

GOVERNOR'S ADVISORY PANEL FOR CREATION  
OF A CANNABIS COMPLIANCE BOARD  
Working Group- Consumption Alternatives

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For the record, my name is James Lamb. I am the Vice President of the Las Vegas Medical Marijuana Association.

We have long supported the need for consumption lounges, though because of many undefined issues and untested control theories, we have urged caution and a limited initial start. We have yet to define a scientifically backed level of "impaired" driving, relating to a true understanding of cannabis and differences between the novice and long-term user/patient. We have yet to try various control methods for effectively stopping black market products in these venues. Because of these and other issues, we urge starting with dispensary connected consumption lounges to quickly satisfy the need for action, allow time for assessment, and gain regulatory expertise. This is not to say that stand alone consumption lounges are not needed or unworkable. There are many locations and business models which would support stand alone lounges. After six months to one year of analysis, the situation should be reassessed.

Because of the short time of assessment and the potential for future readjustments, putting this completely in the hands of State government would be immense folly. Local jurisdictions are closer to the community with better eyes on assessing the trial period. The State can approve a general concept of consumption lounges, but it should be the Cities and Counties who define operational regulation.