

Marijuana Should Be Decriminalized?



Superior Court Judge Jim Gray will discuss the Decriminalization of Marijuana in California. Judge Gray has had many years adjudicating drug cases in Orange County, and has insights into this topic that we can only begin to know. His website is <http://www.judgejimgray.com>

We hope to have a worthy debate opponent for the Judge, but most public officials are unwilling to defend or debate US federal drug policy, which classifies marijuana-cannabis as a Schedule I Controlled Substance.

US Code, Title 21, Chapter 13, Subchapter I, Part B, § 812, Schedule I declares:

(A) The drug or other substance has a high potential for abuse.

(B) The drug or other substance has no currently accepted medical use in treatment in the United States.

(C) There is a lack of accepted safety for use of the drug or other substance under medical supervision.

Prohibition under Schedule I also extends to industrial hemp, a fast-growing biomass crop that needs few pesticides and no herbicides. Industrial hemp is low in psychotropic substances, and has been used for hundreds of years to make paper, textiles, food, construction materials and fuel.

Many doctors, scientists, judges, legislators, and citizens have disputed Schedule I prohibition of cannabis-hemp-marijuana since before the Controlled Substances Act became federal law in 1970. A chair and microphone will be available for anyone prepared with facts to contradict the assertions of Judge Gray.

Hosted by the Humanist Society of Santa Barbara on Saturday, October 17th, 2009. Optional \$2 student or \$5 general donations would be appreciated.

2:30pm socializing, 3pm meeting starts, 4pm Q+A in the Faulkner Gallery, Central Public Library, 40 East Anapamu Street, downtown Santa Barbara.

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