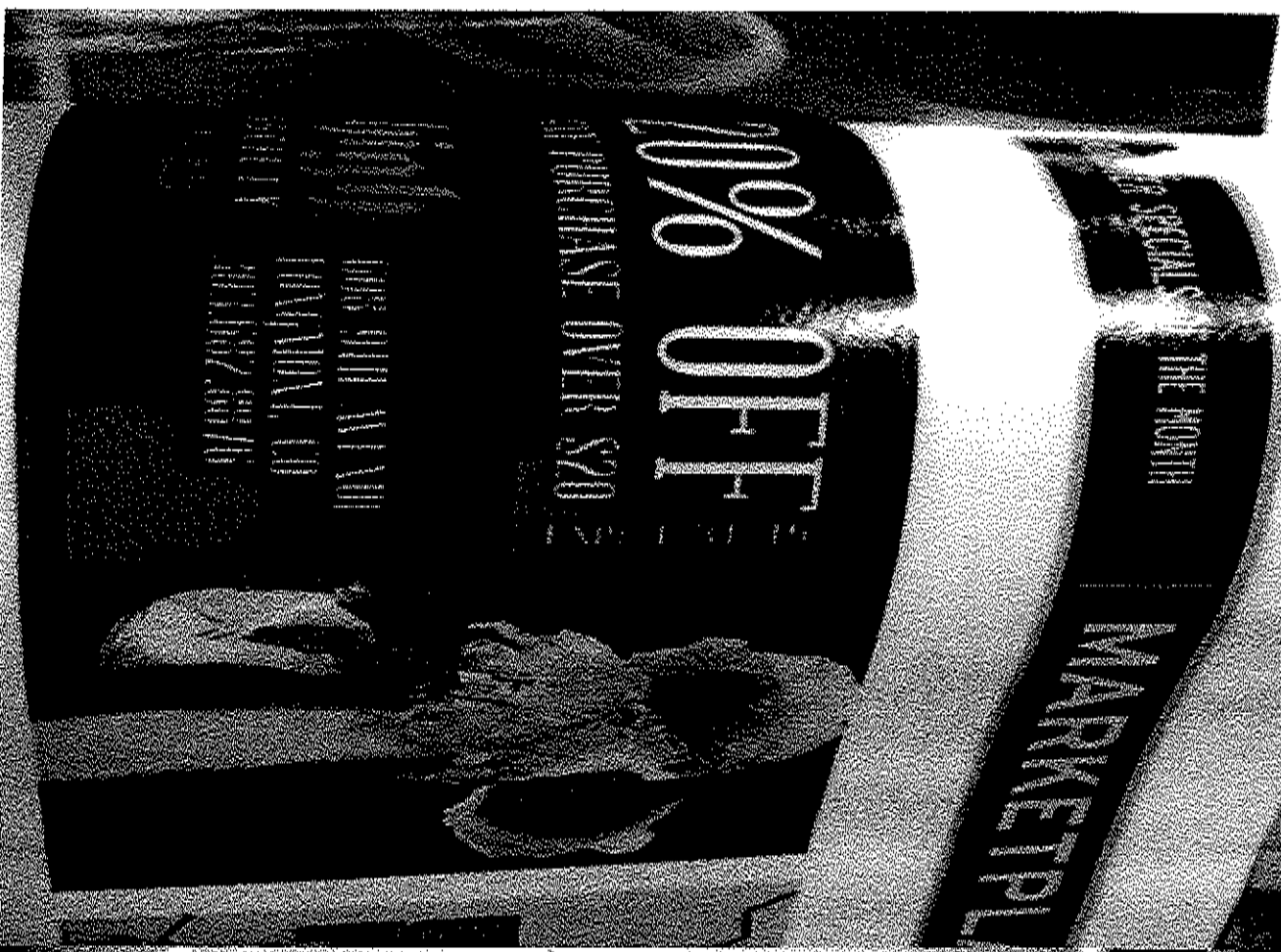
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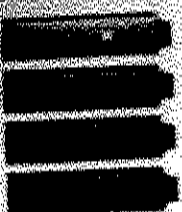


