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**From:** Correspondence Group, City Clerk's Office  
**Sent:** Monday, June 15, 2015 11:01 AM  
**To:** Public Hearing  
**Subject:** FW: Jodie Emery false statements.  
**Attachments:** wp\_ss\_20150613\_0007.jpg

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**From:** PAMELA MCCOLL s.22(1) Personal and Confidential  
**Sent:** Sunday, June 14, 2015 5:58 AM  
**To:** Correspondence Group, City Clerk's Office  
**Subject:** Jodie Emery false statements.

SAM Canada is not funded by any organization. It raised initial funds by hosting a luncheon and a dinner for Patrick Kennedy in the spring of 2014.  
The amount raised was \$4,000.00 which was used for the Ottawa event and the website. There is no funding. No ties to drug companies. The event with Patrick Kennedy was not a failure, the boycott was not fake as we do not support the public hearings because we understand that the granting of licenses would be against federal laws and therefore they it should not have taken place as Councillor Ball argued and then voted against.  
Please place this on the public record.

Pamela McColl  
Smart Approaches to Marijuana Canada

**Sent:** Saturday, June 13, 2015 8:20:07 PM  
**Subject:** Jodie

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**From:** Correspondence Group, City Clerk's Office  
**Sent:** Monday, June 15, 2015 11:02 AM  
**To:** Public Hearing  
**Subject:** FW: Screenshot  
**Attachments:** Screenshot\_2015-06-13-19-39-07.png

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**From:** PAMELA MCCOLL s.22(1) Personal and Confidential  
**Sent:** Sunday, June 14, 2015 6:02 AM  
**To:** Correspondence Group, City Clerk's Office  
**Subject:** Fwd: Screenshot

Mayor and Council:

SAMC is not funded by any company - the following is 100% fabrication. I have never heard of the Community Anti-Drug Coalition of America and the events sponsor was the CCSA Canadian Centre on Substance Abuse all \$325.00 for coffee and muffins. The CCSA is this countries leading public health agency on substance abuse and highly regarded around the world. They support in principal the work SAMC does to educate Canadians on the topic of marijuana abuse. For the public record.  
Pamela McColl

**Sent:** Saturday, June 13, 2015 7:40:21 PM  
**Subject:** Screenshot

SAMC is partially funded by pharmaceutical companies as well as opiod makers, such as Purdue (which has earned \$27 billion from OxyContin alone since 1996), Abbott Laboratories (Vicodin), and Irish drug giant Alkermes (Zohydro) and even U.S. anti-drug organizations. Opponents of marijuana-law reform insist that legalization is dangerous—but the biggest threat is to their own bottom line according to an investigative article in the July 21-28, 2014, issue of the Nation. The article examined monetary ties between multi-billion-dollar pharmaceutical interests and Project SAM. SAMC—which launched itself in Ottawa in March 2014 with a breakfast for politicians, was hosted by a group called Community Anti-Drug Coalition of America (CADCA), which is against marijuana-policy reform; the event's sponsor was OxyContin manufacturer Purdue Pharmaceutical.  
<http://www.thenation.com/article/180493/anti-pot-lobbys-big-bankroll#>

basement? Heck no. It still needs to be regulated by the government. Fight for the kids stop selling illegal drugs.



**Jodie Emery**

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**From:** Correspondence Group, City Clerk's Office  
**Sent:** Monday, June 15, 2015 11:03 AM  
**To:** Public Hearing  
**Subject:** FW: Principal

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**From:** PAMELA MCCOLL s.22(1) Personal and Confidential  
**Sent:** Sunday, June 14, 2015 8:02 AM  
**To:** Correspondence Group, City Clerk's Office  
**Subject:** Fwd: Principal

Dear Principal of Stratford Hall:

I am writing to strongly suggest that you find drug preventionists who are schooled in evidence based practises to educate your students on the risks associated with the use of marijuana. All of the dispensaries are illegal entities according to the government of Canada and I am shocked that you would have your students enter an illegal business as part of their education. I am further shocked that you would expose them to any level of promotion of drug use.

Pamela McColl  
Smart Approaches to Marijuana Canada

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<http://www.vancourier.com/news/vancouver-pot-shop-battle-goes-to-public-hearing-wednesday-1.1958165>

Jamie Shaw, communications coordinator for the Compassion Club and president of the Canadian Association of Medical Cannabis Dispensaries, signed up to speak to council. Shaw said her five minutes at the microphone will focus on amending the regulations to "grandfather" the shop's right to remain at its location at 2995 Commercial Dr.

