

Cannabis Support Group



Presentation starts at 8:25PM

Satiated?

Food, Bev, Flower

Comfy?

Blankets Inside

Sanitary?

Sinks in Restrooms
& Kitchen

Agenda

- Thank you Groundfloor
- Intro and Show & Tell
- Waiver Review
- Current Trends
- Break
- The Closet Doors
- Group Share
- Closing Remarks



THANK YOU GROUNDFLOOR

COMMUNITY MANAGERS

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

SHOUT OUT TO DOMINIQUE, CHRISTINE,
DEJA AND TALYSSA

CSG #7

*Birthday
Edition*

Any new members?

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

ASH RESPONSIBLY

SHARING SEGMENT

SHOW AND TELL

YOU: "Hi, My name is _____. I am a Cannabis Consumer/Lover/Ally

EVERYONE: "Yay Cannabis"

YOU: "...and I'll be sharing_____."

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 manageable: munchies, cotton mouth or weed brain (short term memory loss), I understand that overconsumption can lead to bad vibes for some. I decide how much I consume and I will ask for help if I need it.

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.

My name is Madison Hernandez
She/Her/They
Sagittarius
Los Angeleno
Mexican
Queer
Proletariat
Pleasure-Indulger
Cannabis Researcher & Consumer



CHECK-IN



coming up: sharing segment

Who Goes There?

Zodiacs

Places

Ethnicity

Slay or Nay

Favorites

Feelings

Hiding

Green Future



Current Trends

Top 5 Facts



Current Trends

Cannabis is still Federally Illegal.

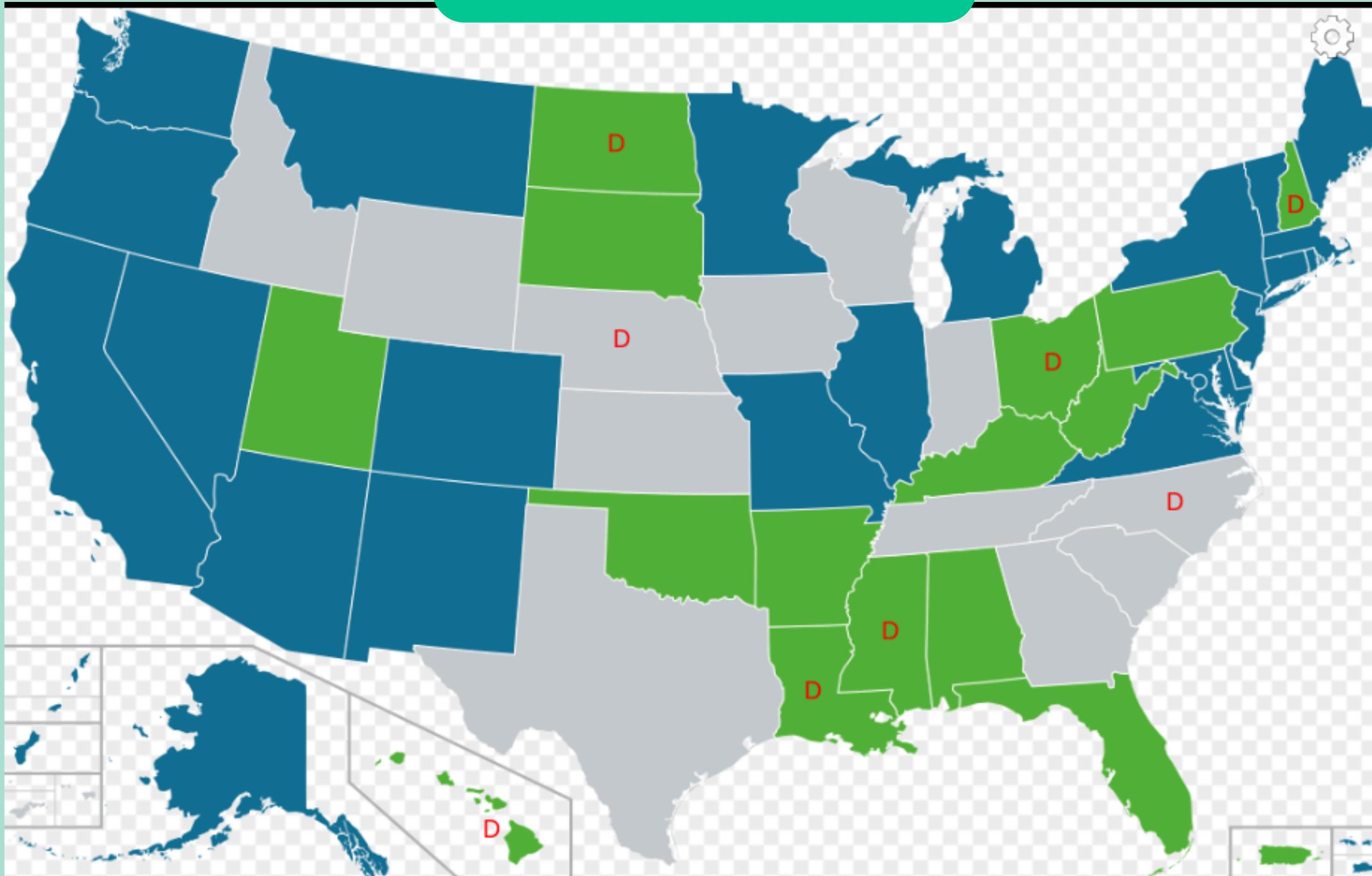
Why it Matters:

Legalization does not equal decriminalization.

They are not doing us a favor by allowing it, we had to demand that they give us our cannabis back.