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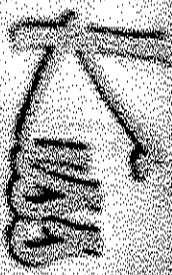
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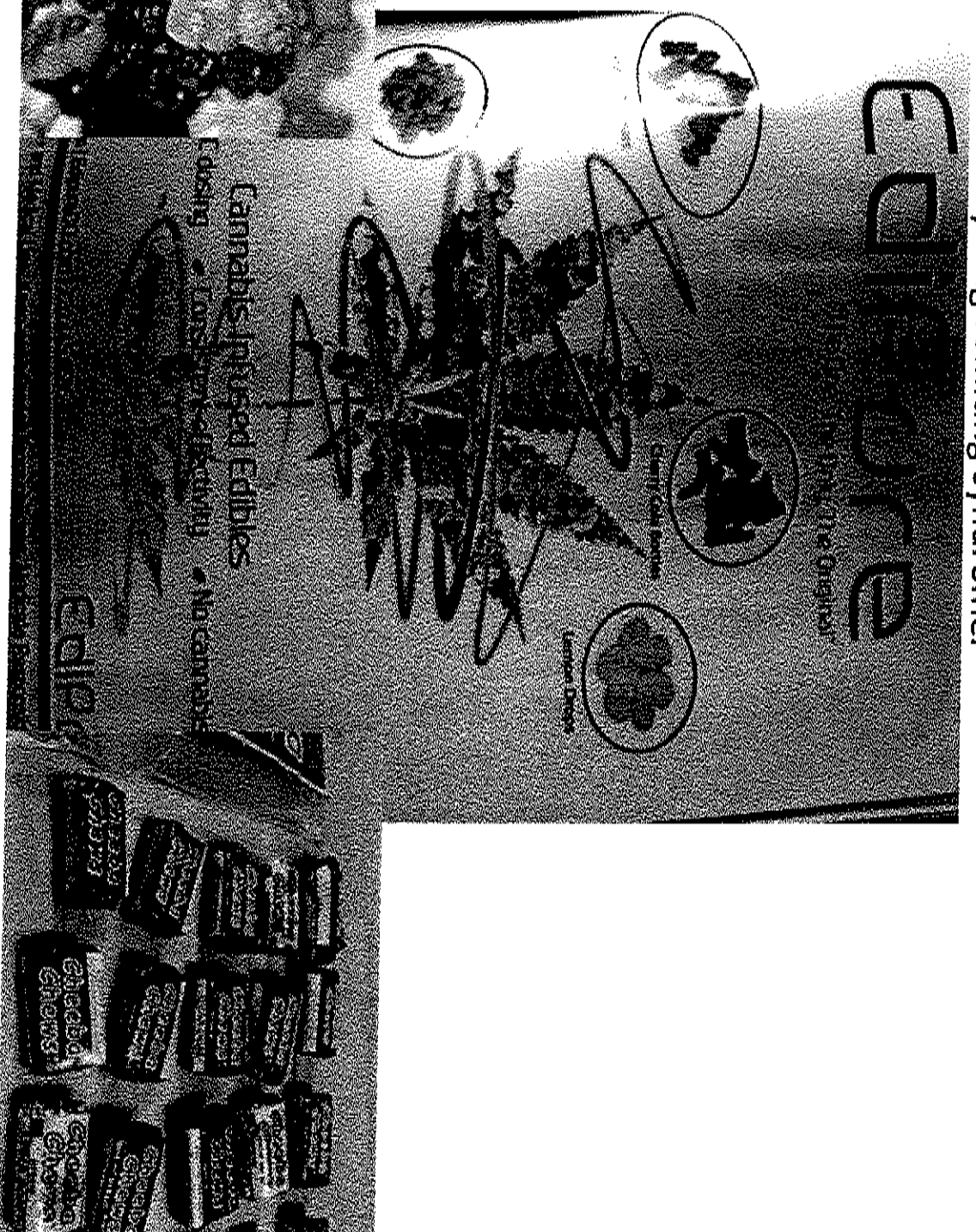
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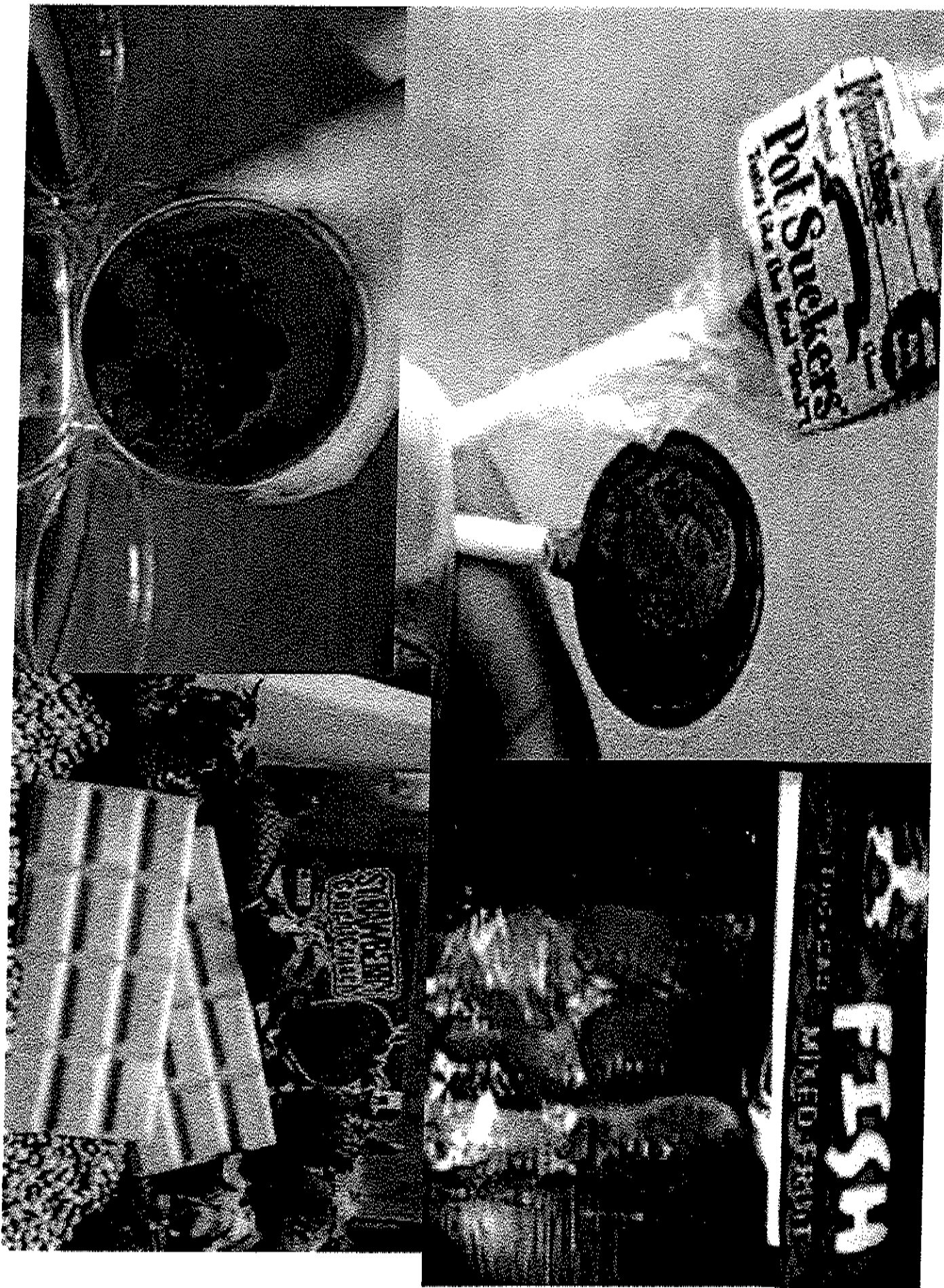