"We're part of the fabric of the neighbourhood, so we're hoping that they realize it's kind of arbitrary to make us move," she said, referring to a recommendation in the proposal that says a pot shop can't be located within 300 metres of a school.

**The Compassion Club is across the street from private school Stratford Hall, where Shaw said dispensary staff has visited to discuss cannabinoids with a Grade 12 biology class. Students have also visited the dispensary and apothecary as part of their education, she said, noting the school opened after the pot shop was already on the block.**

Shaw said she will also ask council to consider reducing annual licence fees for non-profits and to continue to allow marijuana-laced products such as brownies and ice cream for sale. The city's proposal says only marijuana oil could be for sale.

- See more at: <http://www.vancourier.com/news/vancouver-pot-shop-battle-goes-to-public-hearing-wednesday-1.1958165#sthash.EWJq5BNN.dpuf>

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**From:** Correspondence Group, City Clerk's Office  
**Sent:** Monday, June 15, 2015 11:08 AM  
**To:** Public Hearing  
**Subject:** FW: JODY EMERY IS OUT OF CONTROL.

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**From:** PAMELA MCCOLL s.22(1) Personal and Confidential  
**Sent:** Sunday, June 14, 2015 2:37 PM  
**To:** Correspondence Group, City Clerk's Office  
**Subject:** Fwd: JODY EMERY IS OUT OF CONTROL.

Letter to the Editor Georgia Strait.

BEWARE of these people and groups, that have U.S. ties to Big Pharma by Martin Dunphy at The Straight.

Smart Approaches to Marijuana Canada has never received any funding from any pharmaceutical company, in any country. In fact we have no funding whatsoever. The only funding we have had was raised through two successful events with Patrick Kennedy who visited Vancouver in spring of 2014 for one day. We raised \$4,000. Individual members of our group have also made small contributions to help fund our efforts. Our organization was launched in Ottawa Canada in March 2014. We held a breakfast meeting for 45 Ministers of the Government of Canada. The muffins and coffee were provided by the Canadian Centre on Substance Abuse and the room was provided complimentary as it was a public space within the House of Commons.

Pamela McColl does not nor has she ever discussed or written anything about forced treatment and any suggestion that she has is 100% fabrication. The boycott of the public hearings was the position we choose to take in responsive to Councillor Elizabeth Ball's statement. We agreed with her in that the marijuana dispensaries are illegal entities the plan to license them should not go to a public hearing or move forward. We are supported by representatives from the legal, medical and academic establishment of Canada including Dr. Harold Kalant, and Dr. Philip Seeman, both world renowned scientists. Dr. Andra Smith and Dr. Meldon Kahan are also highly respected in their fields of research. Dr. Smith is with the University of Ottawa, a neuroscientists studying effects of marijuana use in pregnancy on the cognitive development of children, and attended the United Nations meetings in March of 2015, accompanied by Pamela McColl representing SAM Canada. SAM Canada is a national organization and Pamela McColl has been the spokesperson for the Vancouver licensee issue. Other members of our advisory council are on other projects, including lobbying Health Canada to ensure that the MMPR licenses comply with the regulations surrounding packaging and advertising. Members of SAM Canada have been called upon by the Government of Canada to address House of Commons committees on drug policy as they are among the best educated on the subject of marijuana abuse this country has to offer. Look to the funding of the Canadian marijuana lobby if you want to find a story to fill your paper, the millions of US dollars pouring into Canadian politics if you want something juicy to sink your teeth into. There is no dirty drug money story here with SAM Canada, we are not funding any political campaign, we are not in with Big Pharma and this journalist has allowed his imagination to get the better of him. Careful what you write - it has a way of hanging around like a bad odor. You might also want to lay off the advertising of marijuana as the penalties are rather steep !

