

# Cannabis Support Group



Presentation starts at 8PM

# CSG #5

# Potluck Edition

**Shout Out to everyone that brought something**

# Agenda

- Intro, What is CSG?
- Consumption Tips
- Waiver Review
- Check-In
- Current Trends
- The Closet Doors
- Special Thanks



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# What is the Cannabis Support Group?

## GREEN PRIDE

A non-judgmental cannabis space for cannabis consumers of all levels and backgrounds.





Yay, CANNABIS

# CONSUMPTION is OPTIONAL



01.

**START LOW,  
GO SLOW**

02.

**STAY  
HYDRATED**

Thank you for signing your waivers

# Review waiver

5 volunteers please



I, \_\_\_\_\_, understand that I am attending an event where cannabis consumption will be taking place and that the option to consume cannabis will be available to me safely and without judgment.

Safety measures like disinfecting high contact surfaces (mouthpieces), prevalent hydration breaks and interval dosing vs. continuous dosing will be practiced and encouraged.

I, \_\_\_\_\_, understand that if I decide to consume cannabis I will do so responsibly and with regard to the community members and space around me. I will be intentional with my cannabis use. I will ask for help if needed because my community cares about me. I will help a community member if needed because I care about them.

While most cannabis consumption side effects can be the manageable: munchies, cotton mouth or weed brain (short term memory loss), I understand that overconsumption can lead to bad vibes for some. I understand that the dose of cannabis I decide to consume today will be my responsibility to monitor.

I, \_\_\_\_\_, understand that Groundfloor nor the hosting club member of this event are responsible or liable in anyway for any adverse side effects that may result from my cannabis consumption today.

# CODE OF CONDUCT

1. I will not judge anyone's Cannabis consumption.
2. I will treat all participants with consideration and courtesy.
3. I will strive to create an environment where everyone feels welcomed.
4. I will participate actively with the spirit of collaboration, learning and discovery in mind.
5. I will refrain from demeaning, discriminatory or harassing behavior and speech.

# CHECK-IN



coming up: sharing segment

# What are we?

Zodiacs

Places

Ethnicity

Slay or Nay

Favorites

Feelings

Hiding

Green Future

# Group Updates



Anyone share about this group with others?

Any Inspirations?

Any Epiphanies?

New Connections?



# Current Trends

## What's Going on?



# Current Trends

Since 2018, under Prop 64, Taxes for cannabis are currently close to 30%.

## Why it Matters:

At this rate, we have already paid for each of us to have cannabis for life.



# How it Started

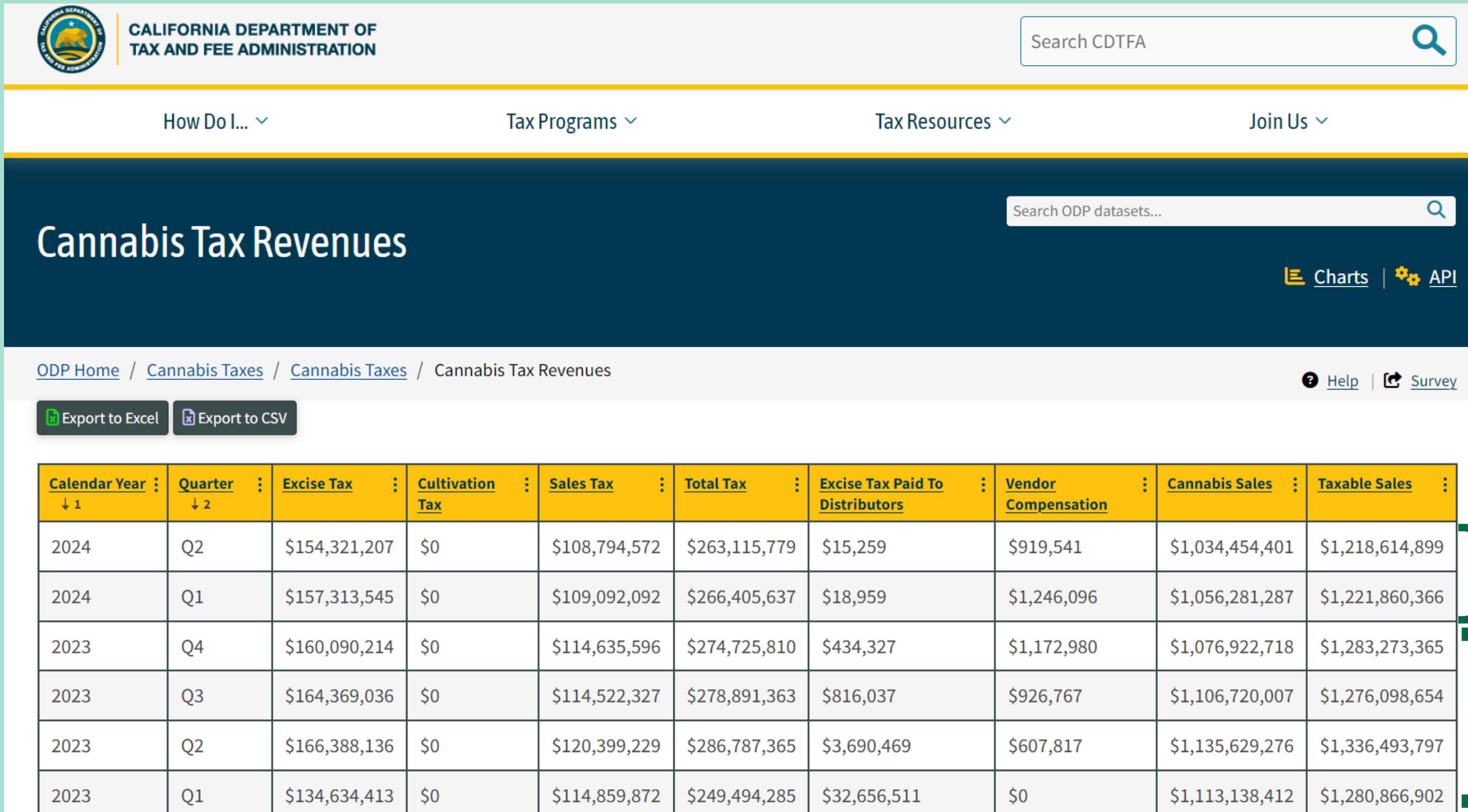
| Calendar Year | Quarter | Excise Tax    | Cultivation Tax | Sales Tax     | Total Tax     |
|---------------|---------|---------------|-----------------|---------------|---------------|
| 2018          | Q1      | \$35,867,466  | \$1,849,146     | \$35,511,797  | \$73,228,409  |
| 2018          | Q2      | \$43,202,987  | \$4,963,720     | \$45,457,457  | \$93,624,164  |
| 2018          | Q3      | \$55,452,365  | \$12,965,879    | \$42,662,081  | \$111,080,325 |
| 2018          | Q4      | \$57,134,451  | \$17,305,538    | \$49,226,754  | \$123,666,743 |
| 2019          | Q1      | \$63,702,235  | \$17,277,125    | \$50,700,615  | \$131,679,975 |
| 2019          | Q2      | \$75,610,453  | \$23,030,879    | \$60,375,706  | \$159,017,038 |
| 2019          | Q3      | \$84,887,286  | \$22,809,108    | \$65,839,940  | \$173,536,334 |
| 2019          | Q4      | \$86,765,478  | \$24,666,163    | \$70,932,259  | \$182,363,900 |
| 2020          | Q1      | \$112,446,454 | \$27,646,178    | \$77,779,277  | \$217,871,909 |
| 2020          | Q2      | \$137,591,606 | \$30,874,243    | \$101,925,295 | \$270,391,144 |
| 2020          | Q3      | \$169,391,644 | \$43,394,834    | \$119,251,341 | \$332,037,819 |

