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## **FOR IMMEDIATE RELEASE**

# **Chowchilla votes against recreation marijuana**

**Chowchilla, CA – October 13, 2016**

The Chowchilla City Council voted unanimously on Tuesday to initiate the process of prohibiting the use of recreational marijuana within the City of Chowchilla. This includes the dispensing, cultivating, manufacturing, distributing, transporting and testing of recreational marijuana throughout the city.

The action taken by the City Council is intended to get ahead of any change in law proposed by Proposition 64, known as the Control, Regulate and Tax Adult Use of Marijuana Act, should it become law on November 9th. Under that proposition local control over recreational marijuana shifts to the State of California to license and regulate the commercial cultivation and distribution of recreational marijuana. By acting now, the City protects its ability to place stricter controls over the use of recreational marijuana. Marijuana is a Schedule 1 substance under the federal Controlled Substances Act. According to the U.S. Food and Drug Administration, Schedule 1 substances have a high potential for abuse.

“I for one”, stated Mayor Waseem Ahmed, “do not want to see marijuana stores established in our downtown where our school kids walk by them every day and where our visitors and residents enjoy our community events.” “Chowchilla is making great strides in enhancing quality neighborhoods; we are seeing a surge in new home building geared toward young families, new businesses are breaking ground, and our downtown is being redesigned around

the original architectural style of the Valley. Our Council feels that if we are going to walk the talk of being a family friendly city, then we need to assertively project our quality of life – and it starts by controlling the recreational use of marijuana.”

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