

**RESOLUTION NO. 96-1667**

**RESOLUTION OF THE CITY COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF WEST HOLLYWOOD SUPPORTING THE ACTIVITIES OF THE CANNABIS BUYER'S CLUB AND DECLARING THAT THE INVESTIGATION AND ARREST OF INDIVIDUALS INVOLVED WITH THE MEDICAL USE OF MARIJUANA SHALL BE A LOW PRIORITY FOR THE CITY OF WEST HOLLYWOOD.**

**THE CITY COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF WEST HOLLYWOOD HEREBY RESOLVES AS FOLLOWS:**

**WHEREAS, marijuana has been shown to help alleviate pain and discomfort in people suffering from a variety of illnesses including AIDS, cancer, glaucoma, and multiple sclerosis; and**

**WHEREAS, marijuana has alleviated the suffering of people with chronic illness when no other medications have been effective; and**

**WHEREAS, the use of marijuana is presently unlawful even under the supervision of a physician; and**

**WHEREAS, the illegal purchase of marijuana by people already suffering with chronic illnesses subjects them to further suffering in the form of potential arrest and prosecution; and**

**WHEREAS, the Cannabis Buyer's Club provides a way for patients needing to purchase marijuana for medical use to do so with greater ease and less risk of arrest and prosecution; and**

**WHEREAS, the City of West Hollywood wishes to declare its desire not to expend City resources in any investigation, detention, arrest or prosecution arising out of alleged violations of state and federal law regarding the distribution of marijuana for compassionate medical use;**

**NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED, that the City Council of the City of West Hollywood hereby endorses the passage of Proposition 215 and declares that it shall be the policy of the City of West Hollywood that the investigation and arrest of members of the Cannabis Buyer's Club for purchasing, selling and distributing marijuana for medical purposes shall be a low priority; and**

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**BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED** that the City Council of the City of West Hollywood hereby declares that it shall be the policy of the City of West Hollywood, that the investigation and arrest of persons for planting, cultivating, purchasing, and/or possessing marijuana shall be a low priority of the City of West Hollywood, if such persons have been medically diagnosed as suffering from an illness or injury, the symptoms of which may be alleviated by the medicinal use of marijuana, and if such persons purchase or possess marijuana for, and/or distribute marijuana to patients, whose physicians have determined that they are suffering physical pain that may be alleviated by the medicinal use of marijuana; and

**BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED** that if any provision of this resolution is declared by a court of competent jurisdiction to be contrary to any statute, regulation or judicial decision, or its applicability to any agency, person or circumstances is held invalid, the validity of the remainder of this resolution and its applicability to any other agency, person or circumstance shall not be affected.

**PASSED, APPROVED AND ADOPTED** this 4th day of November, 1996.

Paul Koretz  
MAYOR

ATTEST:

[Signature]  
CITY CLERK

STATE OF CALIFORNIA )  
COUNTY OF LOS ANGELES )  
CITY OF WEST HOLLYWOOD )

I, **VIVIAN M. LOVE**, CMC, City Clerk of the City of West Hollywood, do hereby certify that Resolution No. 96-1667, was duly passed, approved and adopted by the City Council of the City of West Hollywood at a regular meeting held the 4th day of November, 1996, by the following vote:

**AYES:** Councilmember - Heilman, Land, Martin, Guarriello, Koretz.  
**NOES:** Councilmember - None.  
**ABSENT:** Councilmember - None.

[Signature]  
City Clerk