2018  
**401,599,641**

2019  
**646,597,247**

$\frac{3}{4}$  of 2020  
**820,300,872**

# How it's Going



The screenshot shows the CDTFA website with a search bar and navigation links. The main content area is titled "Cannabis Tax Revenues" and displays a table of tax data for 2024 and 2023. The table includes columns for Calendar Year, Quarter, Excise Tax, Cultivation Tax, Sales Tax, Total Tax, Excise Tax Paid To Distributors, Vendor Compensation, Cannabis Sales, and Taxable Sales. A green bracket on the right side groups the 2024 and 2023 data rows.

| Calendar Year : | Quarter : | Excise Tax :  | Cultivation Tax | Sales Tax :   | Total Tax :   | Excise Tax Paid To Distributors | Vendor Compensation | Cannabis Sales  | Taxable Sales : |
|-----------------|-----------|---------------|-----------------|---------------|---------------|---------------------------------|---------------------|-----------------|-----------------|
| 2024            | Q2        | \$154,321,207 | \$0             | \$108,794,572 | \$263,115,779 | \$15,259                        | \$919,541           | \$1,034,454,401 | \$1,218,614,899 |
| 2024            | Q1        | \$157,313,545 | \$0             | \$109,092,092 | \$266,405,637 | \$18,959                        | \$1,246,096         | \$1,056,281,287 | \$1,221,860,366 |
| 2023            | Q4        | \$160,090,214 | \$0             | \$114,635,596 | \$274,725,810 | \$434,327                       | \$1,172,980         | \$1,076,922,718 | \$1,283,273,365 |
| 2023            | Q3        | \$164,369,036 | \$0             | \$114,522,327 | \$278,891,363 | \$816,037                       | \$926,767           | \$1,106,720,007 | \$1,276,098,654 |
| 2023            | Q2        | \$166,388,136 | \$0             | \$120,399,229 | \$286,787,365 | \$3,690,469                     | \$607,817           | \$1,135,629,276 | \$1,336,493,797 |
| 2023            | Q1        | \$134,634,413 | \$0             | \$114,859,872 | \$249,494,285 | \$32,656,511                    | \$0                 | \$1,113,138,412 | \$1,280,866,902 |

2024

2,440,475,265

2023

5,176,732,718



# Current Trends

## Cannabis is a Commodity.



### Why it Matters:

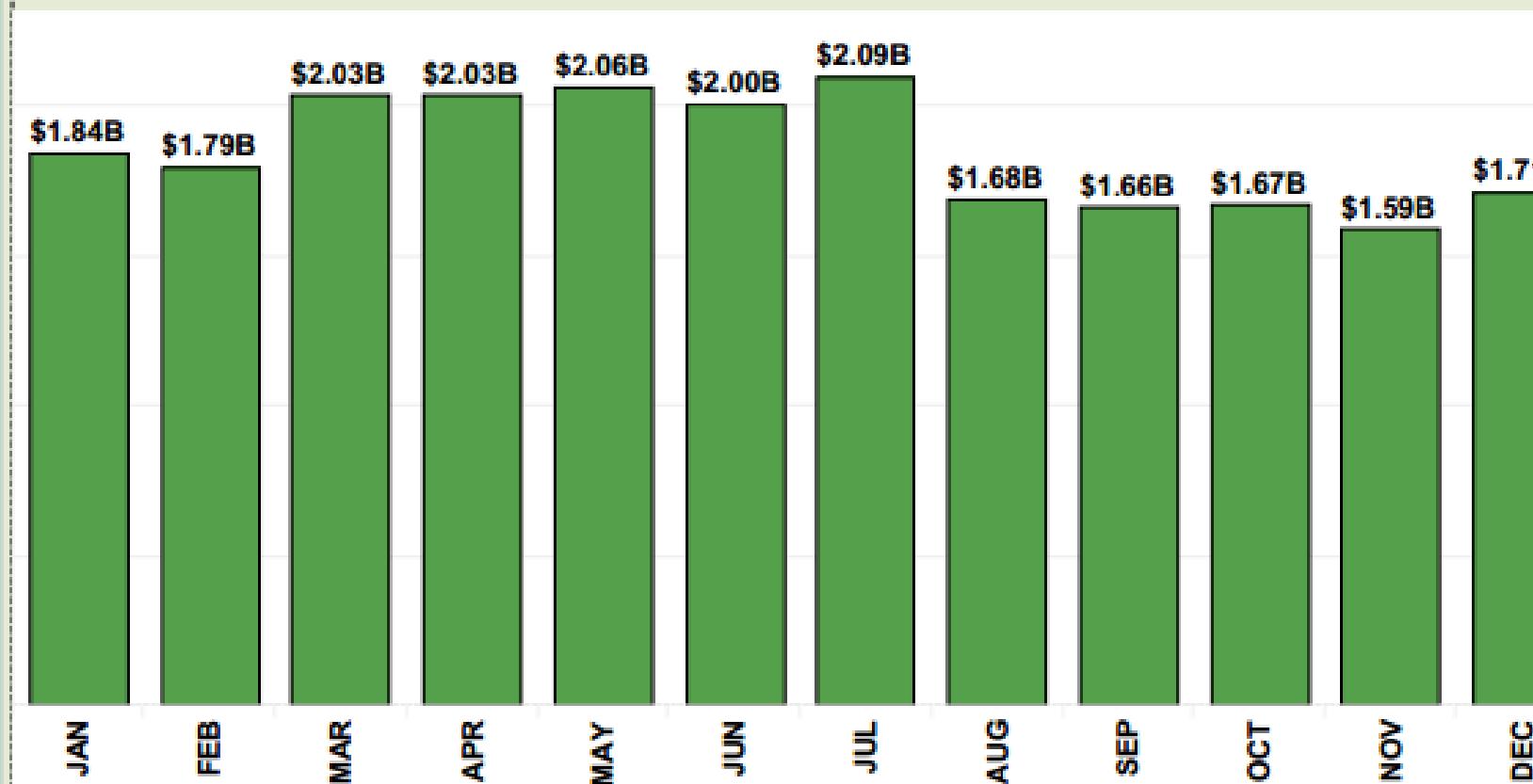
We are not protected the same when only consumer laws apply. (Pricing and Safety [Recalls])