United States

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



Legality of cannabis in the United States

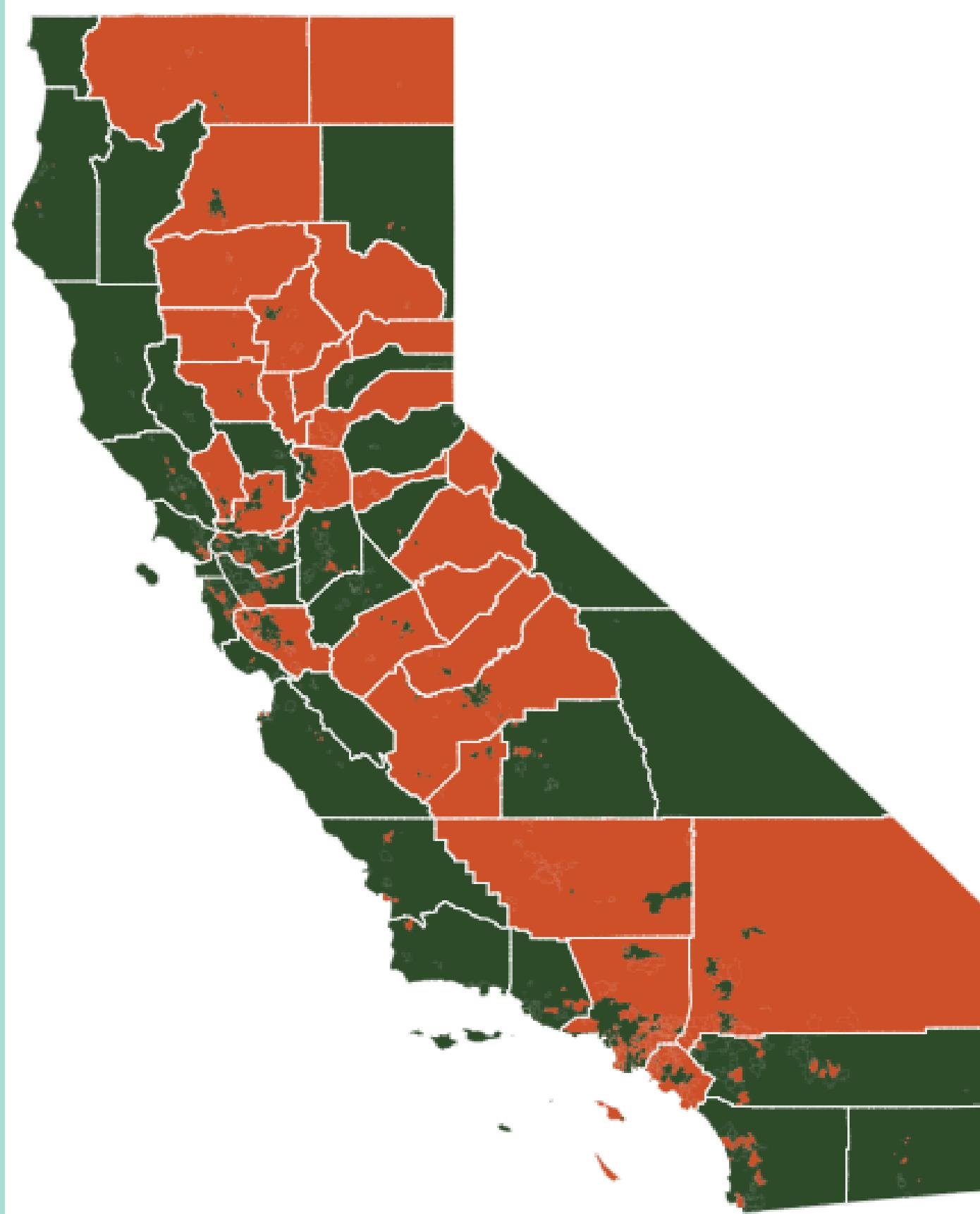
- Legal for recreational use
- Legal for medical use
- Illegal
- D Decriminalized

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](#). v t e

 [More details](#)

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

California State



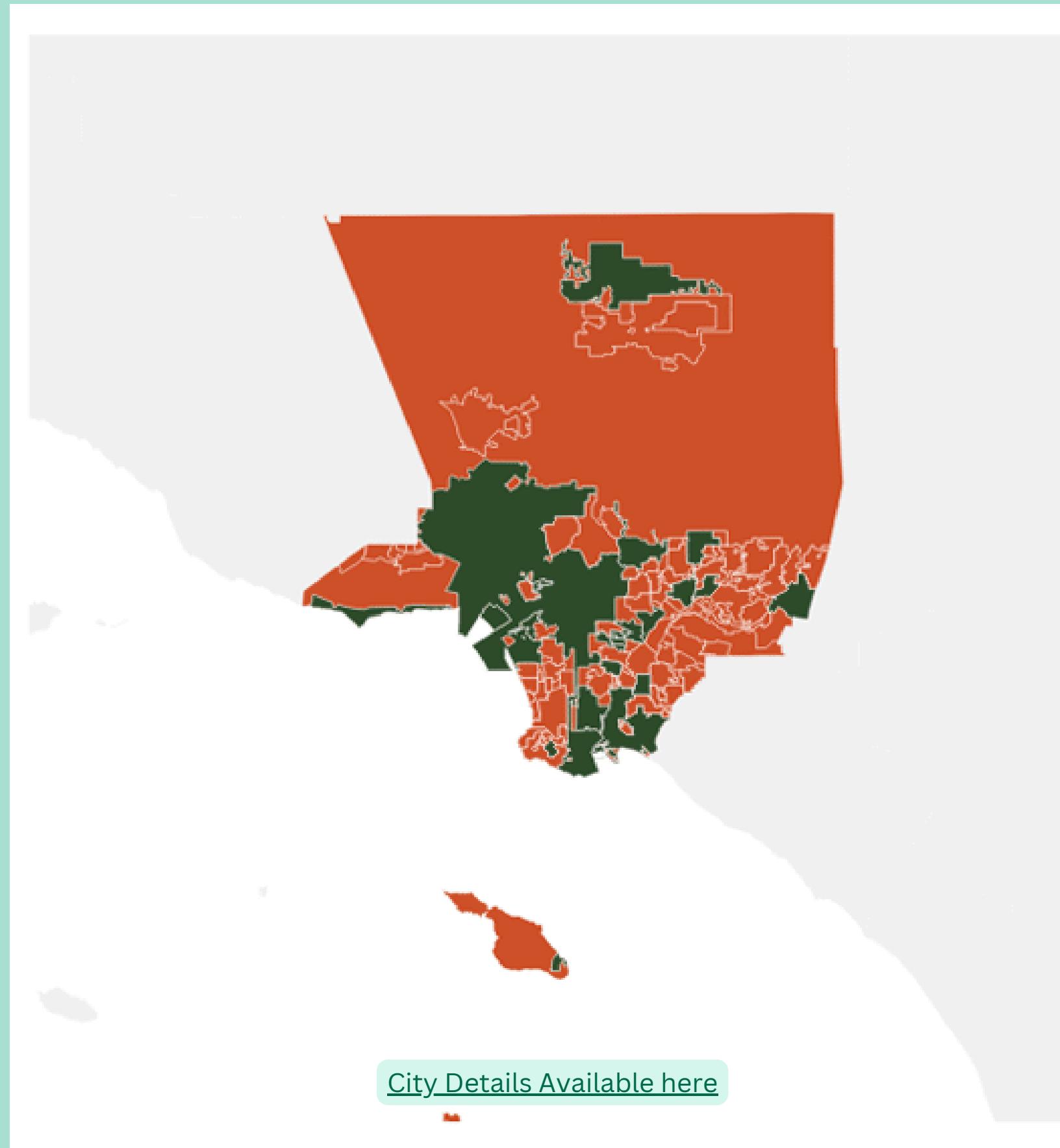
✓ **Allow: 44%**

Cities and counties allow at least one cannabis business type.

✗ **Prohibit: 56%**

Cities and counties prohibit all cannabis business types.

