

RESOLUTION NO. 2011-48

**A RESOLUTION OF THE CITY COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF LOS ALTOS
SUPPORTING THE CITIES ASSOCIATION OF SANTA CLARA COUNTY
CALL FOR STATE AND FEDERAL REGULATION OF MEDICAL
MARIJUANA DISPENSARIES**

WHEREAS, the State of California and the federal government of the United States of America have failed to create a consistent, sensible approach to regulation of medicinal marijuana;

WHEREAS, the U.S. Food and Drug Administration currently regulates the safety, efficacy and dosage of virtually every drug having a medicinal use, and thereby allows many of those drugs to be distributed through licensed and regulated pharmacies;

WHEREAS, the federal government and State of California have created, both by acting and failing to act, a system in which the burden of regulating a single drug, medicinal marijuana, falls upon local governments lacking the resources to adequately do so;

WHEREAS, the failure of local governments to allow the operation of cannabis collectives and cooperatives may subject cities and counties to litigation from those clubs; and

WHEREAS, the consequence of this inconsistent scheme of regulation places costs and regulatory burdens on cities like the City of Los Altos, precisely at a time when cities confront their most severe budgetary shortfalls in decades.

NOW THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED, that the City Council of the City of Los Altos hereby joins with the Cities Association of Santa Clara County and other local entities calling for:

1. Consistent federal and state regulation of medicinal marijuana, including re-classifying the drug within the schedules set forth in § 812 of the federal Controlled Substances Act;
2. A regulatory approach that ensures that the FDA regulates marijuana just as it regulates other drugs purporting to have a medical purpose; and
3. Distribution of medicinal marijuana through licensed, regulated pharmacies, if distribution should occur at all within the State of California.

I HEREBY CERTIFY that the foregoing is a true and correct copy of a Resolution passed and adopted by the City Council of the City of Los Altos at a meeting thereof on the 11th day of October, 2011 by the following vote:

AYES: CARPENTER, CASAS, FISHPAW, SATTERLEE, PACKARD

NOES:

ABSENT:

ABSTAIN:



Ronald D. Packard, MAYOR

Attest:



Lee Price, MMC, CITY CLERK