Patient versus Consumer. (Housing, Consumption, Transport)

# Total Sales Summary Report

Customer Type: All   Item Group: All   Year: All   Quarter: All   Month: All

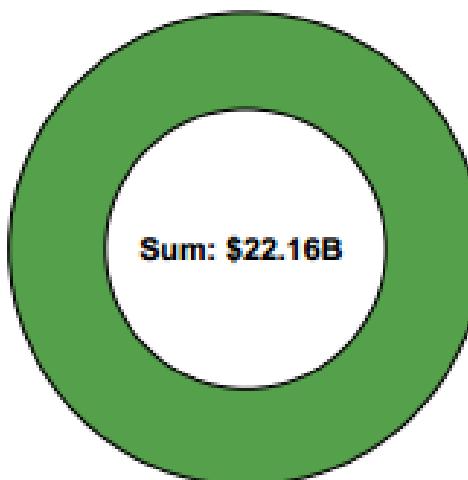
Sum of Monthly Sales for Year: All



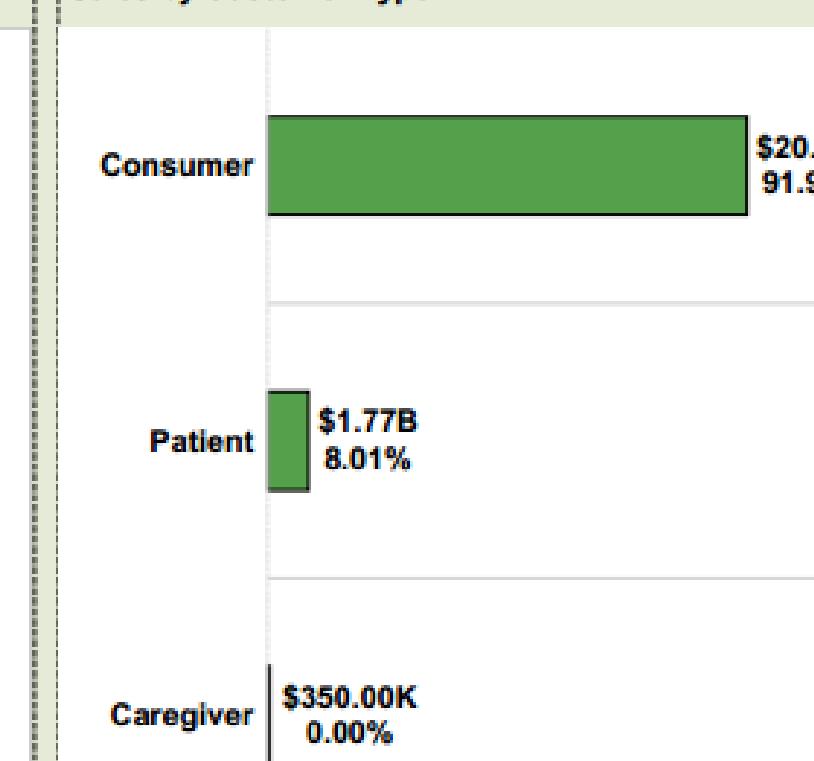
Sales by Year

|             | 2024      | 2023      | 2022      | 2021      | 2020      |
|-------------|-----------|-----------|-----------|-----------|-----------|
| JAN         | \$391.85M | \$406.82M | \$409.79M | \$420.56M | \$214.26M |
| FEB         | \$384.17M | \$385.15M | \$391.03M | \$386.82M | \$242.19M |
| MAR         | \$408.69M | \$429.26M | \$435.06M | \$468.03M | \$291.26M |
| APR         | \$401.19M | \$418.15M | \$432.19M | \$485.21M | \$298.08M |
| MAY         | \$399.33M | \$413.92M | \$415.07M | \$469.89M | \$358.77M |
| JUN         | \$384.55M | \$409.52M | \$395.01M | \$450.13M | \$363.91M |
| JUL         | \$386.36M | \$409.93M | \$411.06M | \$468.60M | \$418.24M |
| AUG         |           | \$404.74M | \$400.26M | \$457.29M | \$420.72M |
| SEP         |           | \$396.21M | \$395.54M | \$440.69M | \$428.63M |
| OCT         |           | \$402.66M | \$403.96M | \$444.33M | \$415.59M |
| NOV         |           | \$392.73M | \$393.99M | \$415.29M | \$390.09M |
| DEC         |           | \$421.08M | \$421.51M | \$443.85M | \$419.80M |
| Grand Total | \$2.76B   | \$4.89B   | \$4.90B   | \$5.35B   | \$4.26B   |

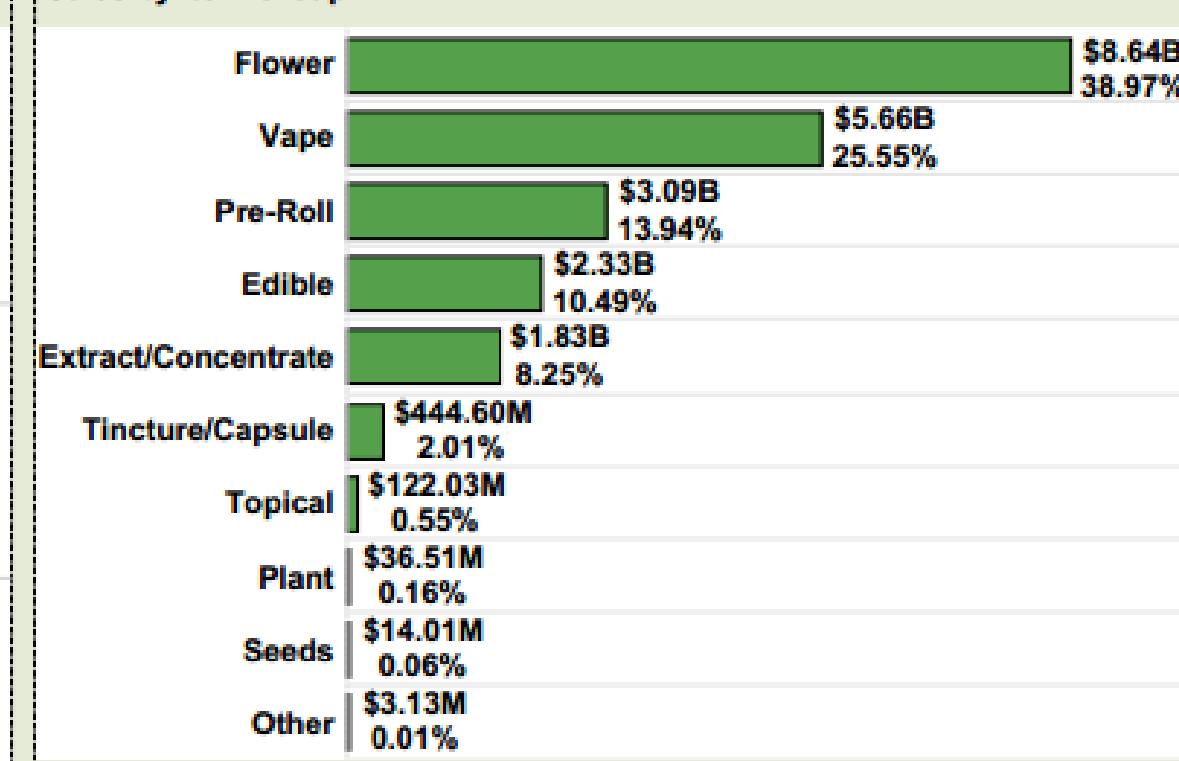
Overall sum for Total Sales



Sales by Customer Type



Sales by Item Group



Data is not real-time, this snapshot was last updated on 8/12/2024.  
The latest date in our sales data is 7/31/2024.

