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REQUEST TO BAN ALL RETAIL RECREATIONAL MARIJUANA ESTABLISHMENTS IN HINGHAM

WHEREAS, the mission of the Hingham Public Schools is to provide challenging and comprehensive educational programs in a safe and supportive environment.

WHEREAS, in partnership with families and the community, the Hingham Public Schools strive to develop in students habits of physical and emotional well-being, including a spirit of self-worth, resiliency, and adaptability.

WHEREAS, providing access to mind-altering drugs such as marijuana within the Hingham community may result in higher use among adolescents.

WHEREAS, the legalization of marijuana sends a false message to adolescents that using marijuana is safe and acceptable.

WHEREAS, Hingham residents voted 58% against the legalization of marijuana and is considered a "NO Community".

THEREFORE, let it be resolved that the Hingham School Committee supports a full ban on retail, recreational marijuana establishments in the town of Hingham in order ensure the safety and well-being of our youngest community members and students.

THEREFORE, let it be resolved in order to ensure that the Hingham School Committee calls on the Hingham Planning Board to propose that a ban on all retail, recreational marijuana establishments be put in place prior to the expiration (i.e, June 30, 2018) of the existing temporary moratorium.



Liza O'Reilly, Chair

November 20, 2017

Date

SCHOOL COMMITTEE ACTION

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