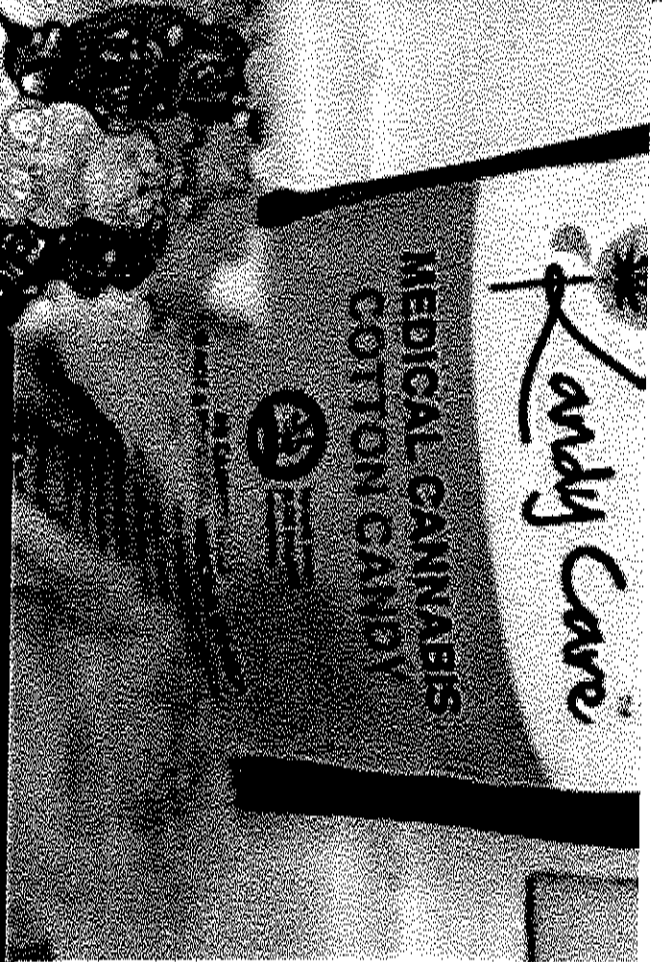
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In a report published in the Journal of the American Medical Association last month, Andrew Monte, MD; Richard Zane, MD; and Kennon Heard, MD, pointed to edible marijuana as the culprit behind the most troubling cases arriving at the UCH and Children's Hospital Colorado emergency departments, including severe burns and cycling vomiting syndrome.







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TV Interview

Veronica Dudo <[REDACTED]>

Wed 1/3/2018 1:24 PM

To: Stephen Reid <sreid@pointbeach.org>;

Hello Mayor Reid,

I'm a journalist with PMCM-TV. Our weekend current affairs show airs on ME-TV in New Jersey, New York, Pennsylvania, Delaware and Connecticut.

I am working on a story about New Jersey towns banning marijuana sales. Are you available for a taped interview to discuss the Point Pleasant Beach Borough Council's unanimous vote to formally take action to ban marijuana sales?

Thanks,
Veronica

Veronica Dudo
TV News Anchor
NJLP-3 New York | New Jersey
JWP-2 Philadelphia | Wilmington
veronica.dudo@yahoo.com
@VeronicaDudo
[REDACTED]

Rick Bandazian/[REDACTED]

Rick Bandazian <[REDACTED]>

Thu 1/4/2018 7:42 AM

To: Stephen Reid <sreid@pointbeach.org>;

The Honorable Stephen Reid,

Kudos to you and the town Council for banning marijuana shops/dispensaries in P.P.B. Let them go to (the wild west) Seaside Heights or elsewhere. The new liberal Governor wants to ruin New Jersey, but I see you won't allow anyone to ruin our town. Thank you so much for trying to keep P.P.B. a 'family own.' As an owner on the boards, it's always great to see those baby carriages strolling down the boardwalk.

The next thing I would love to see to improve the quality of life would be the banning of smoking on the boards, which would include crazies coming down the boardwalk stoned, when pot becomes legal. I get chills when my young grandkids are sitting on my porch and have to hear the cursing from people coming down the boards. (I understand that it comes with living on the boardwalk, but sometimes it can be out of control.) As far as smoking (whether pot or cigarettes) as you know, towns such as North Wildwood and Wildwood prohibit smoking on their boardwalks. The fine in North Wildwood, \$250. In Wildwood the fine is up to \$1,000 or 90 days in jail. Can you help?

Thanks for all you do Mayor!

Rick Bandazian

[REDACTED]
[REDACTED]

Ordinance op-ed questions

Taylor Morgan <[REDACTED]>

Mon 1/8/2018 4:15 PM

To: Stephen Reid <sreid@pointbeach.org>;

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Dear Mayor Reid,

Hello! My name is Taylor Morgan, and I am a current resident of [REDACTED]. I'm reaching out to see if you would be willing to answer a couple of questions regarding the Borough Council's recent ordinance banning the sale of marijuana and its paraphernalia. I'm planning on writing and publishing an opinion article about this ordinance and wanted to make sure I reached out to you beforehand.

If possible, please answer the following questions:

In your opinion, what aspects of Point Pleasant Boro make it a particularly "family-friendly" town? How exactly would the sale of medical and/or recreational marijuana affect that?