# How effective are recalls?

DCR has issued 61 recalls since the beginning of 2022.

38 were mandatory recalls, 22 were voluntary, 1 was an Embargo Alert.

**42 were related to contamination (68.85%)** The Majority of these (31) were either flower or infused flower or pre-roll or infused pre-roll

**17 are Labeling issues (27.86%)** e.g. Cannabinoid Inflation (8), attractive to children (2), THC inflation (2), obstruction of info label (1), outdated government warning (1)

**15 were vape products (24.5%)**

**4 are prohibited products (6.55%)** hot sauce, inhaler, sorbet edibles, acidified beverage (*lemon ice tea*)



# Current Trends

**Cannabis is still Federally Illegal.**

**Why it Matters:**

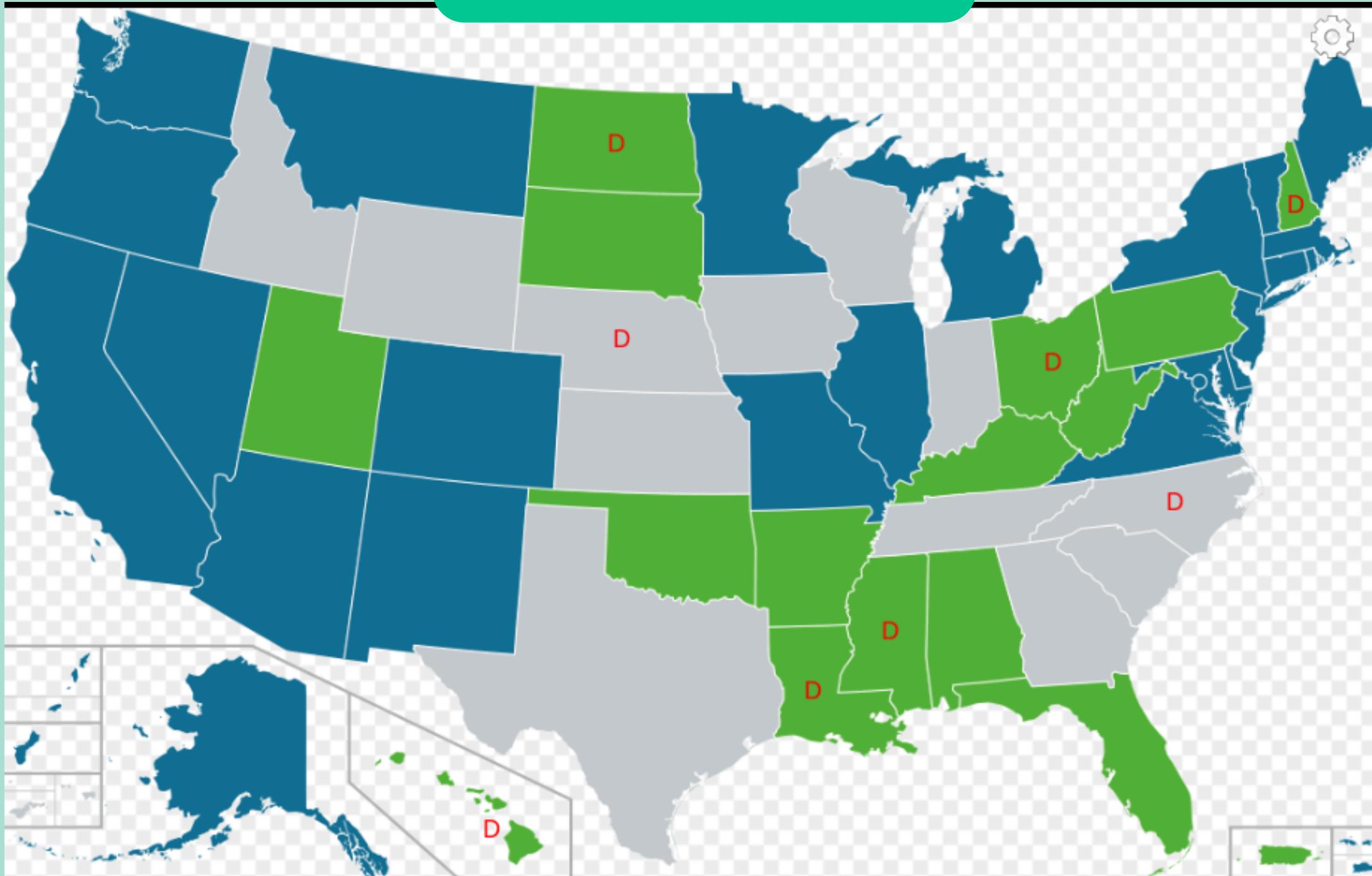
Legalization does not equal decriminalization.

We **get to** be excessively pro-cannabis. We should.



# United States

Gray  
Who has ever lived in a state where it was illegal?