Los Angeles County



36.5%

Californians who have used cannabis at least once in their life

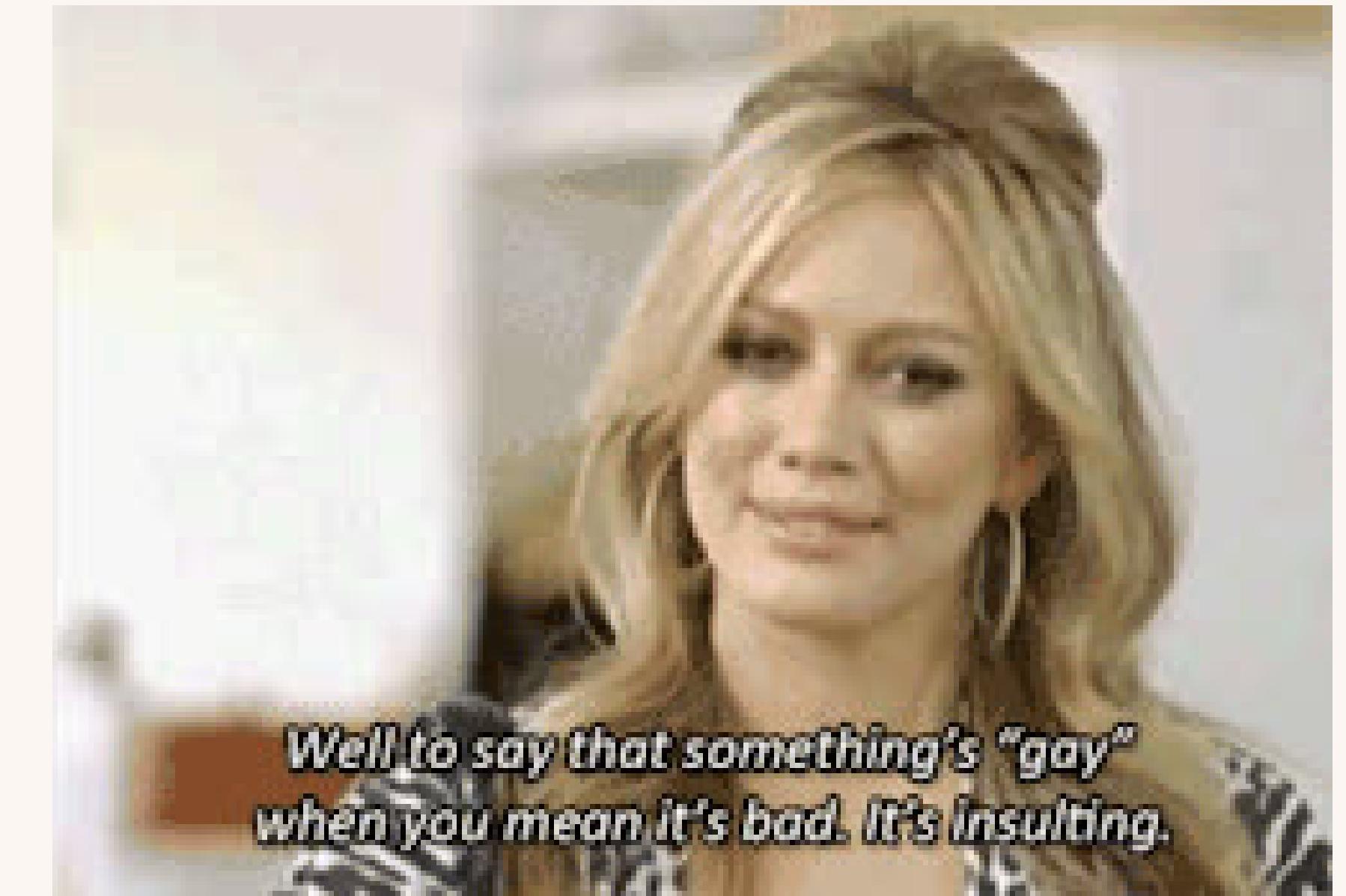
[Marijuana Use and Public perceptions in Los Angeles County](#)

For what reasons would cannabis be prohibited?

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

Cannabis as Commodity.

Why it Matters:

Patient versus Consumer. (Housing, Consumption, Transport)

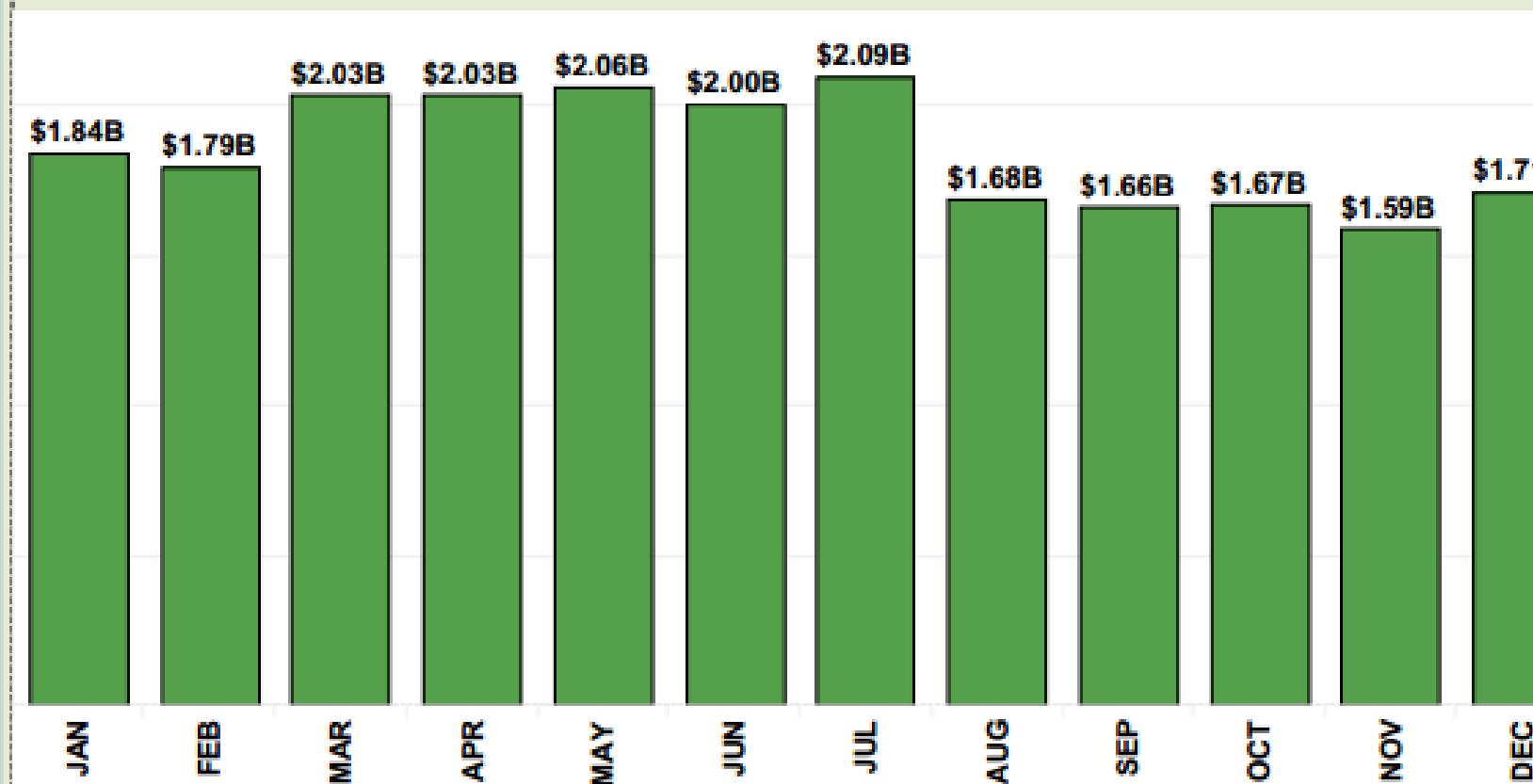
Viagra vs. Gas Station ED Pills.
Both are sold, are both as safe?



