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Marijuana Alert - June 23, 2021



After banning marijuana, suburbs looking at Pot revenue
Lincolnwood and other communities that rejected recreational weed sales are now more open to the idea.

Roselle and **Glen Ellyn** are reconsidering bans after voters backed the idea in referendums. **Elmhurst** is likely to revisit its prohibition. **Lake County**, which had a one-year moratorium on recreational weed, recently decided to allow sales, cultivation and manufacturing in unincorporated areas. [Read](#)

Chicago dispensaries in the Loop?

An ordinance filed Monday could allow a flood of new cannabis dispensaries to move into a downtown “exclusion zone” where Mayor Lori Lightfoot has blocked pot sales.

In addition to giving so-called social equity applicants the ability to set up shop in the restricted area that includes some of Chicago’s most sought after real estate, the proposal sponsored by Ald. Gilbert Villegas (36th) would allow those groups to bypass some of the onerous zoning requirements for cannabis businesses. [Read](#)

Unhealthy air pollution in dispensary that allows on-site consumption

States are moving quickly to legalize adult use of cannabis and many permit on-site consumption of cannabis products in retail outlets or marijuana lounges. All the inhaled forms of cannabis (smoking, vaping, dabbing) generate an aerosol of ultrafine particles that carries the THC (the psychoactive agent in cannabis) deep into the lungs where it is absorbed. Unfortunately, all these forms of consumption also pollute the air. [Read](#)

Marijuana joints produce 3.5 times as much secondhand smoke as a Marlboro

These results have important implications for including cannabis products in clean indoor air laws, including smokefree multiunit housing, because they are

such strong pollution sources. [Read](#)

Bipolar Disorder or Cannabis-Induced Psychosis?

A young man who began using marijuana at age 15 was smoking daily when he went to college. He was later diagnosed with “cannabis use disorder.”

How many families can't get their children the intensive care required for Cannabis-Induced Psychosis? How many are stuck in a mental health nightmare they can't get out of? [Read](#)

For Immediate Action

1. **Contact** your State Representative and Senator in their district offices or talk to them at community events this summer. Let them know about the harm of marijuana and ask their position on home delivery, on-site consumption, marijuana use at tours and community events.
2. **Share this Alert** with your faith community and ask them to PRAY.
3. **Forward** to 10 others.

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