**Legality of cannabis in the United States**

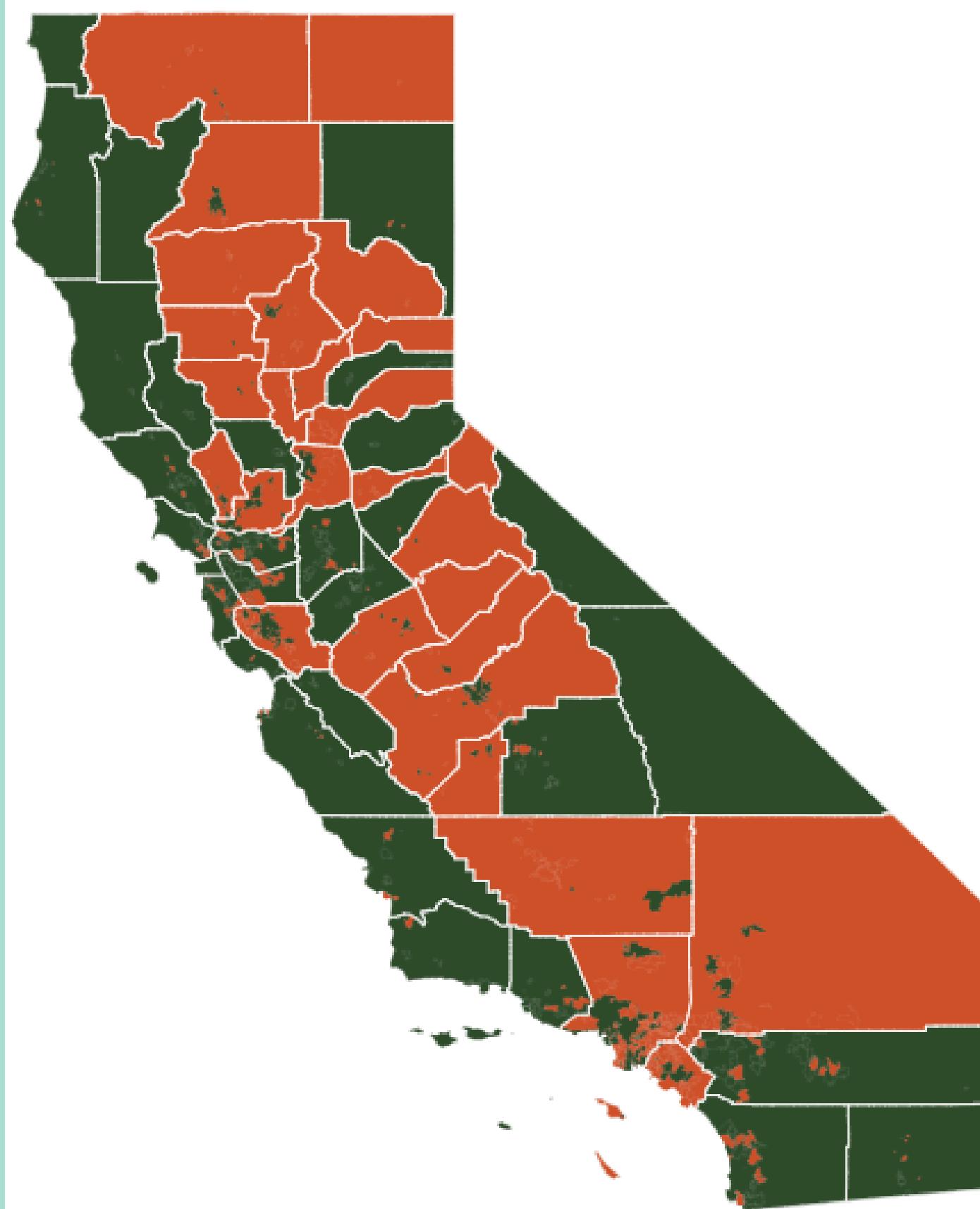
- Legal for recreational use
- Legal for medical use
- Illegal
- D Decriminalized

Notes: Reflects law of states and territories, including laws which have not yet gone into effect. Does not reflect federal, tribal, or local laws. • Hemp and hemp-derived products have been legal since the enactment of the [2018 Farm Bill](#).

 [More details](#)

**D**  
Who has ever lived in a state where it was **Decriminalized?**

# California State



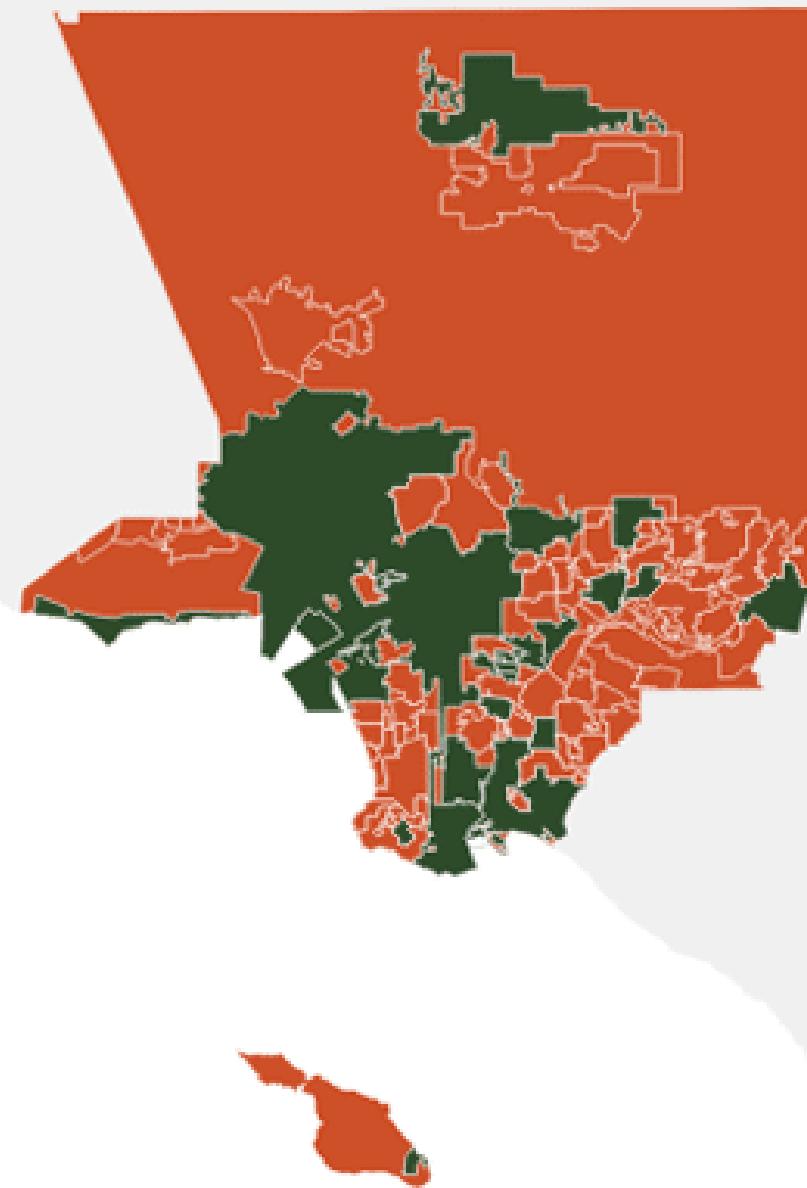
✓ **Allow: 44%**

Cities and counties allow at least one cannabis business type.

✗ **Prohibit: 56%**

Cities and counties prohibit all cannabis business types.

# Los Angeles County



- ✓ 23 cities allow at least one cannabis business type.
- ✗ 65 cities prohibit all cannabis business types.
- ✗ All cannabis business types are prohibited in unincorporated parts of the county.

[City Details Available here](#)

Image Source: Department of Cannabis Control

Why does only 26% of Los Angeles County allows Cannabis businesses?

Who lives in a city where cannabis business is prohibited?