Has the Borough Council considered the potential economic benefits of marijuana taxation, specifically in regards to Point Boro public school and/or recreational budgets? If so, what did they conclude? If not, why?

Do you consider marijuana unsafe?

Do you imagine recreational marijuana sales in Point Boro would be a tourist deterrence or a tourist attraction?

What measures has the Borough Council considered or enacted to combat the growing opioid crisis in Point Boro and/or Ocean County?

Is the Borough Council planning on passing similar ordinances for establishments that sell alcohol or tobacco?

I am free to reach out in reply to this email or via my cell phone at [REDACTED]. Thank you so much, I look forward to hearing from you soon!

Sincerely,

Taylor Morgan

Re: SAVE THE DATE: Cannabis Education for Local Officials - February 20th Trenton, New Jersey

Paul Kanitra <[REDACTED]>

Thu 1/25/2018 11:11 AM

To: Eileen Farrell <EFarrell@pointbeach.org>; Robert Santanello <bsantanello@pointbeach.org>; Thomas Migut <tmigut@pointbeach.org>; Thomas Toohey <ttoohey@pointbeach.org>; Stephen Reid <sreid@pointbeach.org>; Paul Kanitra <pkanitra@pointbeach.org>; Andy Cortes <acortes@pointbeach.org>; Thomas Vogel <tvogel@pointbeach.org>; Christine Riehl <Criehl@pointbeach.org>;

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Tom Vogel wants to go.

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From: Eileen Farrell <EFarrell@pointbeach.org>
Sent: Thursday, January 25, 2018 11:09:23 AM
To: Robert Santanello; Thomas Migut; Thomas Toohey; Stephen Reid; Paul Kanitra; Andy Cortes; Thomas Vogel; Christine Riehl
Cc: Patricia Kile; Janet Mutter
Subject: FW: SAVE THE DATE: Cannabis Education for Local Officials - February 20th Trenton, New Jersey

From: Scott Rudder [mailto:info@newjerseycannabusiness.com]
Sent: Thursday, January 25, 2018 10:28 AM
To: Scott Rudder <info@newjerseycannabusiness.com>
Subject: SAVE THE DATE: Cannabis Education for Local Officials - February 20th Trenton, New Jersey

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DART Coalition Invitation

Mayor Council <mayorcouncil@islandheightsboro.com>

Tue 1/23/2018 1:44 PM

To: Mayor Council <mayorcouncil@islandheightsboro.com>;

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Marijuana Conference Flyer.pdf;

This invitation is being forwarded to you on behalf of the Ocean County Mayors' Association.

On February 21, the DART Prevention Coalition of Ocean County in cooperation with the Ocean County Health Department and the Ocean County Prosecutor's Office will be hosting a breakfast conference entitled *Marijuana: Where We are Today and What We Can Expect* featuring Ed Shemelya who is the Coordinator of the National Marijuana Initiative.

This invitation is being extended to all key policy makers in Ocean County to attend this important meeting. Ed will present data collected from states that have legalized marijuana for recreational use. The goal is to help elected officials and other policy influencers to make the best, most informed decisions for their communities.

This is a free program, but attendees are asked to register in advance via the email on the flier.

Thank you.

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The topics to be discussed include:

- Update-to-date information on the cannabis legalization efforts
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Attached is the press release that was sent out last week that includes more information. If you have questions, please do not hesitate to email or give us a call at 609-257-8902.

Thank you for your time and I hope to see you there!

Sincerely –

Scott Rudder
President, Board of Directors
New Jersey CannaBusiness Association
609-257-8902
[REDACTED]



MARIJUANA:

Where we are today and what to expect

Friday, January 5, 2018
9:00a.m. – 12:00p.m.

Eagle Ridge County Club,
2 Augusta Blvd, Lakewood, NJ

9:00a.m. – 9:30a.m.
Breakfast and networking

9:30a.m. – 11:30a.m. Program

11:30a.m. – 12:00p.m. Q&A

RSVP by December 27th to
Teamlink@rwjbh.org or call 888.724.7123

Hosted by:
the DART Prevention Coalition in
collaboration with the Ocean County
Prosecutor's Office and the Ocean
County Health Department

Target audience:
Key stakeholders in the community including:
Mayors, Government, Law Enforcement,
Superintendents, Prevention and Treatment providers,
SAC's, Faith Based community, School personnel,
Business community, Parents

Presenter Ed Shemelya, HIDTA
Coordinator, National Marijuana Initiative

Ed Shemelya is a 30 year veteran of the Kentucky State Police and is currently the National Coordinator of the National Marijuana Initiative. This initiative is responsible for assisting and improving the capabilities of the 32 High Intensity Drug Trafficking Areas nationwide, in carrying out the National Drug Control Strategy objectives of disrupting domestic trafficking and production of, and reducing demand for, marijuana and derivative products.

What we are seeing in medical and recreational marijuana states

- The impact of legalization
- Usage among youth
- Changes since legalization
- DUI impact
- Hospitalization rates
- Diversion
- School performance
- Concentrates
- Taxation
- Societal issues
- Potency of today's marijuana
- Make informed decisions through data
- Debunk the myths of marijuana
- Resources for key stakeholders

No cost to attend.
Registration is required.
Space is limited.

