



August 4, 2020

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RE: Des Moines City Council Marijuana Enforcement Task Force

Dear Mr. Karimi:

On June 22, 2020, the Des Moines City Council approved Resolution 20-1065, which established a task force to study ways to minimize criminal enforcement of possession of marijuana for personal use. On July 30, 2020, the task force held an organizational meeting and set forth the tentative timeline:

<b>DATE:</b>	<b>ACTION ITEM:</b>
August 3rd through August 21st	Solicit public input
Week of August 23rd	Task Force meeting
Week of August 30th	Publish policy proposals & Solicit written comments
Second week of September	Task Force meeting for public comment on policy proposals
Last week of September	Task Force meeting to discuss draft report
First week of October	Submit final report to City Council

As chair, I write to invite you to provide suggestions to the Task Force for policy proposals that fit within the following criteria set forth in the City Council's resolution:

- (1) Any proposed action or policy the state legislature or city council could take to lower the enforcement priority of the crime of possession of marijuana for personal use;

- (2) Proposals should be based on best practices implemented in other cities or states; and
- (3) No proposed action or policy should result in the loss of accreditation of any Des Moines Police officer or the Des Moines Regional Police Academy or otherwise result in the denial of state or federal funding.

Please email suggestions to Alex Hassel at [athassel@dmgov.org](mailto:athassel@dmgov.org) by the close of business on August 21, 2020. To facilitate the Task Force's work, please clearly identify with specificity the proposed action, the current state or city best practice upon which it is based, and separately provide any supporting data you wish to be considered with attribution to the original source.

I also invite you to provide feedback concerning the policy proposals during the written comment period and the public meeting in September. Please follow the City of Des Moines meeting calendar for specific dates and agendas:

[https://www.dsm.city/government/council\\_meetings\\_and\\_agendas/index.php](https://www.dsm.city/government/council_meetings_and_agendas/index.php)

In the meantime, if you have any questions or comments, please email them to [athassel@dmgov.org](mailto:athassel@dmgov.org), and Ms. Hassel will forward them to my attention.

I look forward to your response.

Sincerely,



Gary Dickey  
Chair, Marijuana Enforcement Task Force