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To the Honorable City Council,

I write to request that your Honorable Council docket for consideration a request to place the following three questions on the November 2018 ballot related to recreational marijuana retail establishments.

I know you are investing a considerable amount of time and thought in the next few weeks on what questions, if any, should be on the November 2018 ballot.

There are three principles that are important to me as you deliberate.

- First, that the ballot questions be clear and simple.
- Second, that the ballot questions reflect all three of the policy choices that have been discussed (no recreational marijuana retail establishments, two to four, or up to eight).
- Third, that the vote be democratic so that the choice with the highest number of votes prevails.

I offer three ballot questions as a package that I believe achieve these three outcomes.

The instructions that would accompany the three questions would be:

- Questions 1, 2 and 3 are separate questions. You may vote for or against each question independently.
- Each question requires a majority of those voting on that question to pass.

- If more than one question passes, the question with the highest number of votes wil

There may be other approaches to achieving these three principles and I look forward to following your deliberations.

Warmly,

Ruthanne Fuller, Mayor