FW: REMINDER: New Jersey CannaBusiness Association Cannabis Education Seminar for State and Local Officials

Eileen Farrell

Tue 2/6/2018 8:56 AM

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From: Scott Rudder [mailto:scott@newjerseycannabusiness.com]

Sent: Tuesday, February 06, 2018 6:36 AM

To: Scott Rudder <scott@newjerseycannabusiness.com>

Subject: REMINDER: New Jersey CannaBusiness Association Cannabis Education Seminar for State and Local Officials

Please forward to the appropriate officials in your municipality

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Scott Rudder

President, Board of Directors

New Jersey CannaBusiness Association

v- 609-257-8902





Confirming this Thursday

Susan Stahley <sstahley@rider.edu>

Mon 2/19/2018 5:11 PM

for: czepielr@njdcj.org <czepielr@njdcj.org>; dianelitterer@njpn.org <dianelitterer@njpn.org>; grace@learnaboutsam.org <grace@learnaboutsam.org>; Stephen Reid <sreid@pointbeach.org>;

Cc: Barbara Sprechman <bsprechman@mercercouncil.org>; Malissa Arnold <marnold@mercercouncil.org>; Caroline Cleaves <ccleaves@rider.edu>;

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Each of you will have the opportunity to speak in front of the audience, then we will seat all of you at a table on the stage for panel Q & A.

See you Thursday!

Susan E. Stahley, MSW
Prevention Education Coordinator
Alcohol/Drug & Sexual Assault Prevention (ASAP)
Rider University
183 Lawrenceville Road

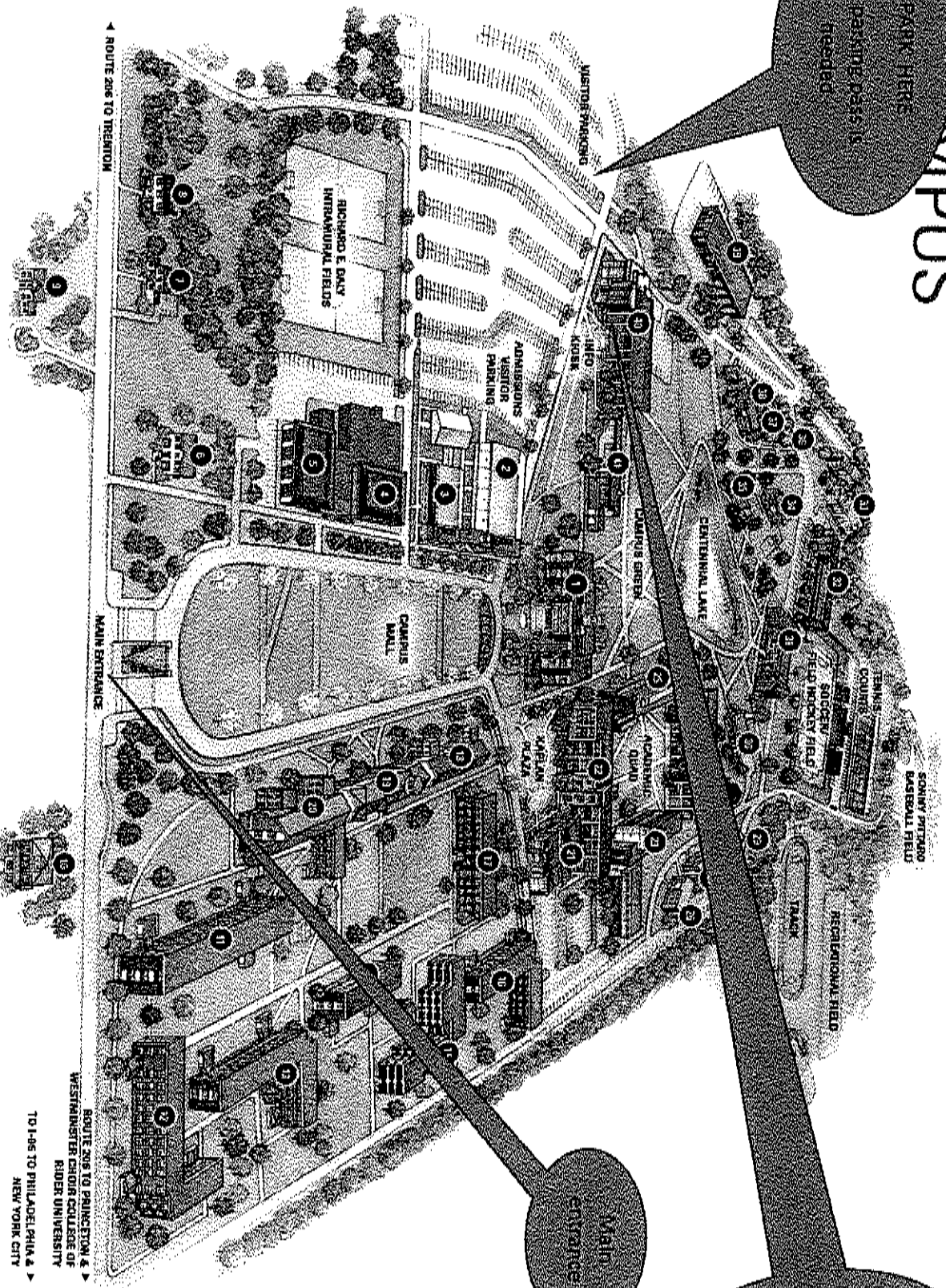
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Marijuana Forum Thursday 2/22 event at Rider

