



September 10, 2020

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RE: Des Moines City Council Marijuana Task Force

Dear Mr. Karimi:

On September 16, 2020, from 5:00 p.m. to 6:00 p.m. the Des Moines City Council Marijuana Task Force will hold a Zoom meeting to receive public comments on recommendations intended to minimize criminal enforcement of possession of marijuana for personal use. As chair, I write to invite you to comment on the following policy proposals that have been submitted to the Task Force for consideration:

City Policy Recommendations:

- Enact an ordinance or resolution declaring marijuana possession a low enforcement priority
- Adopt a pre-arrest diversion policy
- Survey city residents on enforcement priorities
- Evaluate the economic impact of marijuana enforcement
- Decriminalize or reduce penalties for personal use or production of marijuana

State Policy Recommendations:

- Expungement of criminal records for non-violent marijuana convictions
- Establish a marijuana enforcement task force
- Provide immunity for police officers who use discretion in marijuana enforcement
- Relax regulation of hemp
- Decriminalize or reduce penalties for personal use or production of marijuana

Police Practices Recommendations:

- Adopt a policy that marijuana enforcement is the lowest priority
- Eliminate the use of odor of marijuana as the basis for searches and seizures
- Require written consent for vehicle searches that are not supported by probable cause
- Collect and publish traffic stop data
- Mandate the use of body cameras and car cameras in all police encounters
- Stop the use of pretextual traffic stops
- Prohibit vehicle searches that are not supported by probable cause

You can register in advance for this meeting:

<https://dmgov.org.zoom.us/meeting/register/tJwtdeyvqz8oE9z7Zkrco-HDutW65WZxKmG>

Please follow the city of Des Moines meeting calendar for additional Task Force meeting times and agendas:

https://www.dsm.city/MTF_meeting_schedule.php

In the meantime, if you have any questions or comments, please email them to Alex Hassel with the City of Des Moines at athassel@dmgov.org, and she will forward them to my attention.

I look forward to your response.

Sincerely,



Gary Dickey
Chair, Marijuana Enforcement Task Force