Total Sales Summary Report

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

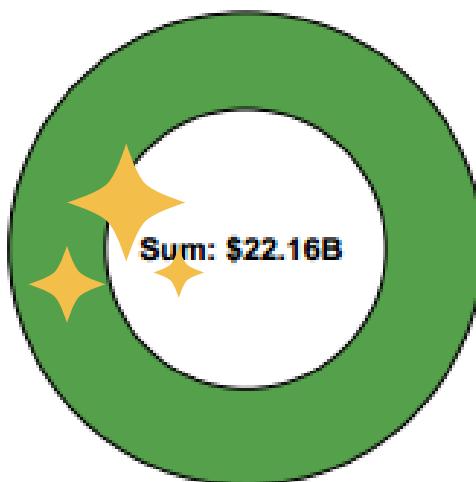
Sum of Monthly Sales for Year: All



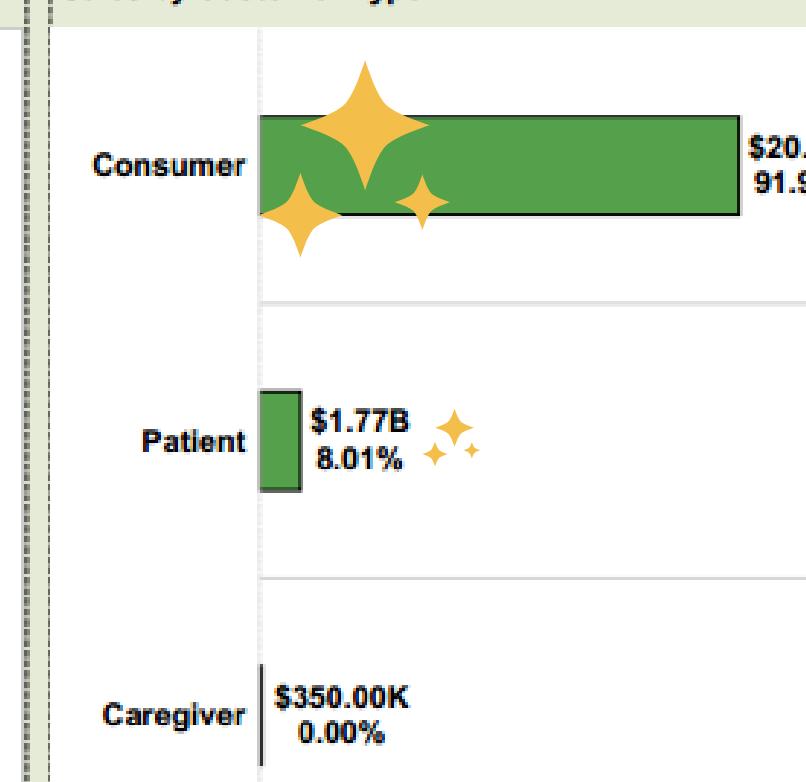
Sales by Year

	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

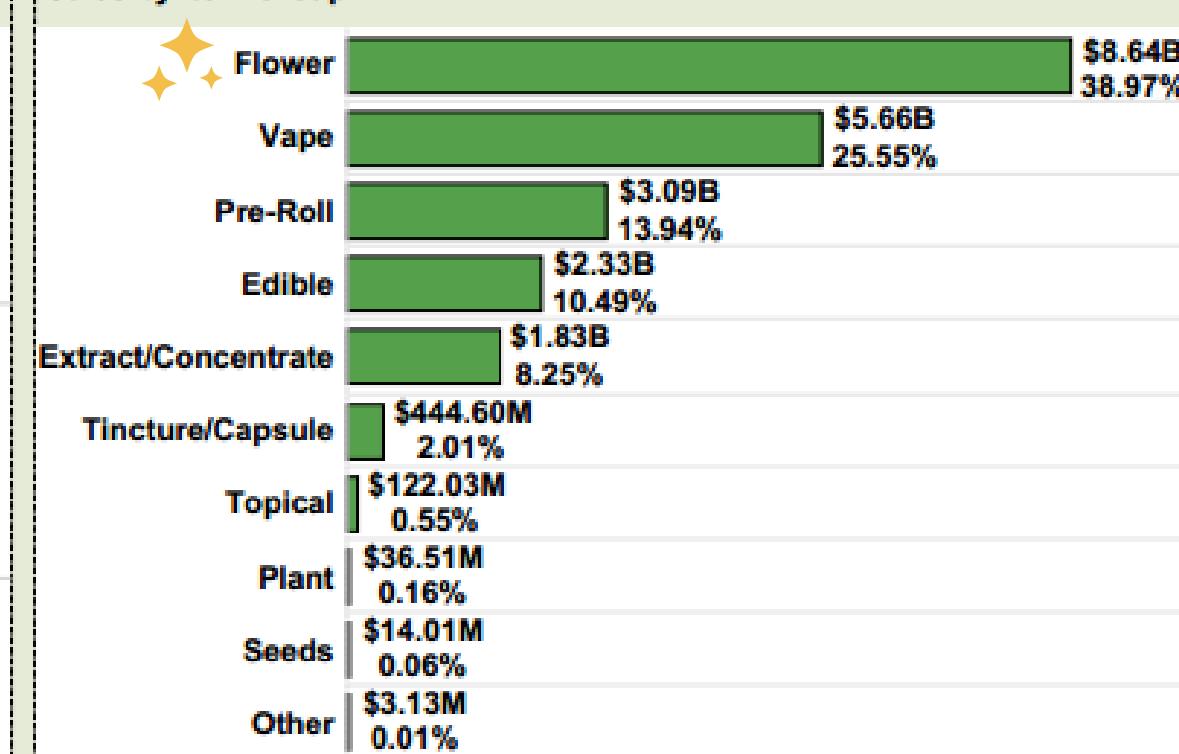
Overall sum for Total Sales



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.