Pamela McColl  
Advisory Council Smart Approaches to Marijuana Canada.  
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**From:** Correspondence Group, City Clerk's Office  
**Sent:** Monday, June 15, 2015 11:23 AM  
**To:** Public Hearing  
**Subject:** FW: Turn out the lights the pot party is over Marc. Letter to BC Hyrdo CEO J. McDonald.  
**Attachments:** SAMC-Information.docx

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**From:** PAMELA MCCOLL s.22(1) Personal and Confidential  
**Sent:** Sunday, June 14, 2015 7:54 PM  
**To:** Correspondence Group, City Clerk's Office  
**Subject:** Fwd: Turn out the lights the pot party is over Marc. Letter to BC Hyrdo CEO J. McDonald.

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**From:** "PAMELA MCCOLL" s.22(1) Personal and Confidential  
**To:** s.22(1) Personal and Confidential  
**Sent:** Sunday, June 14, 2015 7:52:26 PM  
**Subject:** Fwd: Turn out the lights the pot party is over Marc. Letter to BC Hyrdo CEO J. McDonald.

Dear Danielle Vanhuizen

I am writing to ask that you forward this letter to the members of the Board of Directors of BC Hydro. Thank you very much,  
Pamela McColl on behalf of the Advisory Council SAM Canada. Dr. Harold Kalant, Dr. Philip Seeman, The Hon Nancy Morrison, Dr. Andra Smith, Dr. Meldon Kahan, Dr. Elizabeth Osuch, David Berner Drug Prevention Network of Canada, Chuck Doucette (RCMP), Dr. Charles Ratzlaff.

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**From:** "PAMELA MCCOLL" s.22(1) Personal and Confidential  
**To:** s.22(1) Personal and Confidential  
**Sent:** Friday, June 12, 2015 1:09:52 PM  
**Subject:** Fwd: Turn out the lights the pot party is over Marc. Letter to BC Hyrdo CEO J. McDonald.

June 6<sup>th</sup>. 2015

Dear Jessica McDonald

President and CEO BC Hydro:

I am writing to bring to your attention the fact that there are 93+ illegal marijuana dispensaries operating in the City of Vancouver. If your company is supplying these illegal businesses with hydro power you should seriously consider seeking advice from your legal counsel for being in conflict with the drug laws of Canada and laws pertaining to and potential penalties for facilitating criminal enterprises.

You will find it of benefit to review several court cases that have been filed by plaintiffs in the State of Colorado. These pleadings advance claims for damages from parties who are engaged in aiding and abetting marijuana businesses operating in violation of federal law. The Canadian Federal Government has verified, and made well publicized public statements that the marijuana dispensaries in Vancouver are illegal enterprises. BC Hydro customers should not be known illegal operations.

In Parksville BC, the RCMP closed down a marijuana dispensary and issued a warning to the landlord that if they rent to the company or a company conducting illegal business they could face charges under the provisions of Canadian law that prohibit any business from profiting from crime.

It is the position of Smart Approaches to Marijuana Canada – a national organization with representation from the medical and legal sectors, that these illegal businesses should be closed and federal drug laws be respected, adhered to.

We ask BC Hydro to comply with Canadian Federal Drugs Laws. We ask that BC Hydro disconnect all hydro service to these illegal businesses immediately and a public statement be made of this action. We respectfully also request that a letter be sent to the Mayor and Council, and the Federal Minister of Health Rona Ambrose that clearly states your actions on this matter.

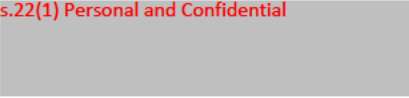
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Pamela McColl

Member of the Advisory Council of Smart Approaches to Marijuana Canada

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## **Smart Approaches to Marijuana Canada (SAMC) Mission:**

The mission of Smart Approaches to Marijuana Canada (SAMC) is to promote a health-first approach to marijuana policy that neither legalizes marijuana, nor demonizes its users. SAMC's commonsense, third-way approach to marijuana policy is based on reputable science and sound principles of public health and safety. At SAMC we reject dichotomies — such as “incarceration versus legalization” — that offer only simplistic solutions to the highly complex problems stemming from marijuana use. Our aim is to champion smart policies that decrease marijuana use, like prevention and early intervention. Yet in rejecting legalization, we also do not believe that low-level marijuana users should be saddled with criminal records that stigmatize them for life.

## **SAMC's Vision is to:**

- inform the public on the science of today's marijuana;
- have an honest conversation about reducing the unintended consequences of current marijuana policies, such as lifelong stigma due to criminal records;
- prevent the expansion of a Big Tobacco-like industry that will target children and vulnerable populations;
- promote scientific research on marijuana in order to obtain scientifically-approved, cannabis-based medications.