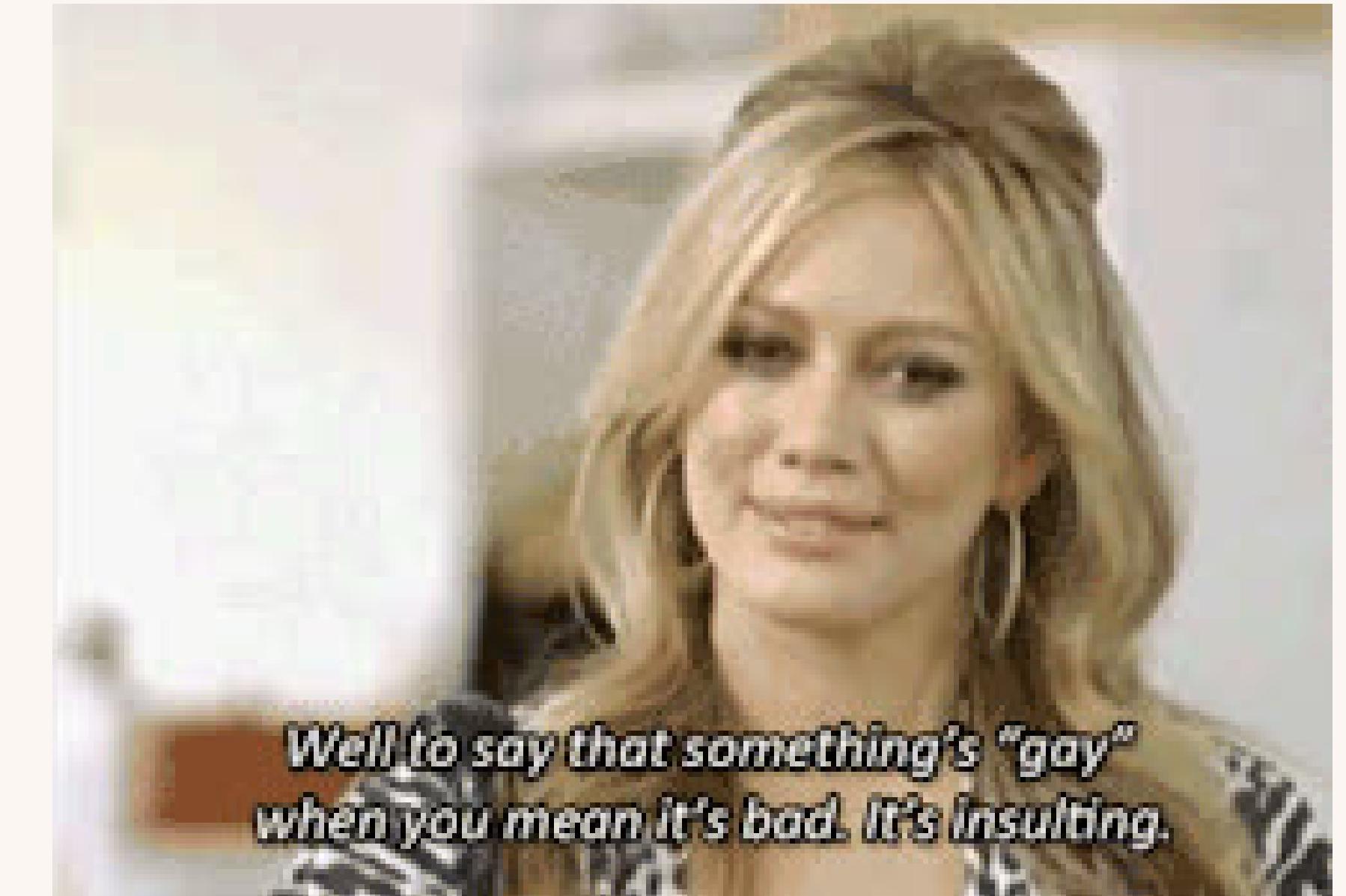
For what reasons would cannabis be prohibited?

Marijuana Use and Public perceptions in Los Angeles County

# Think before you speak (2008)



You shouldn't say that



*We'll to say that something's "gay"  
when you mean it's bad. It's insulting.*

Link

May 15, 2008 - Gay Marriage

# Current Trends

LA Times: The *dirty secret* of  
California's *legal weed*. (06/24)



## Why it Matters:

Cannabis Workers have been ignored about this issue but as soon as it is a consumer issue, then reporting on it happens? Upton Sinclair much?



# LEGAL ≠ SAFE

Now that recreational marijuana is legal in New York, here are some things you need to know:

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IF YOU'RE UNDER  
21 IT IS ILLEGAL  
TO USE OR POSSESS  
MARIJUANA

Who is allowed to use marijuana?

Anyone age 21 and older can legally possess or consume marijuana. It is illegal to give anyone under the age of 21 marijuana

HIGHER THAN YOU  
MIGHT THINK

Careful, it can sneak up on you

The potency level of marijuana has increased over the years and the concentration is often unknown

YOU CAN'T DRIVE  
IMPAIRED. DRIVING  
HIGH IS A DUI

Don't consume and drive

Driving while impaired is illegal. It doesn't matter what substance you are using. If you are not sure if you are impaired, don't drive

MARIJUANA CAN  
AFFECT PEOPLE  
DIFFERENTLY

Know your risks

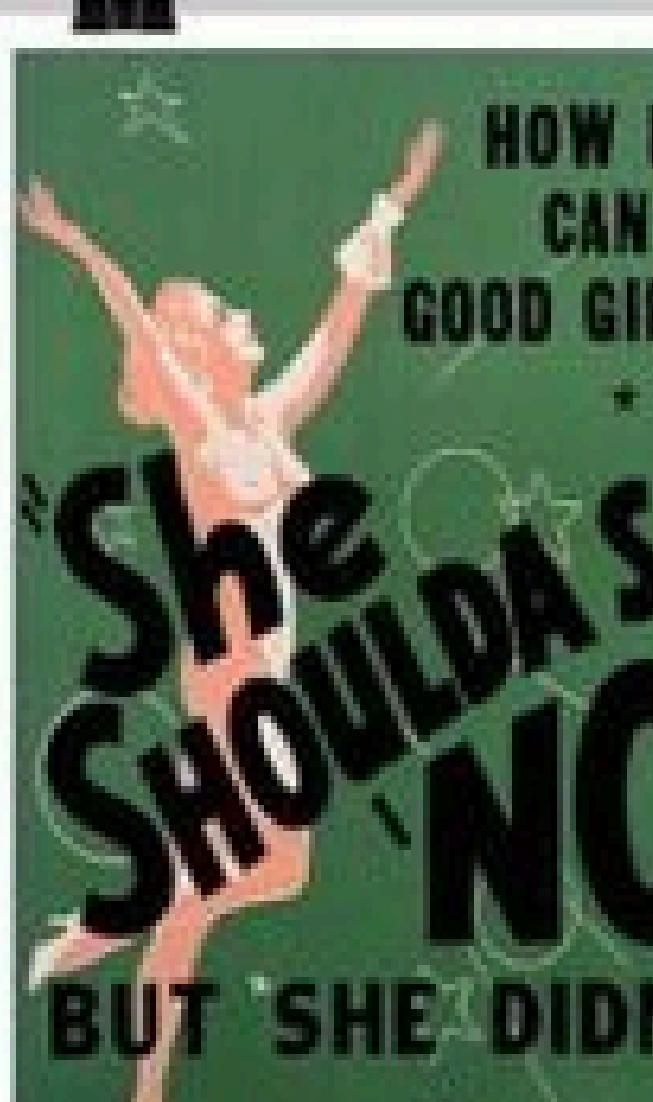
Marijuana affects people differently based on body type, health conditions, type of marijuana used and prior history of use

THE YOUNGER YOU START,  
THE MORE PROBLEMS  
IT CAN CAUSE

Marijuana can be addictive

People who begin using before the age of 18 are at greater odds for addiction to marijuana and other drugs, as well as mental health concerns

To learn more visit:  
<https://ncadd-ra.org/>



What are your  
green  
questions?