Susan Stahley <ssstahley@rider.edu>

Tue 2/20/2018 4:21 PM

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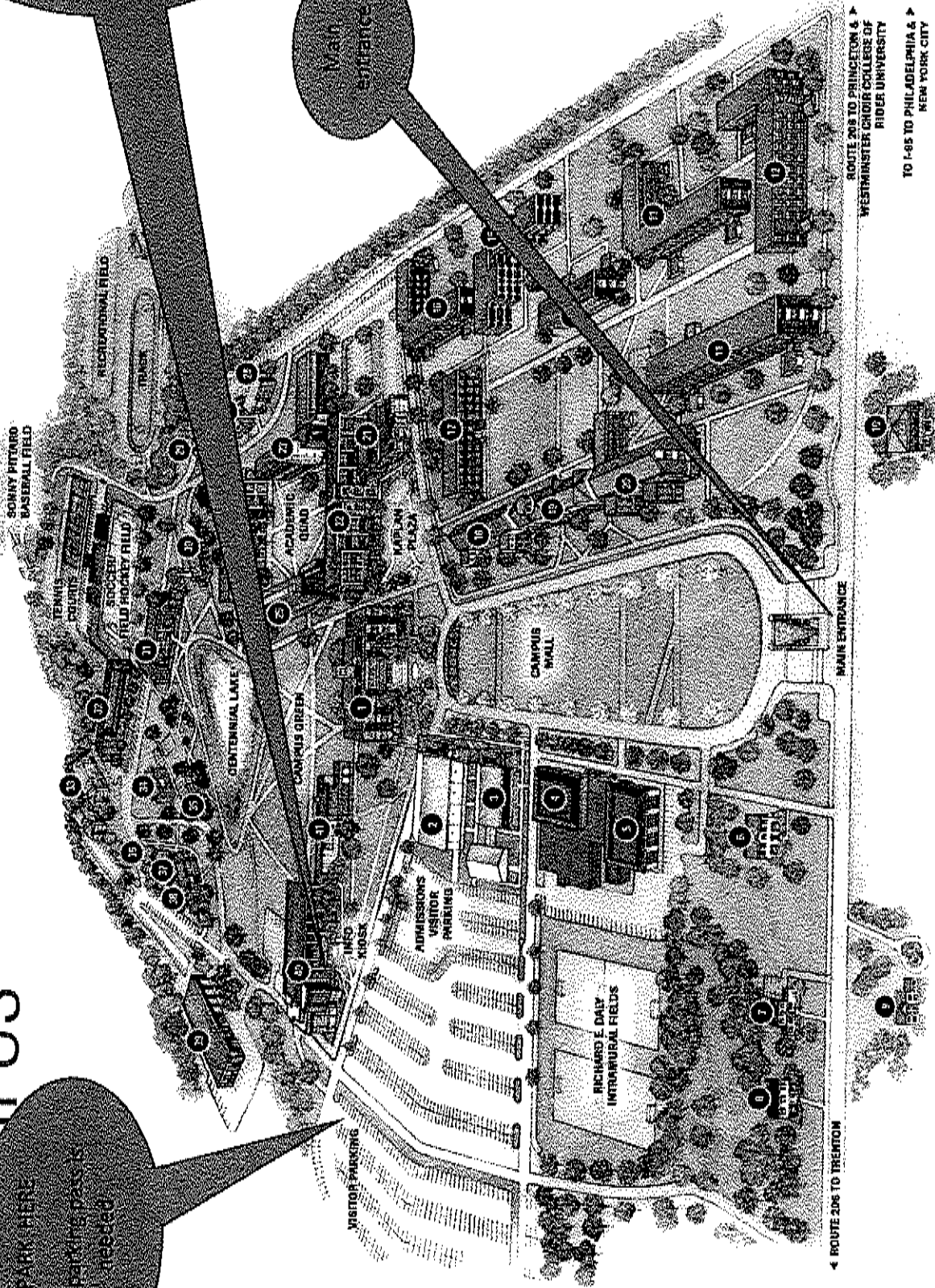
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FW: Barnegat Township Adopted Resolution

Eileen Farrell

Thu 3/15/2018 11:04 AM

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Barnegat Reso 2018-124.pdf;

From: Andrea Christensen [mailto:andreac@barnegat.net]

Sent: Thursday, March 15, 2018 10:53 AM

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Subject: Barnegat Township Adopted Resolution

Attached is a resolution adopted by the the Barnegat Township Committee at there March 6, 2018 meeting.
This Resolution is opposing the enactment of legislation to legalize the recreational use and sale of marijuana.

Andrea Christensen
Township of Barnegat Clerks Office
1 West Bay Avenue
Barnegat, NJ 08005
698-0080 X174
609-698-7834

RESOLUTION 2018 - 1674

RESOLUTION FOR BARNEGAT TOWNSHIP, COUNTY OF OCEAN, STATE OF NEW JERSEY, TO OPPOSE THE ENACTMENT OF LEGISLATION TO LEGALIZE THE RECREATIONAL USE AND SALE OF MARIJUANA.

WHEREAS, under the Federal Controlled Substances Act of 1970, it is illegal to possess, use, buy, sell or cultivate marijuana for recreational purposes in all United States jurisdictions; and

WHEREAS, Ocean County follows the Rule of Law and Federal law clearly states that marijuana is considered to have a high potential for abuse and physical or psychological dependence and that marijuana use is illegal for any reason, with the exception of FDA-approved research; and

WHEREAS, the Federal Drug Enforcement Agency lists marijuana as a Schedule I Drug and that other Schedule I Drugs include Heroin, LSD, Ecstasy and Quaalude; and

WHEREAS, Barnegat Township strives to support the local law enforcement effort and recognizes that making recreational marijuana use legal will further strain the resources of law enforcement already dealing with the opioid epidemic; and

WHEREAS, recent public media accounts have indicated that the Governor of the State of New Jersey, some State Legislators and other officials will move to legalize recreational marijuana use within the Governor's first 100 days of office; and

WHEREAS, only eight states and the District of Columbia have legalized recreational marijuana; and

WHEREAS, Attorney General Jeff Sessions has rolled back an Obama-era policy that allowed "legal" marijuana without Federal intervention and has effectively unleashed Federal prosecutors to crack down on marijuana-related offenses; and

WHEREAS, a recent poll taken by Fairleigh Dickinson University found that 58 percent of those polled believe the State should not legalize marijuana for recreational use, highlighting a trend which shows support for legalization declining in recent years; and