## **SAMC Will Advocate For:**

- a complete Health Canada assessment of the impact of marijuana use on Canadian society;
- a public health campaign focused on the harms of marijuana, including the devastating impact on mental and physical health, especially for youth;
- sensible policies that do not legalize marijuana

## **SAMC's Actions Will Consist Of:**

- conducting information briefings for the public and decision makers about the science of today's marijuana and the evidence of effectiveness for different law makers;
- engaging with the media, key stakeholders, the business community, families, and other sectors of society on the issue of smart marijuana policy;
- advocating, alongside leaders in the medical and scientific fields, for smart marijuana policies that do not legalize nor demonize marijuana;
- advocate for medical education addiction and the harms of marijuana.

## **SAM Canada's Inaugural Council Includes:**

Nancy Morrison  
Pamela McColl  
Wayne Jeffery MD  
David Berner  
Chuck Doucette  
Harold Kalant, MD PhD  
Nancy Lee  
Elizabeth Osuch, MD  
Candace Plattor, MA, RCC

Andra Smith MD  
Charles Ratzlaff, PhD  
Philip Seeman PhD  
Jim Stimson  
Meldon Kahan MD  
Connor Fesenmaier  
Duncan Fesenmaier

## **Marijuana and Public Health:**

People often refer to their own experiences with marijuana, rather than to what science has taught us. No matter what people think about the drug and the policies surrounding it, it is vitally important to be well-versed in the science and public health and safety impacts of marijuana use and addiction:

- Today's marijuana is four to five times stronger than it was in the 1960s and 1970s.
- One in eleven adults and one in six adolescents who try marijuana for the first time will become addicted to marijuana.<sup>1</sup>
- Because their brains are in development, marijuana acutely affects young people before age 25. Marijuana use directly affects memory, learning, attention, and reaction time. These effects can last up to 28 days after abstinence from use.<sup>2</sup>
- Marijuana use can contribute to psychosis, schizophrenia, anxiety, and depression.<sup>3</sup>
- Marijuana use can reduce IQ by six to eight points among those who started smoking before age 18.<sup>4</sup>

## **Marijuana and the Criminal Justice System**

Statistics show that very few people are actually in prison for simple marijuana-only possession. Majority of offenders in Canada who are sentenced to prison have a prior criminal history or are found in possession of marijuana while committing other serious offences such as impaired driving or domestic violence. For instance, in 2011 in British Columbia, only 3% of founded cases of marijuana possession were cleared by a charge. And of that 3%, only seven cases (1.3% of the 3%) resulted in a custody sentence.<sup>5</sup>

## **Marijuana and Big Business**

Tobacco companies lied to Canada for more than a century about the dangers of smoking. They deliberately targeted kids and had doctors promote cigarettes as medicine. And today we are paying the price. Tobacco use is our nation's top cause of preventable death and contributes to about 37,000 deaths each year. Tobacco use costs our country at least \$17 billion annually — which is about 3 times the amount of money our state and federal governments collect from today's taxes on cigarettes and other tobacco products. If it is legalized, marijuana will be

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<sup>1</sup> Wagner, F.A. & Anthony, J.C. (2002). From first drug use to drug dependence; developmental periods of risk for dependence upon cannabis, cocaine, and alcohol. *Neuropsychopharmacology* 26.

<sup>2</sup> Hall W & Degenhard L. (2009). Adverse health effects of non-medical cannabis use. *Lancet*, 374.

<sup>3</sup> Andréasson S, et al. (1987). Cannabis and Schizophrenia: A longitudinal study of Swedish conscripts. *Lancet*, 2(8574).

<sup>4</sup> Meier, M.H. (2012). Persistent cannabis users show neuropsychological decline from childhood to midlife. *Proceedings of the National Academy of Sciences*.

<sup>5</sup> Pauls, K., et al. (2013). The nature and extent of marijuana possession in British Columbia. University of Fraser Valley Center for Public Safety and Criminal Justice Research.

commercialized just as tobacco was. The examples of tobacco and alcohol should teach us that legalizing any third substance would be a public health disaster.

