

**From:** [Harris Gwendolyn](#)  
**To:** [Marguerite Bailey](#)  
**Subject:** GSPC  
**Date:** Sunday, July 23, 2023 10:44:16 AM

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I just don't understand why the city of Colfax has kept this business as medical only. There is no fear no one is going to sell your any children any marijuana products. The family who owns and operates this business are some of the most honest people I know. As a patient of GSPC I truly hope that the city will reconsider.

**From:** [Chip Perley](#)  
**To:** [Marguerite Bailey](#)  
**Subject:** Recreational cannabis sales approval for GSPC.  
**Date:** Sunday, July 23, 2023 11:56:37 AM

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The city will realize additional revenue with personal use approval. Currently all my dollars are being spent in Nevada City. Please vote yes.

**From:** [Frank Raniolo](#)  
**To:** [Marguerite Bailey](#)  
**Subject:** Golden State Patient Care  
**Date:** Sunday, July 23, 2023 2:23:54 PM

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Dear Colfax,

I am appalled at your unconstitutional, arbitrary and capricious attempt at reducing the amount of sales of the dried natural plant flower of cannabis. The cannabis plant (marijuana) has been deemed legal in the State of California, and your restriction of my ability to access it is without Merit.

If you do not permit legal cannabis sales, (without a medical recommendation), I will be filing suit against the city of Colfax, and seeking damages for all incidental, consequential, and nominal damages, resulting from your unconstitutional regulations.

Sincerely,

Frank Raniolo

**From:** [jeremy bartlett](#)  
**To:** [Marguerite Bailey](#)  
**Subject:** Colfax Dispensary  
**Date:** Monday, July 24, 2023 10:02:55 AM

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I live in Colfax by the highschool, I am all for Golden State Patient Care to allow adult use cannabis in their store, I regularly use the online deliveries and it's ok I guess, but it's uncomfortable when the delivery driver offers you products that are on sell that they have in their vehicle. Most of the products don't look like what's on their menu. I think it would be best if I could go in and shop locally. I can walk right in to the Nevada City dispensary with my ID, but it's too far sometimes.

Sent from my iPhone

**From:** [Chris Elliott](#)  
**To:** [Marguerite Bailey](#)  
**Subject:** Recreational cannabis  
**Date:** Tuesday, July 25, 2023 1:08:56 PM

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Dear City of Colfax,

My name is Christian Elliott & I have lived here in Colfax since 1979. P. O. Box 957, 22935 Tree Farm Rd.

I'm writing to show my support of recreational cannabis here in Colfax. I believe we would benefit financially from the increased taxes. People that would normally make the drive down the hill or to Grass Valley would be spending their money locally & also not acquiring cannabis thru unlawful means.

Also, I believe that this business has shown itself to be an outstanding contributor & asset, to our community, financially & with security of the location.

Please consider an Aye!

Thank you for your time & consideration,

Christian Elliott  
530-277-3133

**From:** [juliamcfarland1@gmail.com](mailto:juliamcfarland1@gmail.com)  
**To:** [Marguerite Bailey](#)  
**Subject:** Recreational marijuana  
**Date:** Tuesday, July 25, 2023 9:13:35 PM

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My vote is YES YES and YES

Sent from my iPhone

**From:** [Jess L](#)  
**To:** [Marguerite Bailey](#)  
**Subject:** Vote  
**Date:** Tuesday, July 25, 2023 9:27:54 PM

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Yes on recreational pot, because Colfax loses out greatly on revenue. They all go to Nevada city. Everyone goes there or Sacramento so what is the point in holding the town back from profit. It needs another dispensary or allow the current one to sell recreational in addition to medically.

Sincerely,

Jessica Lucari

Supporter of medical and recreational marijuana.

**From:** [Tanya Nolan](#)  
**To:** [Marguerite Bailey](#)  
**Subject:** Recreational Marijuana  
**Date:** Tuesday, July 25, 2023 9:46:36 PM

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To whom it may concern, I am in favor of recreational Marijuana sales in the city of Colfax, as long as it is within the laws. There are many people who can benefit from cannabis, who may have medical issues and choose to not get a medical endorsement. Marijuana is not a gateway drug, it is a medicine for many people. The revenue that Colfax could make from recreational sales tax could greatly benefit our town. Colfax is and always will be a tourist town. The revenue from recreational Marijuana users who are waiting for the freeway to reopen during winter months could be exponential. Currently the town of Colfax is suffering because all that revenue is headed directly to Nevada City. GSPC has been providing patients with access to their medication for over 20 years! People who might otherwise have to go without, due to transportation issues. GSPC has always been a transparent business, I see no reason to deny GSPC a recreational Marijuana license.

