

citizens for a
Healthy Pueblo



SAFETY FACTS

The war FOR drugs is failing our community . . .

CRIME

- Crime is up. “A couple of Type 1 crimes, most notably auto thefts, saw increases. There were 663 auto thefts reported in 2014 and 896 in 2015.” (Pueblo Chieftain, Amendment 64 adds to Pueblo law enforcement workload, officials say 7/26/16)
- “Crime-wise, among the biggest issues legalized pot has brought with it is people getting plants they grow at home either inside or on their property ripped off by burglars.” (Pueblo Chieftain, Amendment 64 adds to Pueblo law enforcement workload, officials say 7/26/16)
- “One of the most extreme cases happened in December 2014 when a dog was shot and killed as four men fired shots into a house on the 1600 block of West 13th Street. The home that was targeted had a **marijuana grow inside, which police said was the motive for the crime.**” (Pueblo Chieftain, Amendment 64 adds to Pueblo law enforcement workload, officials say 7/26/16)
- “Here in Pueblo, we’ve had an influx of a lot of homeless people that have come into the community looking to get a job in the community or looking to smoke dope,” (Pueblo Police Chief) Velez said. “They’ve caused an enormous weight on the social fabric within the city, and so much so that I think that fabric is going to tear. There’s not enough funding to take care of all of these people.” (Pueblo Chieftain, Amendment 64 adds to Pueblo law enforcement workload, officials say, 7/26/16)



Illegal Marijuana Activity – **Black Market** Not Gone but **GROWING**:

- In the two years since the retail industry invaded our communities **we have witnessed a black market that is not only NOT gone but growing.** Pueblo County has had over 28 illegal marijuana grow busts in homes all over Pueblo County.



- These houses must be condemned for mold and unsafe electrical and building code violations.
- Sheriff Kirk Taylor on legalization and the black market. “It has not killed the black market,” Taylor said. “It’s exploded. The facts say the marijuana that used to come from Mexico has really decreased; the DEA will tell you that. They don’t have to bring it from Mexico anymore; they can grow it in Colorado. **We are the new epicenter.**” (Pueblo Chieftain, Amendment 64 adds to Pueblo law enforcement workload, officials say 7/26/16)
- #1 in marijuana use #1 in other drug use in the country (Source: Substance Abuse and Mental Health Services Administration (SAMHSA))
- Meanwhile, as Colorado Attorney General, Cynthia Coffman has said with legalization “**criminals are hiding in plain sight**”. (source: Denver Post, February 2015)
- Denver police department reported a 1,000% increase the pounds of illegal marijuana seized between 2011-2014 (Source: Denver 7 News, March 9, 2015)
- U.S. mail parcel interceptions of Colorado marijuana, destined for 38 other states, increased 2,033 percent from 2010 – 2014. (source: Colorado State patrol DUID Program – Rocky Mountain HIDTA Legalization of Marijuana – the Impact Volume 3, September 2015)

Our Pueblo County and City ballot measures will do the following:

- Prohibit retail marijuana – retail stores, manufacturing, testing facilities, growing operations.

What it does not impact:

- Personal use, home grows, hemp grows, and medical marijuana businesses.
- Retail marijuana is a failed approach. Pueblo should be about reducing, not promoting, marijuana use. **We believe voters will agree.**

We are a coalition of leaders in business, public health, law enforcement, grandparents, parents, families, and citizens. We believe the health and safety of our community is more important than the marijuana industry. Pueblo is not safer or healthier with a growing marijuana industry promoting and selling a harmful drug.