# Other names for Cannabis:

- Weed
- Za
- Tree
- Devil's Lettuce
- Flower
- Pot
- Ganja
- Dank
- Grass
- Mary Jane
- Reefer



MARIJUANA



# Recreational Marijuana Road Blocks



The 1910 Mexican Revolution ends and many immigrants come to America with the normalization of recreational marijuana (beyond just a production plant of hemp).

**1848**  
End of the Mexican American War

By 1931, fear of cannabis was prominent. 29 states outlawed marijuana

**1910**



**1917**  
Mexican Immigrant Population TRIPLED  
End of the Mexican Revolution War

**1930**



In 1937, the Marijuana Tax Act was passed by congress , criminalizing marijuana.

**1937**



**1955-1975**  
20% Soldiers that died were Latino  
Vietnam War Period

**1943**  
Zoot Suit Riots

**1969**



**1986**  
Immigration Reform & Control Act (IRCA)  
Legalized most immigrants who arrived before 01/01/1984

In 1969, the Marijuana Tax Act was found unconstitutional in the Leary case. Nixon founded the Shafer Commission to study the "dangers" of cannabis which concluded it posed no threat and recommended decriminalization.

Nixon ignored Shafer advice and in 1970 he signed the Controlled Substance Act placing cannabis as a Schedule 1 drug being considered dangerous or unsafe drugs with a high potential for abuse and no accepted medical use.

## John Erlichman Quote 5:30 - 6:20



Worship

**Being a Cannabis  
Consumer, Lover, or  
Ally is POLITICAL.**

# Who Represents Me?



# “The Green Closet”

Why be Closeted?

1. the safety of the inside
2. forced in by The Closet Doors™

Presented by Madison Hernandez

# The Closet Doors

Analyzing the Systems of  
Oppression that keep  
people in the Green Closet.





**Institution**

**Ideology**

# Systems of Oppression

Hetero  
Patriarchy.

White  
Supremacy.

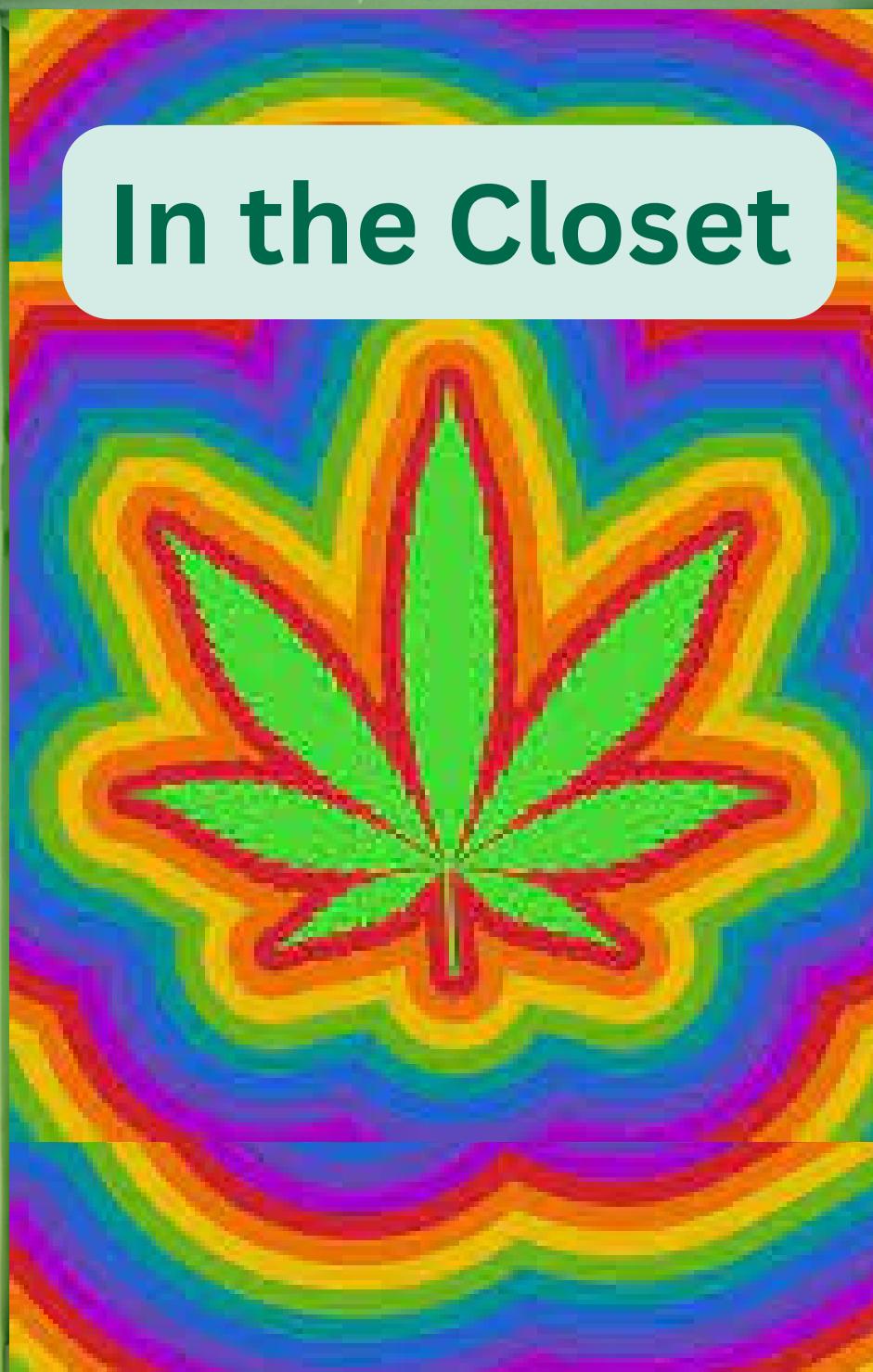
Patriarchy.