Sincerely,  
Tanya Nolan...

A resident who would like to see a respectful and responsible business add even more value to our community than they already have, for over 20 years.



**From:** [Melissa Belis](#)  
**To:** [Marguerite Bailey](#)  
**Subject:** Recreation marijuana in Colfax  
**Date:** Wednesday, July 26, 2023 7:45:07 AM

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To whom it may concern,

My name is Melissa Belis and I am a Colfax resident for the last 5 years. I am in support of our local medical marijuana dispensary becoming a recreational dispensary as well. I'd like to see our local family and business profiting from recreational sales. Instead of giving my business to Weedmaps and having the convenience of home delivery from outside companies that deliver to my front door. Our local dispensary should be able to profit from those sales as well. Colfax would also benefit from the extra taxes this would bring in. Thank you for your time.

Melissa Belis

**From:** [Linda Hartman](#)  
**To:** [Marguerite Bailey](#)  
**Subject:** Recreation pot  
**Date:** Wednesday, July 26, 2023 9:27:55 AM

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I vote YES on recreation Marijuana in Colfax for sale.

**From:** [andy.cave](#)  
**To:** [Marguerite Bailey](#)  
**Subject:** Recreational Marijuana Proposal Colfax John Andy Cave  
**Date:** Wednesday, July 26, 2023 9:58:57 AM

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Hello! My name is John (Andy) Cave III. This Wednesday, July 26th, 2023 there is a meeting being held to discuss the recreational Marijuana business proposal for Colfax. I 100% support this, for multiple reasons. One of which, being the community getting what they want with the convenience of it being local and convenient. But almost just as equally important, is the enormous tax revenue, upwards of 25% on the products sold.

As well as City Tax that would be generated by such businesses being in Colfax. The annual amount being made is astonishing, in our surrounding area cities like Nevada City and Lake Tahoe.

Not to mention lessening the chance of people buying substandard or not safe products from the street. These facilities products are HEAVILY tested over and over through State inspections by law.

This revenue is in dier need for our town, as we have all seen more and more businesses disappear from our streets. We all have to start realizing WHERE the money is in 2023, it is in the younger generations.

Ages 21-40 are spending alot more then any other age group in America. It has been trending this way for a while now and all of America is adjusting to capitalize on it. Now it's our turn.

We have to harness that, we can be a small town and still have booming businesses. It is a delicate balance, but is definitely needed.

With that being said, the Recreational Marijuana should be carefully governed and watched by the City as it is in other cities in California. The facilities I have seen and been to throughout California are very clean, organized inside and out.

As well as their outside parking lots are always kept free of vagrants or loitering. Buildings and structures in good conditions and cause no eye sores for the cities they are in.

I invite the council to look into and study some of surrounding recreational Marijuana Pharmacs in the area for better outlook and and good data on the successes and strengths that these businesses provide :)

My vote is yes to recreational Marijuana.

Thank You for your time!

-John (Andy) Andrew Browning Cave III  
1301 Oak Ridge Dr Colfax, CA 95713

[Sent from Yahoo Mail on Android](#)

**From:** [Donna Procopio](#)  
**To:** [Marguerite Bailey](#)  
**Subject:** Adult Cannabis in Colfax  
**Date:** Wednesday, July 26, 2023 10:45:24 AM

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To whom it may concern, I fully support having Adult Cannabis shop in Colfax. I have anxiety issues and prefer natural remedies instead of pills. I currently go to Grassvalley for my needs so it would be great to have it available in my town. It would also be convenient for the elderly who may not have transportation to get to another town for there needs. Thank you for you time, Donna

**From:** [Anthony Russell](#)  
**To:** [Marguerite Bailey](#)  
**Subject:** Adult use cannabis  
**Date:** Wednesday, July 26, 2023 11:00:25 AM

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I absolutely am in favor of adult recreational Marijuana use. Colfax is behind the times, and it has cost us greatly in annual revenue as customer simply go to Nevads City, or worse, use mobile dispensaries which do not have regulated and clean product.

Anthony Russell, AR-17

**From:** [Chris](#)  
**To:** [Marguerite Bailey](#)  
**Subject:** Recreational marijuana  
**Date:** Wednesday, July 26, 2023 11:17:14 AM

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Dear City Officials,

I am writing to express my support for the opening of a recreational marijuana dispensary in the city of Colfax. I believe that such a dispensary will provide a safe and regulated source of marijuana for adults over the age of 21 who choose to use it.