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**From:** Correspondence Group, City Clerk's Office  
**Sent:** Monday, June 15, 2015 1:32 PM  
**To:** Public Hearing  
**Subject:** FW: ELIZABETH MAY ON VANCOUVER DISPENSARIES AS AN MP OF CANADA

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**From:** PAMELA MCCOLL s.22(1) Personal and Confidential  
**Sent:** Monday, June 15, 2015 12:40 PM  
**To:** Correspondence Group, City Clerk's Office  
**Subject:** Fwd: ELIZABETH MAY ON VANCOUVER DISPENSARIES AS AN MP OF CANADA

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**From:** "Elizabeth May" s.22(1) Personal and Confidential  
**To:** s.22(1) Personal and Confidential  
**Sent:** Monday, June 15, 2015 12:04:15 PM

Dear Ms. McColl,

Thank you for writing to me about marijuana dispensaries in British Columbia. As a mother, I understand your concerns for the safety of children.

I should let you know that the stores in Vancouver that you are referring to are, in fact, legal. They are licensed medical marijuana dispensaries tolerated by the authorities. The Canadian federal government does allow medical marijuana.

Since April 1, 2014, when the federal government passed a new law that required marijuana to be sold by licensed vendors, dozens of dispensaries have opened. Out of 61 dispensaries in Vancouver, only six investigations led to a charge. Out of the six, two dispensaries have been shut down. The other four cases are still pending.

I share your desire for Canada to follow the rule of law. In this case, the rule of law is being followed. Thank you again for writing. It is an honour to serve as your Member of Parliament.

Sincerely,

Elizabeth May, O.C., M.P.  
Saanich-Gulf Islands  
Leader of the Green Party of Canada

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**From:** Correspondence Group, City Clerk's Office  
**Sent:** Tuesday, June 16, 2015 3:43 PM  
**To:** Public Hearing  
**Subject:** FW: Adolescent Marijuana Use By State  
**Attachments:** Youth Use rates.jpg

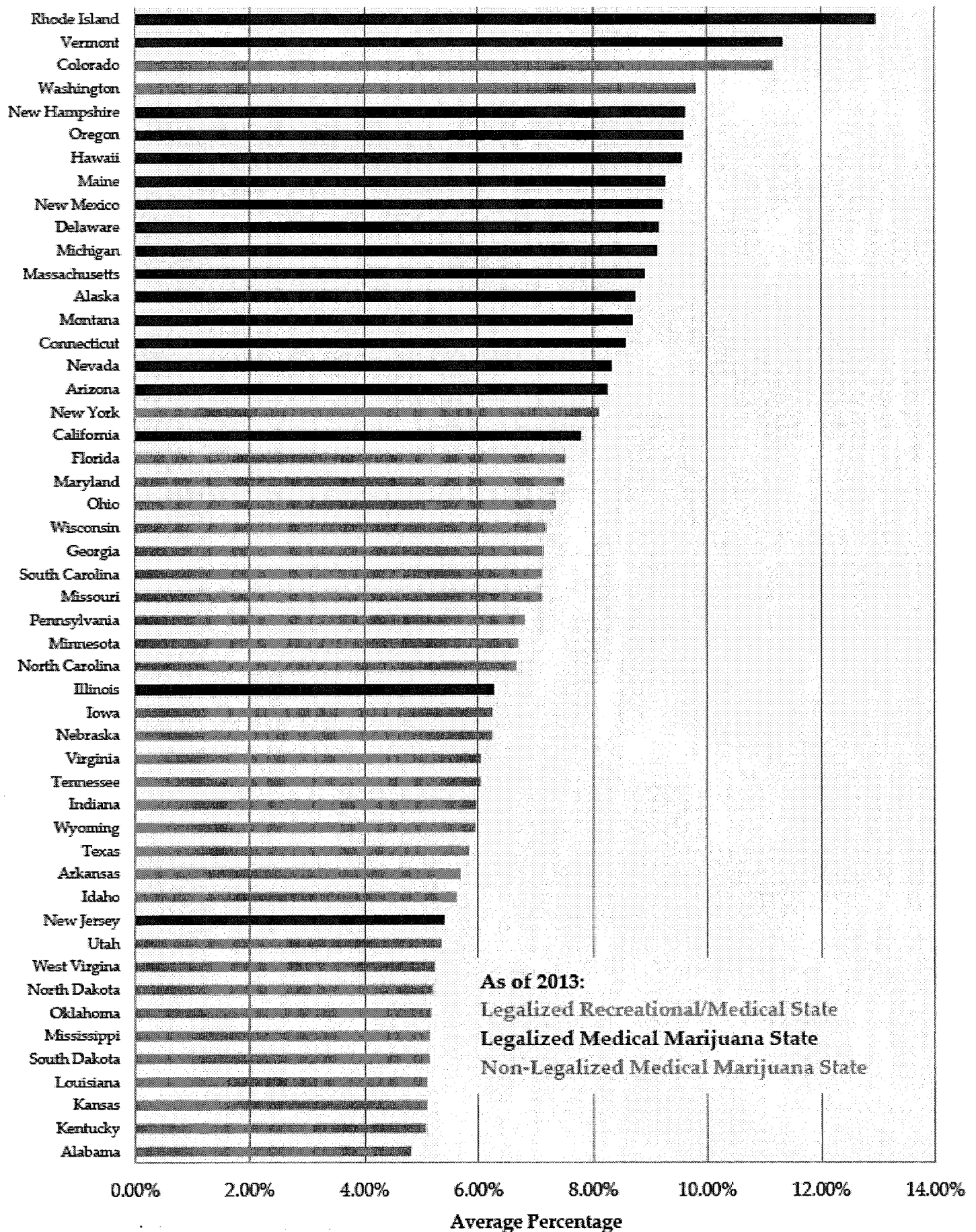
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**From:** PAMELA MCCOLL s.22(1) Personal and Confidential  
**Sent:** Tuesday, June 16, 2015 3:25 PM  
**To:** Correspondence Group, City Clerk's Office  
**Cc:** Ballem, Penny  
**Subject:** Fwd: Adolescent Marijuana Use By State

