



# Get the Facts on Prop 1

There were over 200,000 marijuana arrests in Michigan from 2007 to 2016 — 84% of them for simple possession. In 2016, African Americans were 2.6 times more likely to be charged with a minor marijuana crime than whites.



Let's stop the marijuana arrests that disproportionately harm African Americans in Michigan.

## What about potency and edibles?

Proposal 1 empowers the state government to strictly regulate labelling and packaging so that adults will know the exact contents of what they are buying.

## What about traffic fatalities and youth marijuana use?

State-sponsored surveys (Healthy Kids Colorado and Washington's Healthy Youth Survey) involving tens of thousands of students have found a slight reduction in teen marijuana use since legalization. And recent studies published in academic journals have found no link between legalization and increased traffic fatalities.

## What about expungement?

Rules in the Michigan Constitution forbid ballot initiatives from addressing more than one topic. If expungement had been included, the initiative would have been disqualified from the ballot. The legislature will be able to address expungement after Prop 1 is passed.

## What is Prop 1?

Prop 1 is a ballot proposal to end the destructive policy of marijuana prohibition in Michigan. The initiative was carefully written by a large group of public policy experts and stakeholders representing many different perspectives. The system it would create is built upon best practices from other states and gives the government authority to create strict regulations on marijuana testing, advertising, labelling, and packaging to ensure that marijuana products are safe.

## Who funds the Prop 1 campaign?

Hundreds of Michiganders have contributed donations in support of Prop 1. The vast majority of funds raised for the campaign have been donated by individuals and non-profit marijuana policy reform organizations. The accusation that Prop 1 serves corporate interests is a dishonest attack against the many passionate social justice advocates working to pass this important law.

## Prop 1 opponents say they want decriminalization...but that isn't true.

Project SAM, the prohibitionist group fighting Prop 1, supports policies that would force all adults who consume marijuana to undergo government-mandated drug use assessments, regardless of whether the individual needs or wants help. Refusal to cooperate could result in criminal charges.

## Who funds the opposition to legalization?

### Big Pharma



Insys, an opioid manufacturer, poured \$500,000 into the campaign to defeat Arizona's 2016 legalization initiative.



### Right-wing billionaires

Republican mega-donor Sheldon Adelson has given millions to campaigns opposing legalization around the country.