Current Trends

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

Why it Matters:

What else are we charged at a 30% to use?

What should cannabis tax money be used for?

How it Started

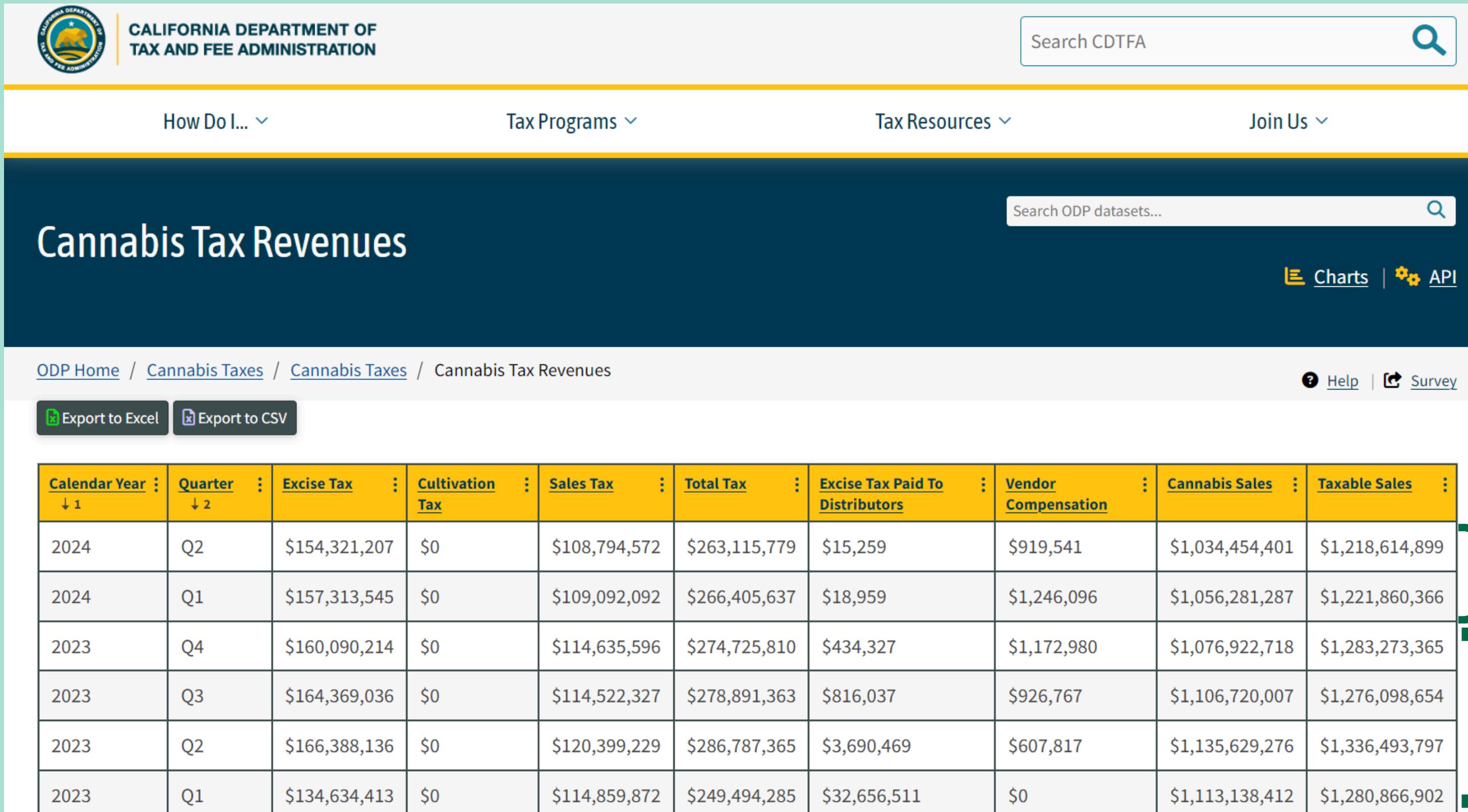
Calendar Year	Quarter	Excise Tax	Cultivation Tax	Sales Tax	Total Tax
2018	Q1	\$35,867,466	\$1,849,146	\$35,511,797	\$73,228,409
2018	Q2	\$43,202,987	\$4,963,720	\$45,457,457	\$93,624,164
2018	Q3	\$55,452,365	\$12,965,879	\$42,662,081	\$111,080,325
2018	Q4	\$57,134,451	\$17,305,538	\$49,226,754	\$123,666,743
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

