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**ARGUMENT AGAINST CITY OF COALINGA MEASURE TO AUTHORIZE AND
REGULATE A SINGLE MARIJUANA DISPENSARY**

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Vote Against Drug Trafficking Dispensaries in Coalinga

The proposed marijuana dispensary will damage our quality of life and strain our law enforcement resources. As a result of dispensaries in other communities, businesses and residents have complained of vandalism, increased traffic, trash, public urination, unwanted foot traffic and drug use in the area of these drug trafficking businesses

Those living near the dispensaries were afraid to walk in their own neighborhoods. We cannot have drug deals condoned by our own City. What message does that send to our children? What kind of community will we have if drug use is tolerated?

Growing and distributing marijuana is against federal law. Condoning those activities locally does not change that fact. Openly permitting the sale of illegal drugs will change the family nature of the community of Coalinga.

Marijuana use by youth in Fresno County is already on the rise. In a 2014/15 report there were 1,852 youths seeking treatment for drug addiction. **Of these, 69% were seeking treatment for marijuana addiction.**

A permissive City and community attitude toward an illegal drug not only leads to increased use by youth but has negative workplace impacts as well. Drug use in the workplace have consequences for employers including safety, employee impairment and the resulting lost productivity. A permissive culture that makes drugs readily available negatively impacts the workplace.

Where will a dispensary be located? Next to a school or daycare, a church, your business or near your home? There is no mention of medical need or compassion, only the need to earn money from drug trafficking and sales to fund government.

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Sheriff Margaret Mims and Supervisor Buddy Mendes are opposed to this measure.
Businesses, neighborhoods and children are at risk, we cannot allow drug trafficking!
Vote against a marijuana dispensary in our City. **Vote NO.**

The undersigned proponents(s) or author(s) of the primary argument against a ballot measure to authorize and regulate a single marijuana dispensary in the City of Coalinga at the November 2016 Presidential General election for the City of Coalinga to be held on November 8, 2016 hereby state that this argument is true and correct to the best of their knowledge and belief.

SIGNED

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