I understand the concerns that some may have about the use of marijuana, but I believe that a dispensary can help to promote responsible use and education.

I urge you to grant permission for the dispensary to sell recreational marijuana, and to work with the owners to ensure that their operations are in compliance with all local laws and regulations. I believe that this will be a positive step forward for our city, and will provide a valuable service to those who choose to use marijuana.

Thank you for your consideration of my views.

Sincerely,

Christine Everett  
P.O Box 868  
Alta, CA 95701

**From:** [Steve Rearick](#)  
**To:** [Marguerite Bailey](#)  
**Date:** Wednesday, July 26, 2023 11:36:05 AM

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To whom it may concern,

I'm emailing you regarding the use of recreational cannabis in the town of colfax. As a business owner myself, I think the revenue generated from the sales of recreational cannabis will greatly benefit the city. Please take into consideration that other county's are allotting the sales of recreational cannabis.

The sales of recreational cannabis in a store is much safer to the user then buying from an unknown source. Please also keep in mind that it's still regulated on age. When it's sold on your streets any age can purchase.

Getting it off the streets, as local businesses make it easier to get from a store also in a controlled environment, it's less likely to be attractive to sale on the streets. Which in return will bring less crime to the streets of our beautiful town.

Best regards,  
Steve R  
Community member

**From:** [D. Gary Maggard](#)  
**To:** [Marguerite Bailey](#)  
**Subject:** Recreational use in Colfax  
**Date:** Wednesday, July 26, 2023 12:13:42 PM

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I am definitely for allowing the sales of recreational use Marijuana in Colfax. Presently if you do not have a medical use card, then you have 2 choices. Both will burn alot of gasoline going to Nevada City or Sacramento area. Not very green choices. It makes absolutely no sense to have to drive long distances. And how many of those drivers are stoned driving around to find a collective ?? Just stupid zoning law that wasn't thought thru.



**From:** [clovendusy.lovendusky](mailto:clovendusy.lovendusky)  
**To:** [Marguerite Bailey](#)  
**Subject:** Recreational cannabis.  
**Date:** Wednesday, July 26, 2023 1:03:43 PM

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I have been a resident of Colfax for over 20 years. I strongly recommend that sale of recreational cannabis be allowed in the city limits. It would generate a lot of tax revenue for the city and would please a great many residents in the area.

I know this request was due at noon. I have been unable to send until now.

Thank you,

Cynthia Lovendusky

1374 Oak Ridge dr.

Colfax 95713

Sent from my iPhone

**From:** [jwhitcomb86](#)  
**To:** [Marguerite Bailey](#)  
**Subject:** Cannabis  
**Date:** Wednesday, July 26, 2023 2:59:54 PM

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Please allow for the sales of recreational cannabis

I do not do it for recreational purposes but I do have a medicinal need. It can bring in a lot of revenue for our town. Let them operate the same as California goes.

Thank you kindly.  
Jill

Sent from my Galaxy



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July 26, 2023

**City Council  
City of Colfax, CA  
35 South Main Street  
Colfax, CA 95713**

RE: Opposition to Adult-Use Cannabis

To the Colfax City Council:

This office has learned that the Colfax City Council is considering changes to Colfax Municipal Code Chapter 5.32. If those revisions become law, Colfax will become the first city in Placer County to legalize the sale and licensed delivery of marijuana for recreational purposes—not just medical purposes. By doing so, the city would earn the dubious distinction of being the hub of marijuana sales in Placer County. Like Sheriff Woo and the Placer County Sheriff's Office, the Placer County District Attorney's Office is deeply concerned by this proposal. As legal professionals on the front line in the battle against opioid and drug addiction, we strongly oppose any amendments that would make marijuana more readily available in our area.

We are writing this letter to highlight the unintended effects, practical problems, and potentially life-threatening consequences that could flow from legalizing the recreational sale of marijuana in your city. The inescapable consequences to our community include increases in violent crime in and around Colfax; attracting drug-impaired drivers to the area; normalizing drug use for children in the area; and encouraging the recreational sale and use of a drug (marijuana) that, for many users, is addictive and dangerous.

