



Information about Measure L

June 5th, 2018 Ballot



Town of Yucca Valley
Spring 2018

What is the issue?

- In 2017, the Town of Yucca Valley enacted local law to ban indoor commercial cannabis activities within Town limits.
- The Yucca Valley Planning Commission and Town Council each voted on this ban following extensive deliberations, public hearings and community input.
- Cannabis industry advocates who disagree with this ban qualified Measure L for the June 5th ballot.





Why did the Town vote to ban indoor commercial cannabis?

- Local control over local regulations, and to maintain public health and public safety.
- Concerns about health/safety risks such as:
 - Criminal Activity (trespassing, theft, robbery, break-ins)
 - Plant chemicals causing illness
 - Water Pollution from grow and cultivation
 - Fire Hazard from high wattage grow lights
 - Odor effects from improper ventilations

For the full text of the Town's Commercial Cannabis Ban (Ordinance 268), visit www.yucca-valley.org/MeasureL

What is Measure L?

- Measure L is an initiative on the June 5th Ballot and is the only local measure on this ballot.
- If enacted, Measure L overturns the Town Planning Commission and Town Council ban on indoor commercial cannabis growing, manufacturing, testing, and distribution (among other uses) in certain zoning districts within Town limits.



How does Measure L affect the Town?

- If enacted by voters, Measure L allows unlimited indoor cultivation activities in certain zoning districts within Town limits.
- The Town determined that financial impacts could be significant, costing the Town as much as \$150,000 annually.
- Cannabis regulation and oversight needs, health and public safety demands are impacts of concern to the Town Council.
- Measure L does not include a taxation mechanism to address these costs.





What about benefits of Measure L?

- In other communities, some property values have increased.
 - As there is ample land supply within our region for these types of businesses, the actual affect on Yucca Valley’s property values remains speculative.
- Additional jobs will be generated.
 - Measure L does not include a Local Hire provision.



What Else Should I know About Measure L?

- Personal cultivation is permitted and is not affected by Measure L.
- Measure L does not have its own requirements for additional safety zones or buffers around schools, parks, and religious institutions.





Where Can I Get More Information?

- The Town will continue to update the community as we receive additional questions.
- Please let us know of other individuals and groups that need this information.
- For more information, visit www.yucca-valley.org/MeasureL
- If you have any specific questions feel free to contact Curtis Yakimow, Town Manager, by phone at 760-369-7207 x 224 or by email at cyakimow@yucca-valley.org



Questions?
