

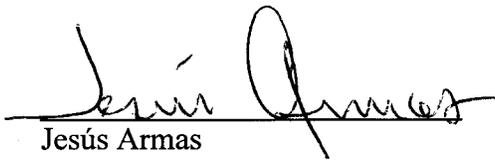
**CITY OF HAYWARD**  
**AGENDA REPORT**

AGENDA DATE 03/18/03  
AGENDA ITEM \_\_\_\_\_  
WORK SESSION ITEM WS 4

**TO:** Mayor and City Council  
**FROM:** City Manager  
**SUBJECT:** Medicinal Marijuana

The City Council is in receipt of a request from an organization calling itself the Local Patients Cooperative. The organization requests that the "Council authorize City staff to work with the dispensaries in developing reasonable regulations to authorize our use." The Cooperative further suggests that an ad hoc group representing various interests be formed to aid in the development of such regulations.

At the March 4 meeting, Councilmember Kevin Dowling requested that the item be "agendized." This item appears on the worksession agenda as a matter of procedure not substance, meaning that the Council is not being asked to debate the merits of the request, but rather whether the Council wants the item placed on a regular agenda for discussion and action, if any.

  
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City Manager

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February 28, 2003

Dear Mayor Cooper and Councilmembers:

As you are aware from the recent press reports, there are several medical cannabis dispensaries in Hayward. We have tried to keep a low profile. While we are committed to helping our patients with serious illnesses, we are also aware and supportive of the great progress that the City is making towards redeveloping downtown.

We request that the City Council authorize City staff to work with the dispensaries in developing reasonable regulations to authorize our use. Other groups who could be helpful in reviewing proposed regulations include the medical community, the faith community, the police department and the business community.

The voters of California passed Prop. 215 several years ago and it received 67% in Hayward. The dispensaries in Hayward are focused on helping local residents with life-threatening illnesses including AIDS and cancer. Use of medical cannabis often allows our patients to continue to work and to have a greater quality of life.

We look forward to working with the City to help our patients while not impacting economic development in Hayward.

Sincerely,

  
Shon Squier