

Dear Cannabis Advisory Committee Medicinal Subcommittee Member,

Please see our letter attached with issues we would like to see addressed.

The ASA CA Advisory Board will meet on the 16th to finalize priorities as a group. All letters you have received from ASA representatives are the position of chapters at this point, unless directly from ASA National or ASA-CA Advisory Board

I look forward to giving public comment!

Thanks sincerely,

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Advancing Legal Medical Marijuana Therapeutics and Research

To: The Cannabis Advisory Committee & The Medicinal Use Subcommittee

From: Tony Bowles - Chapter Chair, Bay Area Americans for Safe Access

Re: Defining the Subcommittee's Scope & and Prioritization of Topics

Date: February 13, 2023

The Bay Area Chapter of Americans for Safe Access (ASA) is pleased to provide our suggestions for defining the scope and prioritization of the Medicinal Use Subcommittee.

Scope and Priorities of the Committee:

We respectfully request that the subcommittee focus its efforts on identifying and addressing all topics that impact medicinal cannabis and cannabis patients, including but not limited to the following priorities:

- Re-codifying SB 34 - The Dennis Peron and Brownie Mary Act
- Bolstering compassionate cannabis programs by expanding tax incentives for legal cannabis operations to participate.
- Identify solutions to reduce the impact of local control in limiting medical patients' access to legal and tested products.
- Removing barriers to consumption in the home, the only place where medical cannabis patients can legally consume their medicine in California.
- Facilitating access for indigent medical cannabis patients who cannot afford access or lack required documentation to participate in compassionate giving programs.
- How to best educate patients as to the dangers of illicit retailers and illegal delivery services.
- Educating patients about the dangers of illicit retailers and illegal delivery services and how to differentiate the two.
- Educating consumers who use cannabis as medicine but do not self-identify as patients.
- Addressing the needs of cannabis patients in the adult-use market by ensuring high-potency products are available and not restricted at the local level.
- Protecting medical cannabis patients from discrimination in housing, employment, and custody matters.

We welcome the opportunity to provide more details regarding our outline of priorities for the The Committee, and look forward to working with the DCC and its members to continue our mission in expanding safe access for medical cannabis patients here in California.

For more information, visit our website is: www.safeaccessnow.org

Thanks sincerely,

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