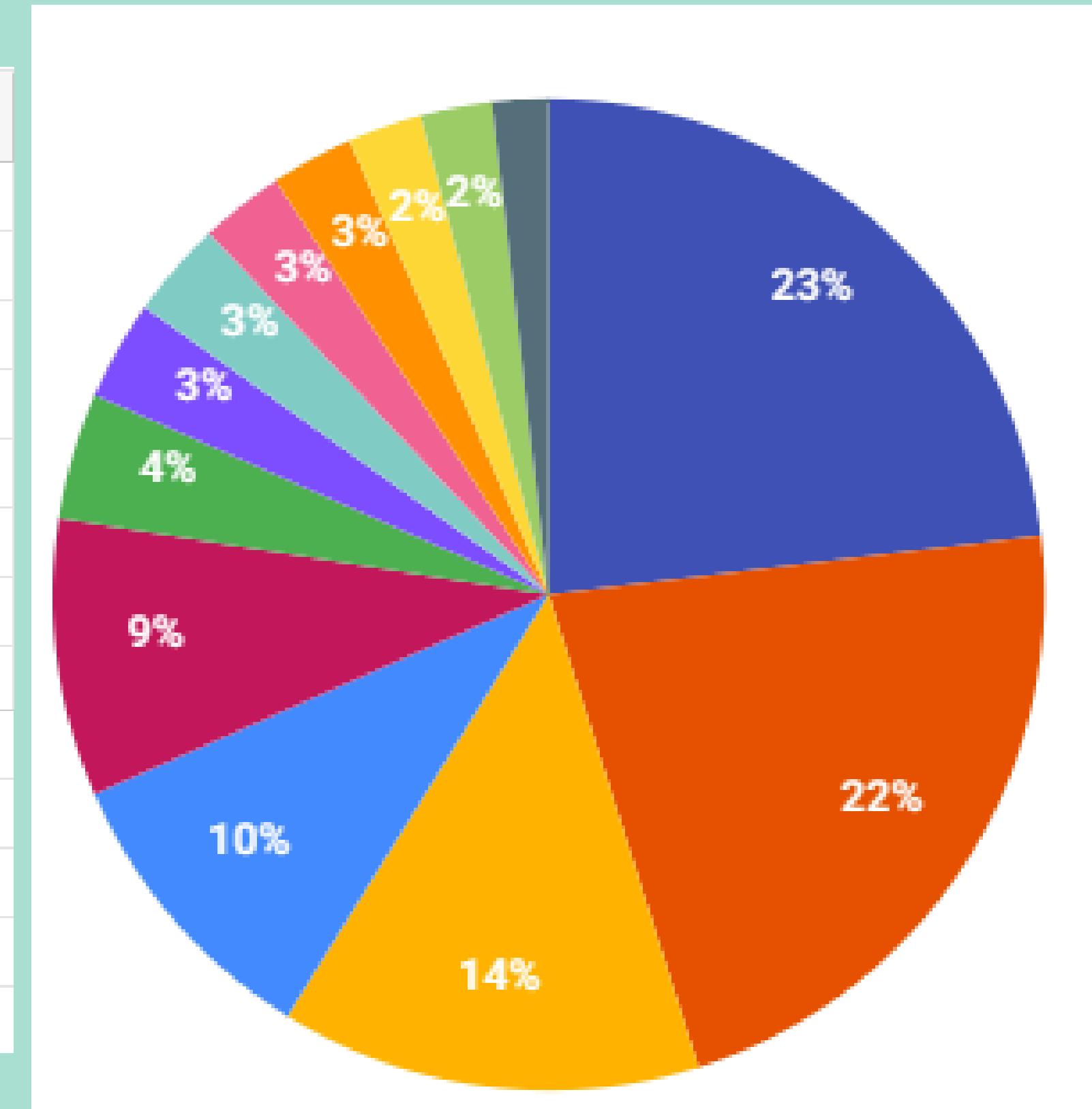
2023

5,176,732,718

Where does that Money go?

DEPARTMENT NAME	ADOPTED BUDGET AMOUNT (Sum)
NON-DEPARTMENTAL - GENERAL	\$10,934,624,380.00
POLICE	\$10,416,558,765.00
(Other)	\$6,492,829,528.00
NON-DEPARTMENTAL - HUMAN RESOURCE...	\$4,537,312,308.00
FIRE	\$4,284,035,729.00
PUBLIC WORKS - SANITATION	\$1,952,752,314.00
GENERAL SERVICES	\$1,534,836,097.00
NON-DEPARTMENTAL - CAPITAL FINANCE ...	\$1,497,207,913.00
NON-DEPARTMENTAL - GENERAL CITY PU...	\$1,288,440,921.00
NON-DEPARTMENTAL - UNAPPROPRIATED...	\$1,276,990,680.00
PUBLIC WORKS - STREET SERVICES	\$1,145,934,695.00
TRANSPORTATION	\$1,100,880,500.00
CITY ATTORNEY	\$866,145,159.00

General Fund



2018-2023

Current Trends

Cannabis Propaganda is Still Around

LA Times: The *dirty secret* of California's *legal weed*.

Why it Matters:

1. Upton Sinclair much? We need media literacy fast!
2. This would not happen if the workers owned the means of production.





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

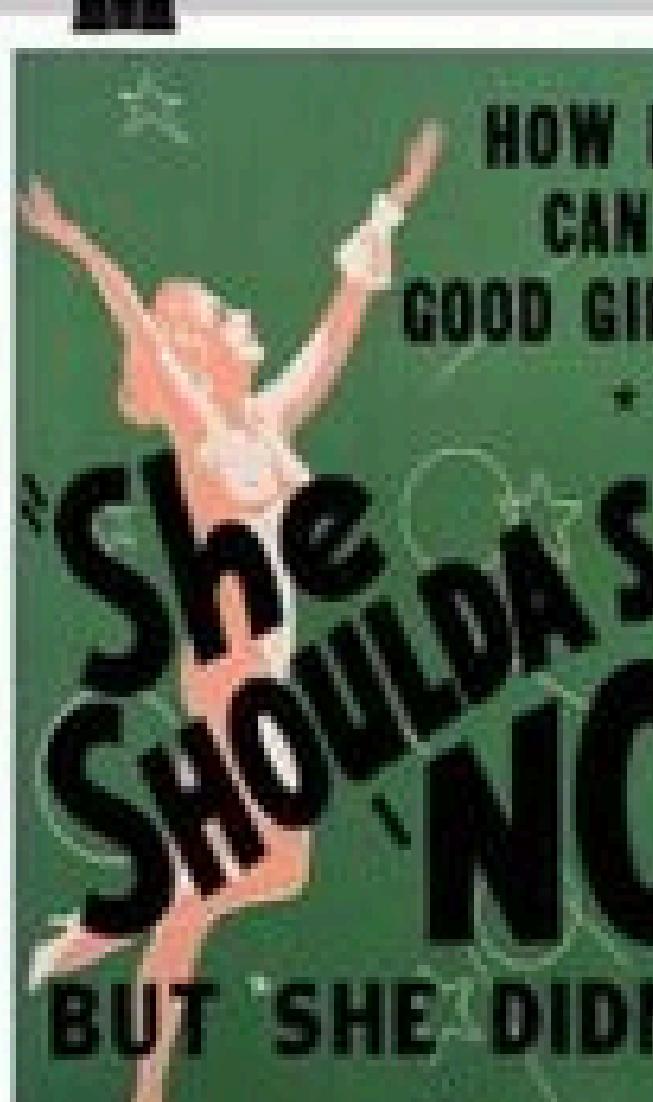
Marijuana affects people differently based on body type, health conditions, type of marijuana used and prior history of use

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/>



Other names for Cannabis:

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

MARIJUANA



John Erlichman Quote 5:30 - 6:20



Nixon's Aide Admits

“We knew we couldn’t make it illegal to be either against the war or black, but by getting the public to associate the hippies with marijuana and blacks with heroin, and then criminalizing both heavily, we could disrupt those communities. We could arrest their leaders, raid their homes, break up their meetings, and vilify them night after night on the evening news.

*Did we know we were lying about the drugs?
Of course we did.”*

~ John Ehrlichman, Assistant to the President for Domestic Affairs under President Richard Nixon

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

Presented by Madison Hernandez

The Closet Doors

of the Green Closet.