WHEREAS, Colorado, one of the states that has legalized recreational marijuana, has seen an increase in documented traffic deaths involving drivers that had used marijuana as well as increased use in teens aged 12 to 17 that is 74% above the national average; and

WHEREAS, recreational marijuana is specifically designed to have as much Tetrahydrocannabinol ("THC") as possible; and

WHEREAS, THC is known to impair physical function in the user, including reaction time while operating a vehicle and the user's ability to perceive danger; and

WHEREAS, New Jersey utilized Drug Recognition Experts, "DRE" Experts, to determine whether someone is under the influence of a drug when operating a motor vehicle; and

WHEREAS, New Jersey has a standard established for Driving While Intoxicated, .08%, however, since marijuana THC is known to stay in a person's system for up to 30 days, there is no current test or standard established for operating a motor vehicle under the influence of marijuana, making enforcement difficult; and

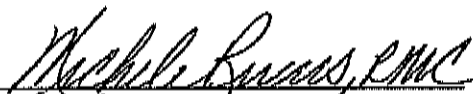
WHEREAS, Monmouth County and several municipalities in Ocean County, including Point Pleasant Beach and Berkeley Township, have already passed Ordinances to ban sales in their jurisdiction with Toms River Township, Ocean Gate and Lavallette strongly considering similar ordinances; and

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED that Barnegat Township, County of Ocean, State of New Jersey hereby opposes the enactment of legislation to legalize the recreational use and sale of marijuana; and further encourages Ocean County municipalities to join with Ocean County in opposing this issue.

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that certified copies of this resolution shall be made available to the Governor Phil Murphy, 9th, 10th, 12th and 30th Legislative Districts, Ocean County Mayors, Prosecutor Joseph Coronato, Sheriff Michael Mastronardy, Ocean County Chiefs of Police and the New Jersey Association of Counties.

CERTIFICATION

I, Michele A. Rivers, Municipal Clerk of the Township of Barnegat, County of Ocean, State of New Jersey do hereby certify that the foregoing resolution was duly adopted by the Barnegat Township Committee at their regular meeting held at the Municipal Complex, 900 West Bay Avenue, Barnegat, New Jersey, on the 6th day of March, 2018.


Michele A. Rivers, RMC
Municipal Clerk

NJ Marijuana Retailers Association

Janet Mutter

Tue 3/6/2018 1:28 PM

To: Stephen Reid <sreid@pointbeach.org>;

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Janet Mutter
Deputy Clerk & Deputy Registrar
Municipality of Point Pleasant Beach
732) 892-1118, Ext 227
mutter@pointbeach.org



March 1, 2018

The Honorable Stephen Reid
Point Pleasant Beach Borough
416 New Jersey Avenue
Point Pleasant Beach, NJ 08742

Dear Mayor Reid:

We hope this letter finds you well. The New Jersey Marijuana Retailers Association (NJMRA) is a trade organization of responsible retailers that was organized in anticipation of the state of New Jersey legalizing marijuana for recreational use.

We would like to introduce our organization to you and extend an offer to meet with you to discuss our mission, as well as the great economic potential we see in this new industry.

Our members represent the most respected, business-focused and compliance-driven group of prospective licensed marijuana retailers. The NJMRA's mission is to advocate, educate, and to impact legislative, licensing and regulatory issues affecting the industry at the state level. The objective is for marijuana retailers to have one voice that advocates, educates, promotes and creates cohesiveness within the industry.

The association sees substantial economic opportunity for many industries, small business owners and entrepreneurs. These include farmers, growers and harvesters, the trucking industry and suppliers, wholesalers and retailers who could potentially operate in towns throughout New Jersey.

While you weigh the decision on the potential role the marijuana industry could have within your borders, we would offer to be a resource to you and your staff.

Again, we would welcome the opportunity to meet with you and discuss the industry and the role of retailers more in-depth. If you would like to schedule a meeting, please contact Sharon Lettiere at (609) 278-6825.

Please do not hesitate to contact us with any questions that may arise.

Thank you for your consideration.

Juan Carlos Negrin
President

Paul Santelle
Vice President

FW: Special Added Panel Session - Legalization of Marijuana

Janet Mutter

Fri 3/16/2018 3:31 PM

To: Stephen Reid <sreid@pointbeach.org>;

From: New Jersey Conference of Mayors [mailto:njcm@njcm.org]

Sent: Friday, March 16, 2018 3:25 PM

To: Janet Mutter

Subject: Special Added Panel Session - Legalization of Marijuana



NEW JERSEY CONFERENCE OF MAYORS 2018 ANNUAL MAYORS SPRING CONFERENCE

SPECIAL ADDED PANEL SESSION LEGALIZATION OF MARIJUANA PROS AND CONS

Dear Mayor,

We have received your registration to the 2018 NJCM Annual Spring Conference. Since that time, we have added a special panel session on Friday, April 27 - *"Legalization of Marijuana" - Pros and Cons*. Lunch will be provided along with the Friday afternoon session. Lunch will take place 11:30am to 12:45pm followed by the panel session at 1pm - 3pm.

[Please click here to view/download the registration form for the additional Friday lunch & session.](#)

[Please click here to view the current tentative conference agenda.](#)

Regards,
Jack Morrissey
NJCM Executive Director

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Janet Mutter

Tue 3/20/2018 12:08 PM

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Richard W. Smith, Esquire

Attorney at Law
56 Federal City Road
Ewing, New Jersey 08638

Member NJ Bar

File No.