Interesting chart for Dr.Daly to review in consideration of her premise of the Paradox of Prohibition.

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## Past Month Usage by 12 to 17-Year-Olds, 2013



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**From:** Correspondence Group, City Clerk's Office  
**Sent:** Thursday, June 18, 2015 12:15 PM  
**To:** Public Hearing  
**Subject:** FW: Dangerous Choice to Legalize Pot

**From:** pamela mccoll s.22(1) Personal and Confidential  
**Sent:** Thursday, June 18, 2015 12:15 PM  
**To:** Correspondence Group, City Clerk's Office  
**Subject:** Fwd: Dangerous Choice to Legalize Pot

Mayor and Council of Vancouver

Leading Canadian agency on substance abuse - The Canadian Centre on Substance Abuse (CCSA)  
new report June 18th 2015.

Here is the link to the report: <http://www.ccsa.ca/Resource%20Library/CCSA-Effects-of-Cannabis-Use-during-Adolescence-Report-2015-en.pdf>

And here is the link to the Report in Short: <http://www.ccsa.ca/Resource%20Library/CCSA-Effects-of-Cannabis-Use-during-Adolescence-Summary-2015-en.pdf>

Read the report and then give serious question offering your support to licensing or in any way legitimizing dispensary operators to sell marijuana who are willing to deny the risks of harm to the developing adolescent brain:

David Malmo-Levine Brochure How To Talk To Your Parents About Cannabis: ( Handed out at City Hall June 10th, to the public and the media)

"Does it harm the developing minds of young people? The short answer is that there's no evidence that it does."

It would be irresponsible and contribute to more damage to young Vancouverites to issue a license to individuals who deny

the risks of harm.



That is the best reason we can give you to not go ahead with this plan. Read this report and you will understand that this country is being manipulated by a powerful pot lobby and those that are suffering the damage are the young.

Sincerely submitted on the public record by:

The Advisor Council of SAM Canada

Chuck Doucette

Nancy Morrison

Wayne Jeffery

Jim Simpson

Nancy Lee

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Dr. Elizabeth Osuch.

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**From:** Correspondence Group, City Clerk's Office  
**Sent:** Wednesday, June 17, 2015 5:16 PM  
**To:** Public Hearing  
**Subject:** FW: Level of regulation and control above what City of Vancouver can facilitate.

**From:** pamela mccoll s.22(1) Personal and Confidential  
**Sent:** Wednesday, June 17, 2015 4:20 PM  
**To:** Correspondence Group, City Clerk's Office  
**Subject:** Level of regulation and control above what City fo Vancouver can facilitate.