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

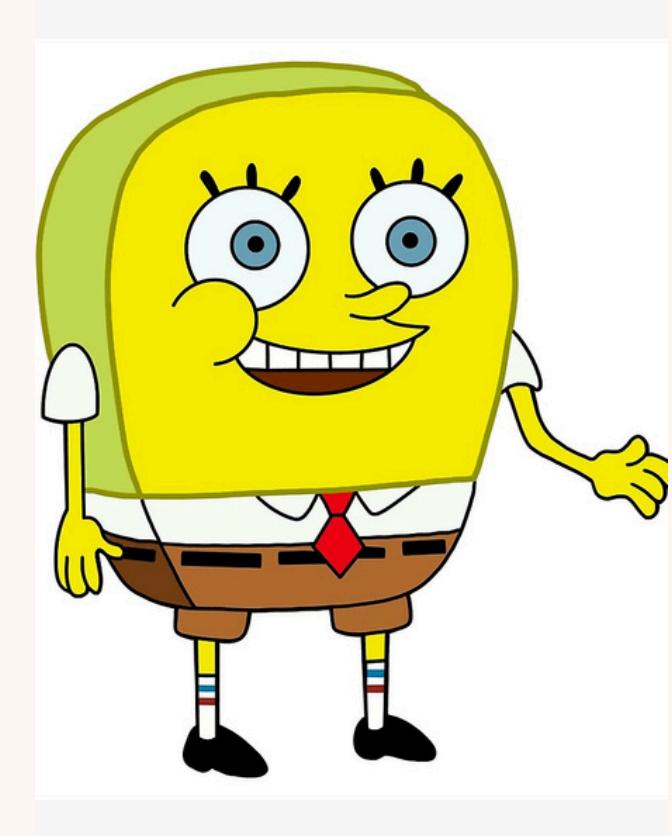
Dennis Peron - Cannabis Advocate



“The Green Closet”

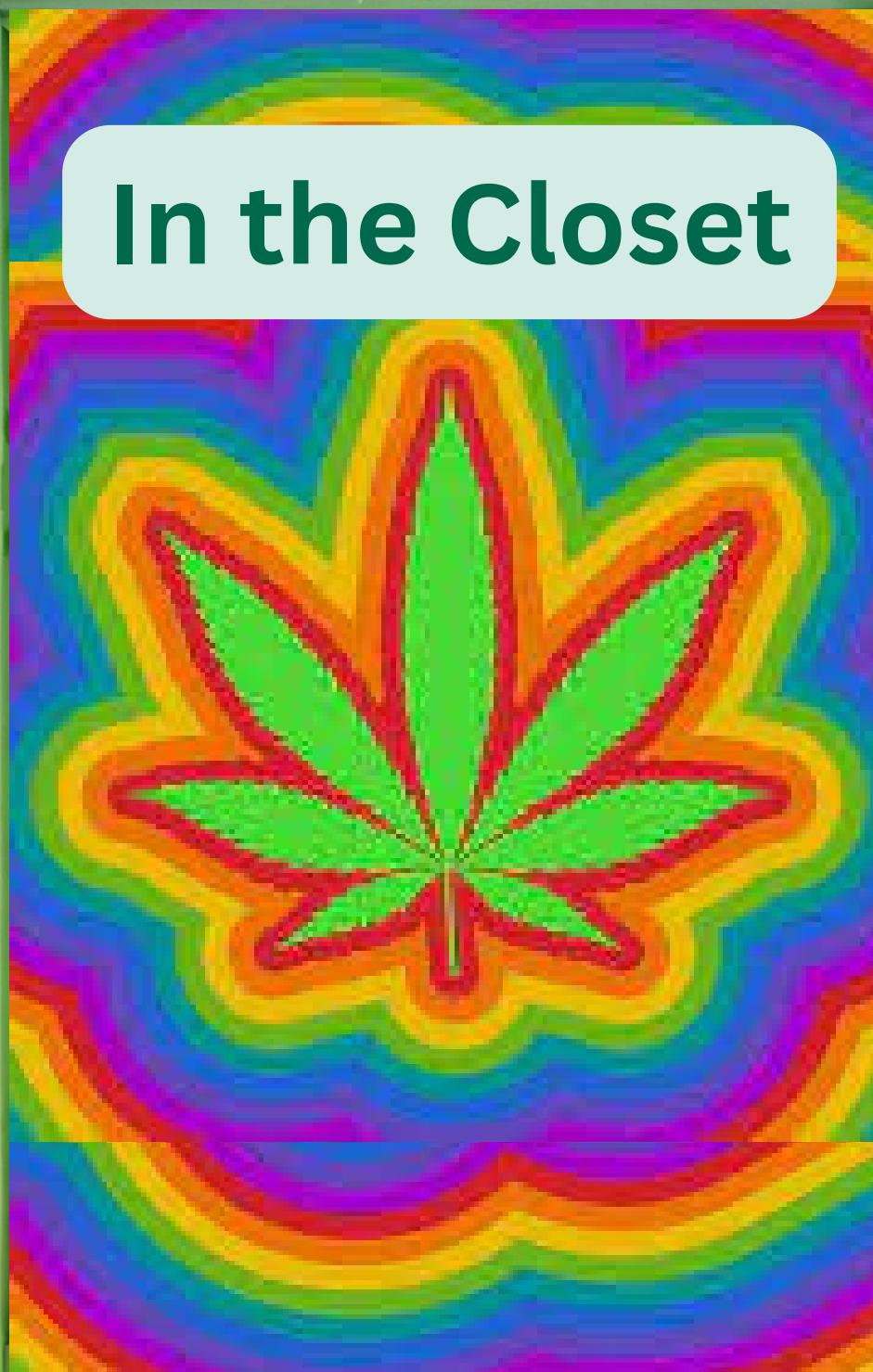
Why be Closeted?

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



Institution

Heteropatriarchy
White Supremacy
Patriarchy
Capitalism
Colonialism



Out of the Closet

In the Closet

Heteropatriarchy
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Ideology

Systems of Oppression

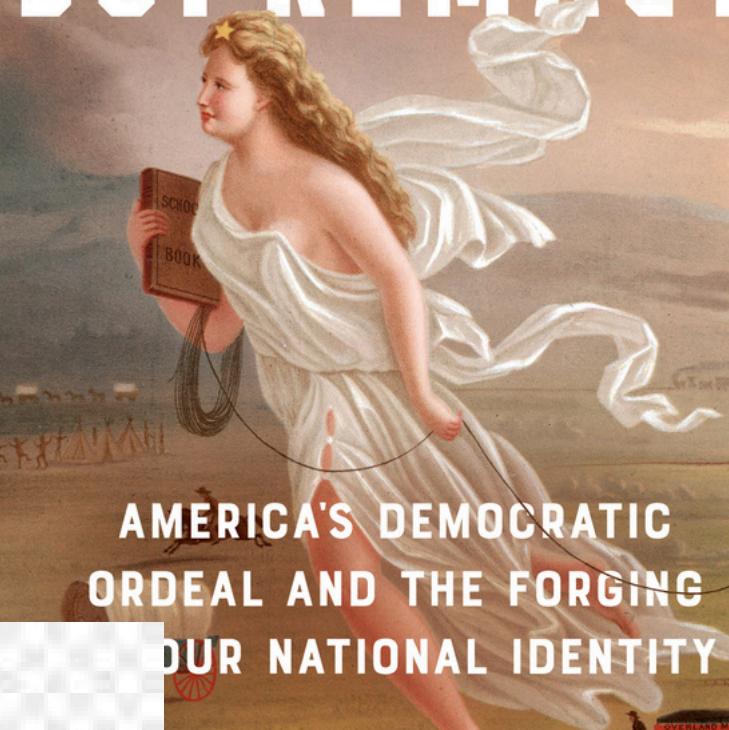
2 people of the same gender:

- Wrote love letters to each other
- Frequently gave each other gifts
- Lived together until they died
- Were buried together

Historians:



TEACHING
WHITE
SUPREMACY



Pa



BORN LEADER





THE BREAKFAST
CLUB
MakeAGIF.com

Coming Out Green

Our Existence is Resistance

Who Benefits from our Silence?