March 15, 2018

Phone: 609-323-7273

Fax: 609-583-5157

Stephen D. Reid, Mayor
Point Pleasant Beach
416 New Jersey Avenue
Point Pleasant Beach, New Jersey 08742

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Dear Mayor Reid:

From my previous correspondence you know I oppose the legalization of recreational marijuana because it perpetuates and increases human misery and invites legal liabilities under several potential causes of action. Certainly **one** obvious cause of action arises from increased traffic accidents emanating from impaired drugged driving. I am enclosing a report on testimony given by AAA Mid-Atlantic and Smart Approaches to Marijuana (SAM) before the Maryland Senate indicating their documented reasons for concern of increased traffic accidents. We already know that marijuana related traffic deaths **increased 66 percent** in the four year average (2013-2016) since Colorado legalized marijuana compared to the four year average (2009-2012) prior to legalization.

Now I realize state actors, responsible for this flawed policy, will claim that local municipalities are protected by presumed governmental immunity. However, any competent attorney will tell you such a veil of immunity is not absolute and can be pierced. If a serious traffic injury or fatality results from a drugged impaired driver, who purchased in your town, you must know that personal injury attorneys will cast a wide net of defendants definitely including your town as one of those defendants. Even if you escape liability the cost of defense can be staggering.

I hope you will find the enclosure to be enlightening and hopefully preventive for the security and quiet enjoyment of your town. Ragina C Cooper Averella, Manager of Public and Government Affairs at AAA Mid-Atlantic said, "Any revenues generated by marijuana would be offset by consequential issues of public health and safety - creating risks we simply cannot afford to take."

Very truly yours,

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Please copy and distribute the enclosure to all elected officials of your governing body and any others you deem appropriate.

TOWSON, MD (February 20, 2018) — AAA Mid-Atlantic and Smart Approaches to Marijuana (SAM) are opposing a marijuana legalization bill being heard today at 1:00 p.m. in the Senate Judicial Proceedings Committee in Annapolis that would impact traffic safety on Maryland's roadways.

Both organizations will testify in opposition to SB 1039 – Constitutional Amendment – Cannabis – Use, Possession, Cultivation, and Sale, which, if passed by the Maryland General Assembly and approved by the voters in the next general election, would legalize the consumption, possession, cultivation, and sale of marijuana in Maryland.

As an advocate for the safety of motorists, AAA Mid-Atlantic is troubled by the safety implications of individuals using marijuana and getting behind the wheel. Marijuana can decrease car handling, performance and attention, while increasing reaction times, following distance and lane deviation.

The auto club also says most states are not fully prepared to handle an increasing spike in drugged driving. That is largely because there is no easy roadside test for law enforcement to determine whether a driver is impaired by marijuana. Currently no testing procedures exist to reliably predict driver impairment due to consumption of marijuana. Unlike with alcohol, the presence of certain amounts of THC, the active ingredient in marijuana in the bloodstream does not correlate with driver impairment.

"Drugged driving is on the rise and is a serious traffic safety concern for Maryland motorists," said Ragina Cooper Averella, Manager of Public and Government Affairs at AAA Mid-Atlantic.

In an exclusive AAA poll, conducted by Public Policy Polling last April, 85 percent of Maryland drivers surveyed consider someone driving after using illegal drugs a serious threat to their safety. If marijuana is legalized for recreational use, 72 percent of Maryland drivers indicated they would be somewhat or very concerned about the dangers posed by others driving after using the drug.

"It is surprising how quickly licensed Maryland drivers have grasped the dire threat to their safety posed by others driving after using illegal drugs, *especially when considering* the number of years it took to change social perceptions about the dangers posed by drinking and driving," Averella added.

SAM (Smart Approaches to Marijuana) says regardless of good intentions, Senate Bill 1039 is bad policy. The non-profit, science-based policy group shares AAA's concern regarding road safety, but also states that legalization will increase marijuana use, including among children, reduce businesses' productivity, and target communities of color. Additionally, legalization will not help Maryland's budget due to the costs of implementing the program and dealing with its consequences, and will not reduce black marketeering or criminal activity surrounding the drug.

"Legalizing marijuana would kickstart a 21st century tobacco industry relying on addiction for profit," said Kevin A. Sabet, Ph.D., President of Smart Approaches to Marijuana (SAM)

and a former Obama Administration drug policy advisor. "States with legal marijuana have more drug use, more car crashes, and even more arrests — in Colorado alone, the rate of marijuana arrests for young black men has increased 58 percent since legalization. We don't need to legalize marijuana to address injustices or reform marijuana policy."

According to the 2013-2014 National Roadside Survey from the National Highway Traffic Safety Administration (NHTSA), drug use among night-time weekend drivers has increased nationwide by 25 percent since 2007, when the last survey was conducted. The drug showing the greatest spike was marijuana, with an increase of 48 percent.

Here in Maryland, Drug Recognition Experts (DREs) conducted 330 total DRE evaluations in 2016 and 2017 where a driver was identified being impaired by cannabis, according to State Police. AAA Mid-Atlantic believes legalization of the drug would almost certainly increase impaired driving arrests and traffic fatalities.

The auto club says many lessons can be learned from Maryland's neighbor to the south, Washington, D.C. which legalized the drug in 2014, when voters cast their ballots in favor of Initiative 72.

Nearly one in five fatal crashes in the District of Columbia involves a driver testing positive for the presence of marijuana, according to a 2016 report released by the District of Columbia Health Department. That is not too far behind the number of traffic fatalities in the city involving driving under the influence of alcohol, 28.8 percent. As cited in the report, marijuana is one of the most commonly detected drugs in traffic fatalities in the District, according to the District of Columbia Office of the Chief Medical Examiner. It's important to remember, however, that no roadside technology exists that can measure THC in the brain, where impairment occurs.

"While some have compared the efforts to legalize marijuana and the revenues it would generate to the legalization of casinos in Maryland, there is no comparison," commented Averella. "Any revenues generated by marijuana would be offset by consequential issues of public health and safety – creating risks we simply cannot afford to take."

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