

Clear as mud

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As if the issue of “medical” marijuana were not confusing enough, please understand the following.

If you are against “medical” marijuana, the sample ballot below shows how you will want to mark your ballot. There are four vertically aligned ovals. Mark the SECOND oval – against both initiatives. Leave the first, third, and fourth ovals blank.

<p style="text-align: center;">VOTE FOR APPROVAL OF EITHER, OR AGAINST BOTH</p> <p><input type="radio"/> FOR APPROVAL OF EITHER Initiative Measure No. 65 OR Alternative Measure No. 65A</p> <p><input checked="" type="radio"/> AGAINST BOTH Initiative Measure No. 65 and Alternative Measure No. 65A</p> <p style="text-align: center;">AND VOTE FOR ONE</p> <p><input type="radio"/> FOR Initiative Measure No. 65</p> <p><input type="radio"/> FOR Alternative Measure No. 65A</p>

If a simple majority votes no (SECOND oval), “medical” marijuana is defeated – period.

If a simple majority votes yes (first oval), the votes for Initiative Measure No. 65 (third oval) or Alternative Measure No. 65A (fourth oval) will be counted. If either one (65 or 65A) gets over 40% of the total vote, that measure will become law.

If I am against “medical” marijuana, why do I want to help put either initiative over the 40% threshold? I don’t! Even if a misinformed majority vote yes (first oval) on “medical” marijuana, 40% of the total vote must approve one of the two initiatives. If neither initiative gets 40% of the total vote, medical marijuana is defeated. Mark the SECOND oval, leave the other three blank.

Do you want snakes in your house – yes or no? If no (SECOND oval), why would you vote yes for a rattlesnake (third oval) or a copperhead (fourth oval) to be in your closet? I don’t want even a garter snake among my shoes.

Of the four ovals, mark the SECOND oval and leave the other three blank. This is a simple, clear response to a very confusing ballot.