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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](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](mailto:athassel@dmgov.org), and she will forward them to my attention.

I look forward to your response.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read "Gary Dickey", with a stylized flourish at the end.

Gary Dickey  
Chair, Marijuana Enforcement Task Force