<http://www.cbc.ca/news/politics/health-canada-clamps-down-on-medical-marijuana-advertising-1.2851471>

2014 Document. This is the level of control and regulation that is needed for the distribution of marijuana for medical purposes.

Advisory Council SAM Canada

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**From:** Correspondence Group, City Clerk's Office  
**Sent:** Wednesday, June 17, 2015 3:01 PM  
**To:** Public Hearing  
**Subject:** FW: Is a storefront signage including their name or shingle advertising the \$5 million dollar question.

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**From:** PAMELA MCCOLL s.22(1) Personal and Confidential  
**Sent:** Tuesday, June 16, 2015 10:53 AM  
**To:** Correspondence Group, City Clerk's Office  
**Cc:** Connor Fesenmaier  
**Subject:** Is a storefront signage including their name or shingle advertising the \$5 million dollar question.

<http://bc.ctvnews.ca/jazz-festival-threatened-with-massive-fine-over-pot-shop-ads-1.2424306>

Is a storefront advertising in the eyes of the court ? The \$5 million dollar question.

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Duncan Fesenmaier  
Nancy Lee

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**From:** Correspondence Group, City Clerk's Office  
**Sent:** Wednesday, June 17, 2015 1:28 PM  
**To:** Public Hearing  
**Subject:** FW: Child marijuana poisoning incidents increase after states legalize pot

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**From:** PAMELA MCCOLL s.22(1) Personal and Confidential  
**Sent:** Tuesday, June 16, 2015 9:09 PM  
**To:** Correspondence Group, City Clerk's Office  
**Subject:** Fwd: Child marijuana poisoning incidents increase after states legalize pot

Dear Mayor and Council  
Please add this to the public record and add it to our oppositon to the licensing and normalization of dispensaries.

Nancy Lee - David Berner - Chuck Doucette -

Sam Canada

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### **Child marijuana poisoning incidents increase after states legalize pot**

[http://www.cleveland.com/open/index.ssf/2015/06/child\\_poisoning\\_cases\\_increase.html](http://www.cleveland.com/open/index.ssf/2015/06/child_poisoning_cases_increase.html)

**By Jackie Borchardt, Northeast Ohio Media Group - June 16, 2015 at 2:34 PM**



*Nationwide, the rate of child exposure to marijuana increased more than 147 percent from 2006 to 2013, according to data from the National Poison Database System. (Elaine Thompson, Associated Press)*

COLUMBUS, Ohio -- More young children were exposed to marijuana in states after the drug became legal for medical or recreational use there, according to a new study from researchers at Nationwide Children's Hospital.

The study, published last week in the journal *Clinical Pediatrics*, found that the rate of marijuana exposure among children age 5 and under increased almost 16 percent each year after legalization in those states.

Nationwide, the rate of child exposure to marijuana increased more than 147 percent from 2006-13, according to data from the National Poison Database System.

Twenty-three states and the District of Columbia have medical marijuana programs and four states -- Colorado, Washington, Oregon and Alaska -- have legalized personal marijuana use.

Political action committee **ResponsibleOhio** plans to propose a constitutional amendment on the November ballot that **would legalize marijuana for personal and medical use for adults over age 21.**

The study authors attributed much of the exposure to marijuana brownies and other edible products, which can contain high amounts of marijuana's psychoactive ingredient THC.

More than 75 percent of the children were younger than 3, and most were exposed when they swallowed marijuana.

Some children experienced coma, decreased breathing, or seizures and more than 18 percent were hospitalized, according to the study.

From 2000-13, 1,969 young children were reported to poison control centers.

Dr. Gary Smith, who co-authored the study, said that's not a large number but the sharp increase is cause for concern.

"Any state considering marijuana legalization needs to include child protections in its laws from the very beginning," Smith said.

"Child safety must be part of the discussion when a state is considering legalization of marijuana."

Smith and the other researchers recommend marijuana products are sold in child-resistant and opaque packaging like medicines or chemicals.

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**From:** Correspondence Group, City Clerk's Office  
**Sent:** Friday, June 19, 2015 10:08 AM  
**To:** Public Hearing  
**Subject:** FW: Huffington Post

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**Sent:** Friday, June 19, 2015 9:54 AM  
**To:** Correspondence Group, City Clerk's Office  
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