Capitalism

Colonialism

# Institution

Heteropatriarchy  
White Supremacy  
Patriarchy  
Capitalism  
Colonialism



# Out of the Closet

## In the Closet

Heteropatriarchy  
White Supremacy  
Patriarchy  
Capitalism  
Colonialism

# Ideology



THE BREAKFAST  
CLUB  
[MakeAGIF.com](http://MakeAGIF.com)

# Call to Action

# Coming Out Green

THE SYSTEM IS NOT BROKEN, IT IS FIXED.  
Who Benefits from our Silence?



**“Every  
Cannabis user  
is a medical  
patient  
whether they  
know it or not”**

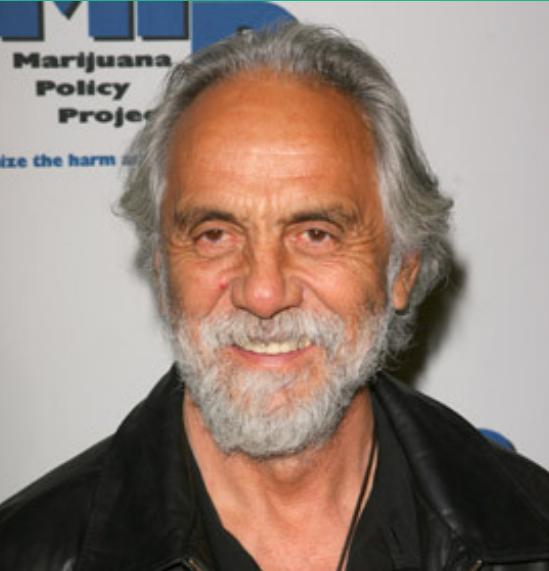
**Dennis Peron - Cannabis Advocate**



## Harm Reduction 0:42 - 2:20



# WHO IS OUT GREEN?



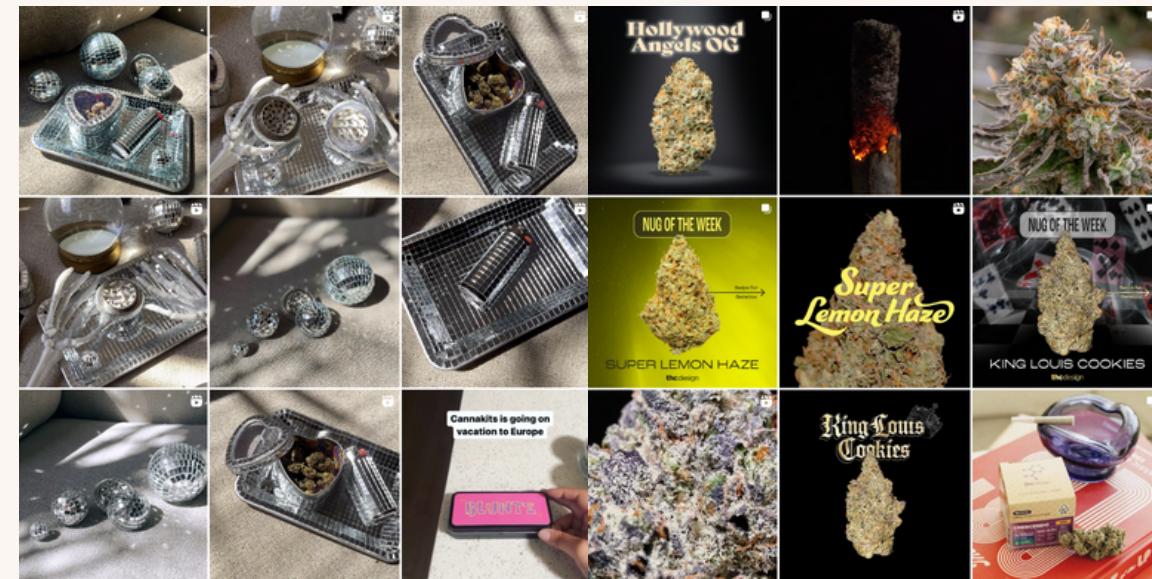
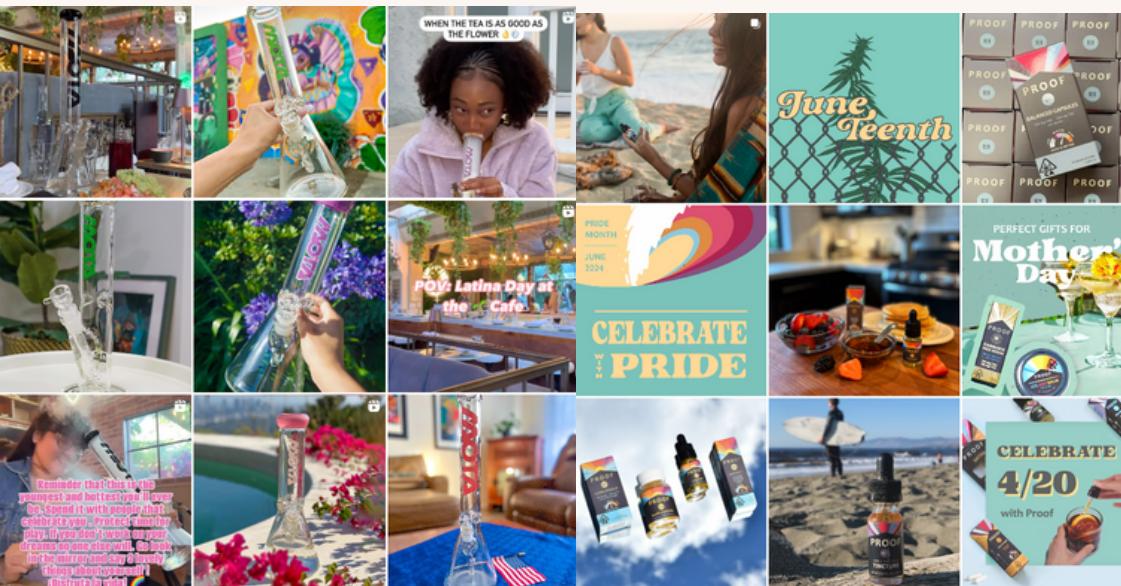
coming up: sharing segment

# SHARING SEGMENT

# SHOW AND TELL

YOU: “Hi, My name is \_\_\_\_\_ .  
I am a Cannabis Consumer/Lover/Ally  
and this is my \_\_\_\_\_product/device\_\_\_\_\_”

EVERYONE: “Yay Cannabis”



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The Social Impact Center  
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Chelly of Xicali Products  
1st Dispensary Coworkers



# Thanks to GROUNDFLOOR

## COMMUNITY MANAGERS

Thank you for the work that you all do to keep this space **beautiful** and **comfortable**.

[Thank you for another GROUNDFLOOR Cannabis Event](#)

**SHOUT OUT TO DOMINIQUE, CHRISTINE, DEJA AND TALYSSA**

Thanks to Viewers Like  
You. Thank You.

September

12/17/2024  
B-Day Edition

# Thank you Friends!

Shout Outs

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## Stay Connected



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