Systems of Liberation



A dancer in Aztec clothing dances in Los Angeles, California, July 19, 2009. (Photo: Jorge Gonzalez)

What is Harm Reduction?

NIH National Institute on Drug Abuse

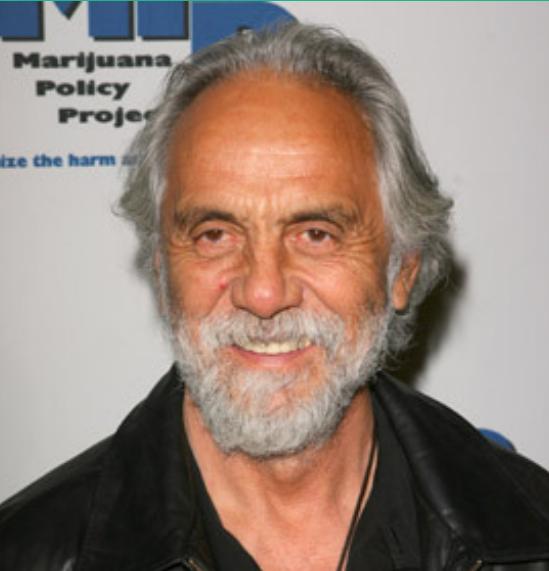
AT THE INTERSECTION: Stories, Research, Compassion, and HIV Services for People Who Use Drugs

WHAT IS HARM REDUCTION?

Watch on YouTube

Share

WHO IS OUT GREEN?



coming up: sharing segment

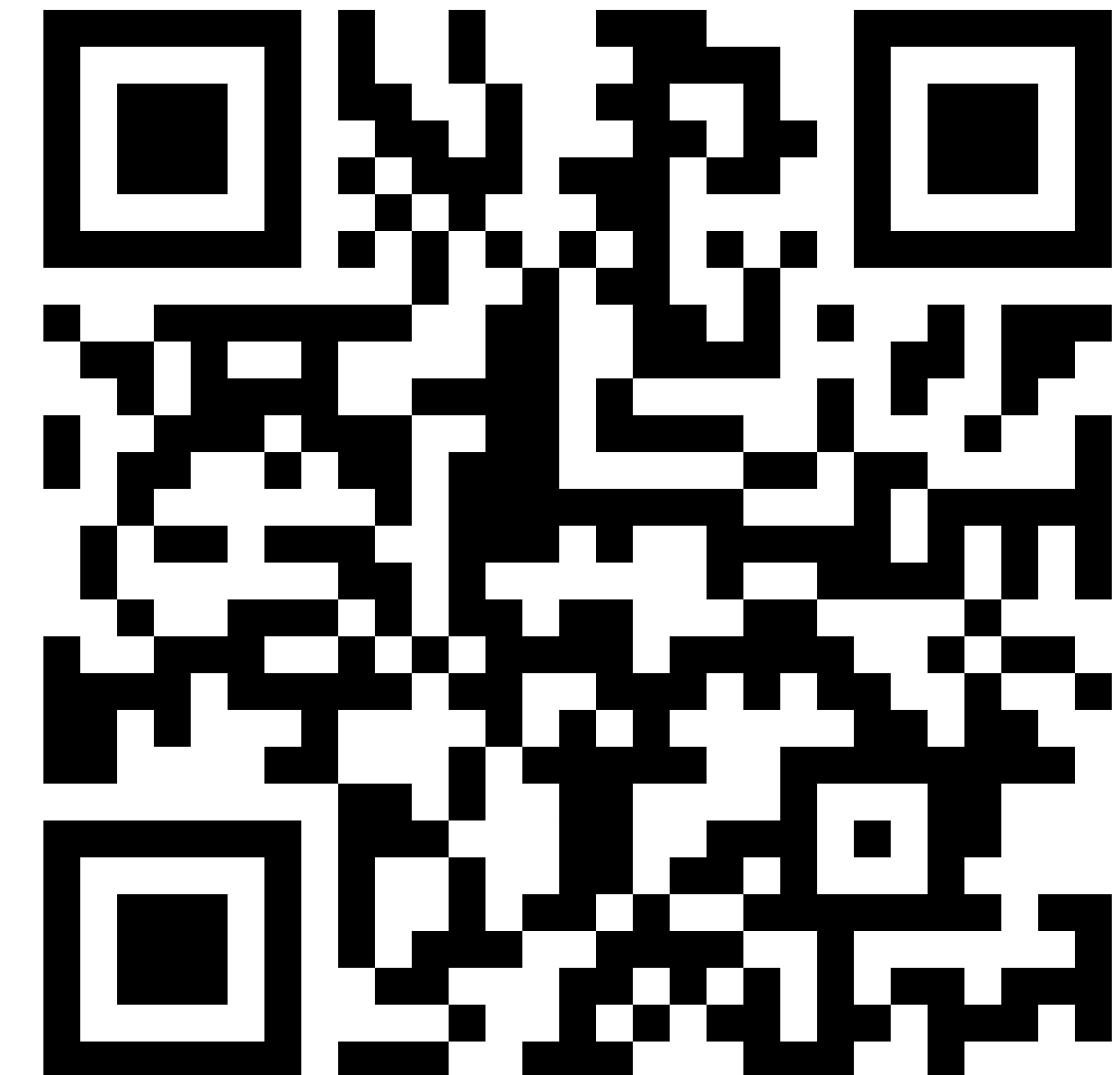
Shout Outs

Please
& Thank
you

Members: PLEASE GIVE CONSTRUCTIVE
FEEDBACK on WHAT YOU WOULD LIKE TO SEE

www.hadisonmernandez.com

SEND ME \$4.20
It's My Birthday!



<https://dot.cards/madisonhernandez>



Group Share

What did you learn today?

**Who do you think needs
to hear this?**

Can you invite them next time?

Special Thanks to...

The Social Impact Center
Dr. Rob Chlala
Chelly of Xicali Products
1st Dispensary Coworkers



September

01/21/2025
National Hugging Day