

# Attention Wellington Residents:

This November 2nd, 2021, the citizens of Wellington will vote on two ballot initiatives: sales tax increase and marijuana retail business. Please read the bullet points below on why the Larimer County Republican Party opposes these ballot initiatives.

## Ballot Issue 300 Marijuana Retail Sales Tax:

- Republicans stand for lower taxes for everyone
- This ballot initiative, if passed, would grant the town government the ability to increase or decrease the (additional marijuana sales) tax percentage without voter approval after January 1, 2022

## Ballot Issue 2B Marijuana Retail:

- Potential need for additional law enforcement agent; this will cost roughly \$79,000/year salary, plus a vehicle and other police equipment
- This has the potential to increase crime and homelessness
- Sales tax revenue will not benefit our water/utility issues
- Marijuana use amongst youth could increase, causing additional family, legal, and hospitalization problems

**Wellington residents must vote this November to stop these detrimental ballot initiatives**

Please call (970) 224-2577 if you have any questions or want to get involved.

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## **Vote No on 2B and 300**

Pot shops are not worth the cost.

<http://www.wellingtoncolorado.gov/458/Elections>

### **Vote No on 2B, Legalizing Marijuana dispensaries:**

Can increase crime, homelessness, youth use, drugged driving, and police costs.

<https://learnaboutsam.org/toolkit/>

Can't fund the water or sewer treatment plant expansion

<http://www.wellingtoncolorado.gov/faq.aspx?qid=129>

Can increase police costs

Cost to hire another deputy= \$79,000, corporal = \$135,622 yearly salary, plus one time vehicle and equipment costs \$99,804

2021 budget: <http://www.wellingtoncolorado.gov/158/Finance>

Average dispensary makes \$1M a year.

<https://americancannabisconsulting.com/how-profitable-is-the-average-cannabis-dispensary/>

### **Only 1 dispensary able to be in town because of distance restrictions.**

Without additional sales tax (300) 3% of \$1M is \$30,000.

With additional sales tax (300)- 3%+3.5% of \$1M is \$65,000

Dispensary yearly town revenue = \$65,000

First year corporal cost = \$235,426

Yearly Corporal cost = \$135,622

First year loss to the town: -\$170,426

Yearly loss to the town : -\$70,622

The town will lose money by allowing dispensaries.

## **Vote No on 300, Additional 3.5% Sales tax on Recreational Marijuana**

This is tax on recreational marijuana only. 0% additional tax on medical marijuana sales.

If sales tax passes and pot shops don't, the proponents will come back next year and they will have the guarantee of money for the town. This will make it easier to get support they need to pass it in the future.