

<b>Respondent Name</b>
No Federal Way Pot Retailers
<b>Complainant Name</b>
Orla Poole
<b>Complaint Description</b>
<p>Orla J Poole reported via the portal Sat, 19 Oct 2019 at 2:37PM</p> <p>OJP</p> <p>9243D7F3-DDC9-41EF-A2D7-490062A4FB89.png 562.53 KB</p>
<b>What impact does the alleged violation(s) have on the public?</b>
An attempt to influence the outcome of a democratic vote on a local issue by persons without disclosing source of money. An attempt at subterfuge in non disclosure of person(s) behind “No Federal Pot Retailers”
<b>List of attached evidence or contact information where evidence may be found</b>
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<b>List of potential witnesses with contact information to reach them</b>
<b>Certification (Complainant)</b>
I certify (or declare) under penalty of perjury under the laws of the State of Washington that information provided with this complaint is true and correct to the best of my knowledge and belief.



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### ...POLITICAL SEASON

## Vote no on Prop 1

The Federal Way City Council will soon decide whether to allow marijuana related businesses within our community and has placed an advisory vote entitled Proposition 1 on the November ballot.

Federal Way has worked hard to foster an environment that is family friendly, attracts quality businesses and enhances the quality of life. As Mayor Jim Ferrell said, "We want Federal Way to shine like a new penny."

"The licensing of marijuana establishments is not

consistent with these goals," said Federal Way resident and businessman Jack Walsh, who is working with the "Vote No" campaign. "Even though the sale is illegal to minors, pot shops send the message that drugs are the new norm. Following the pattern set by the tobacco industry, teens will now be bombarded with promotional messages from another industry seeking lifelong customers."

According to the American Academy of Pediatrics, marijuana interferes with memory, concentration, learning and brain development, lowers the odds of completing high school and increases the risk of psychosis. Multiple studies show that the proximity of pot shops increases both the likelihood and the frequency of marijuana use by minors.

The Yes on Prop. 1 campaign is financed entirely by the marijuana industry, according to the Public Disclosure Commission. Over \$43,000 has been contributed to that campaign, of which \$39,000 came from a single donor, Cliff Gehrett. He has already purchased a property on Pacific Highway only 1,000 feet from Federal Way High School, and the Washington State Liquor and Cannabis Board has issued a license for a marijuana retail store at that address. The Gehrett family currently owns multiple pot shops.

Those who support pot shops claim there will be a tax windfall that will benefit Federal Way, but according to city officials, Federal Way can expect \$180,000 to \$300,000 in tax revenue. That is less than 3/10s of 1% of the city's budget.

# VOTE NO TO FEDERAL WAY POT SHOPS

- Tax revenue from cannabis sales in Federal Way would be negligible, less than 1/3 of 1 percent of the city budget.
- Pot shops send the message to youth that marijuana is good and acceptable.
- Studies show proximity to pot shops increases the use of marijuana by minors.
- The Washington Liquor and Cannabis Board has already issued a license for a pot shop only 1000 feet from FWHS, pending passage of an ordinance by the City of Federal Way.
- The scientific community agrees that marijuana use by young people interferes with memory, concentration, learning and brain development, lowers the odds of completing school and increases risk of psychosis. Having pot shops will make things worse in our family-friendly community!
- The YES on PROP 1 campaign is financed by the Marijuana industry (\$39,000 contributed by one out-of-town pot shop owner).

## VOTE NO ON PROP 1 ON NOV 5th

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