### ***Increased Crime***

If Colfax permits the legal sale of recreational marijuana, it will very shortly experience a flood of illegal drug activity as well. Illicit drug markets thrive in every state that has legalized recreational marijuana. For example, in Oregon, illegal marijuana sales make up more than 70% of the market even though Oregon law allows the marijuana business to be conducted legally. And after Colorado legalized marijuana, seizures of (unlawful) parcels of marijuana in the U.S. mail system increased by 1,042% (from an average of 52 parcels to an average of 594 parcels). Cannabis operators in legal jurisdictions (like Colfax would become) are vulnerable to being extorted and robbed by sophisticated and organized criminals, whose methods are characterized by firearms and violence. As one cannabis distributor recently told the San Francisco Standard, "From Sonoma County all the way down to Santa Cruz, we are seeing that it is a group of organized, professional and proficient criminals who are targeting cannabis operators." Indeed, as law enforcement professionals, we know full well that growing and selling marijuana are some of the most dangerous and violent of all drug-related activities.



In addition to attracting violent crime, if Colfax legalizes recreational marijuana sales, the city will place its citizens at greater risk of being injured by impaired drivers. That is because more people will use marijuana in Colfax if its sale is legalized, and many more people who habitually smoke marijuana will drive to Colfax to buy the drug. That is precisely what has happened in other jurisdictions that allow the recreational sale of marijuana. For example, the Rocky Mountain High Intensity Drug Trafficking Area (RMHIDTA) program has published annual reports every year since 2013 tracking the impact of legalizing recreational marijuana in Colorado. Since recreational marijuana was legalized in Colorado, all Colorado traffic deaths increased by 29%; the percentage of all Colorado traffic fatalities where a driver tested positive for marijuana almost doubled; and the percentage of traffic deaths involving a driver who tested positive for marijuana increased by a staggering 138% (from 55 deaths in 2013 to 131 people killed in 2020). We urge the Council to consider the catastrophic cost that Colfax citizens will pay at the hands of DUI drivers lured into the city by the opportunity to buy cannabis.

### ***Public Health***

Our greatest concern is that allowing widescale sale of marijuana in Colfax will greatly increase the availability of that drug to our most vulnerable population—our children. The Prevention Research Center has concluded that California's recreational marijuana laws for adult-use have promoted norms favorable to marijuana use and made marijuana more available to adolescents through social and retail sources. The same study found that California jurisdictions that permit recreational adult marijuana sales experienced an increase in the number of adolescents who use marijuana. That is what other jurisdictions outside of this State have experienced as well. According to medical association studies, marijuana use among Colorado children ages twelve and older increased 58% since Colorado legalized recreational marijuana—78% higher than the national average. This should come as no surprise: when drug use is publicly promoted, encouraged, and normalized by adults (including public officials in the communities where they live), children will follow our lead.

That is an especially dangerous prospect due to the health risks—both short term and long term—that marijuana consumption poses to children and young adults. These health risks include increased instances of marijuana poisoning. According to a pediatric toxicologist at Children's Hospital Colorado, in states where recreational or medical marijuana is legalized, the number of pediatric marijuana intoxication cases increased by 30% each year from 2005 to 2011. Children in states where marijuana was legal had more severe symptoms and were more likely to be admitted to a critical care unit compared with those in states where marijuana was not legal. It also includes long-term mental health issues, which emerging research links to marijuana use. According to a study led partly by the federal government's National Institutes of Health, young men who abuse marijuana have an increased risk of



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developing schizophrenia. According to the study's authors, as many as 30% of schizophrenia cases in young men aged 21-30 might have been prevented by reducing their use of marijuana. Given these risks, the Council should be very reluctant to make legal changes that will lead to more Colfax children consuming cannabis.

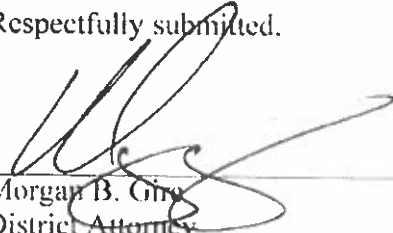
### ***Economics***

Although taxing marijuana sales may lead to revenue for the city, those increases will come at a high price to the community. In the long run, communities should expect that any gains in revenue will be offset by the spike in crime and the rise in driving-under-the-influence crashes that are sure to accompany legalization. Colfax may also face economic stagnation in other areas. Business owners will be reluctant to enter Colfax, or to stay there, if they perceive that crime is increasing and their ordinary customers are driven away by the climate created by recreational marijuana dispensaries. But setting all that aside, no amount of revenue justifies placing a public stamp of approval on casual drug use—especially at a time when fentanyl floods our streets and our children have never been more vulnerable to addiction and death. These are “gains” that will cost Colfax dearly.

### ***Conclusion***

For the above reasons, the Placer County District Attorney's Office encourages the Colfax City Council to continue to restrict the recreational sale and delivery of marijuana.

Respectfully submitted,

  
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District Attorney