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Subject: Great SB News Press article, Mr. Frank Hotchkiss :-)

Dearest Mayor Mrs. Helene Schneider and City Council Members Dale, Mrs. Self, Mr. Hotchkiss, Mr. White, Mr. House and Mr. Williams,

Thanks to Frank Hotchkiss who made his final Opinion (Voice) clear today in the SB News Press.
http://www.newspress.com/Top/Article/article.jsp?Section=OPINIONS-LETTERS&ID=565873791868207178&Archive=false

It has been 1 year ago now that our SB Residents have been trying very hard to ask our **Mayor** and **City Council** including the **Planning Division** to put a ban on all these "Non-Collective" **M**edical **C**annabis **D**ispensaries.

Since then there have been way too many speakers that are against the **MCD**'s attending the City Chambers expressing their opinions and begging for help to keep our City THC-free, safe and clean.

There have been many other efforts made to fight our local SB Dispensaries:
- Petitions for a Ban through neighboring parties and the Internet
- Facebook blogs
- Town Hall and Franklin Community Center Meetings
- Demonstration through Downtown
- SB News **- TV**

http://www.newspress.tv/?s=Marijuana
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- Plenty of letters of support (**see below by Chris Flynn, MD, ER Cottage Hospital**)

Today's article under **VOICES** after we received this amazing Newsletter in the mail (thanks to "Santa Barbara Citizens Against Marijuana Dispensaries"!!!) put some light back
into our City Council showing **Common Sense** and a **Final Awakening** to listen to the Santa Barbara
Residents that voted for our current Council Members.

The following letter touched my heart and I encourage everybody who has not been able to read it, yet,
to take a few minutes to think about the consequences that come with the use/abuse of THC:

Medical Marijuana

Dispensaries in Santa Barbara

Chris Flynn, md

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Dear City Council Members, June 1, 2010

As an Emergency physician in the Cottage Health Care System since 1997, I am having growing concern about the direction that the State of California is taking in regard to allowing for increased access to Medical Marijuana in our cities.
I have experienced first hand the public safety being impacted by this drug in our Emergency Departments. In our local Emergency room we have had car accidents, broken families, patients experiencing psychotic behaviors, cyclical vomiting episodes (where patients can't stop throwing up because of high levels of cannabis abuse), and young people being processed by juvenile authorities for using marijuana.
Recently I visited the Venice Beach tourist area in Los Angeles, and was approached by 4 different dispensaries within five blocks by people holding signs and encouraging the sale of medical marijuana to my family for any condition that would merit its use. There is no science to this proposal, and the medical profession should not be used as the vehicle for unleashing this dangerous drug onto the community. Please visit Venice Beach, California during your free time and see how legalization of medical dispensaries flies in the face of any reasonable persons understanding on why we need more access to marijuana for the citizens of Santa Barbara.
This drug will hurt lives, cause dependency, and create more problems than it solves. Legalizing marijuana will come at the expense of public safety by impaired health, delinquent behaviors, and drugged drivers who will hurt innocent citizens.

Chris Flynn, MD

Thank you very much for your time and initiative to put a STOP on Santa Barbara's profit-

making dispensaries!!!
Looking forward to any feedback :-)

See you at City Council on Tuesday, June 7th, starting at 2PM?
Every body counts :-)

Sincerely,

Britta