

Commissioners,

I support the legalization and sale of marijuana in Cook County.

The time for Cook County to make available a desired herb at a price, it also will generate the tax revenue back to the people who carry the burden of keeping what services we have ongoing.

I have resided in Cook County for 55 years, I have seen needs not met as a result of monies no longer available.

This availability would attract those willing to make the purchase, legally. A product pure and grown in secure protected environments.

The sale of alcohol and tobacco within Cook County are monitored to those over 21 years of age.

Safety operating a motor vehicle would fall into the same guidelines as driving while impaired.

Prohibition two generations ago taught America great lessons, Cook County absolutely needs to generate revenue. There is an exodus due to reduced funds going into schools, mental health and overall healthcare in general.

Individuals with tiny amounts of marijuana, find themselves with an arrest record. In some cases deterring their future.

This is only a step towards easing the money crunch we all cope with, but it is a step forward. It will be a choice residents make to purchase the product or not.

I will promise to encourage the voters in my community to endorse your proposal.

Thank you,

Myrna L. Goldsmith