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Beyond I-502 - Community Forum on Marijuana Impact

Safe Street hosts a free community forum on marijuana laws and regulation.

Tacoma, Wash., April 14, 2015 —Marijuana legalization and regulation is now a reality. In order to live within the law we must keep marijuana out of the hands of minors. At Safe Streets we believe encouraging dialogue about the impact marijuana has on youth is incredibly important. To further this conversation we are inviting the community to join us Thursday, April 30, for “Beyond I-502 – A Community Forum on Marijuana Impact.”

The reason for holding this forum is simple; despite having regulations in place, many people still do not know basic facts about marijuana laws in our state.

For instance, recently released research from the University of Washington stated that only 57 percent of Washington’s parents surveyed knew the legal age for recreational marijuana use (Bach, “Study Shows Teens and Adults Hazy on Washington Marijuana Law, 3/9/15).

“As residents of this state, we have an obligation to be knowledgeable about the laws surrounding marijuana,” said Safe Streets Executive Director Priscilla Lisicich. “We also have an obligation to ensure the provisions identified in I-502 to provide prevention programming to protect our youth and vulnerable populations.”

We are excited to announce that Mary Segawa of the Washington State Liquor Control Board will be the forum’s keynote speaker. Community members who attend the forum will have the opportunity to learn first-hand what the law means and what we can expect from businesses who are involved in the growth, sale and distribution of marijuana. There will also be a Q&A session where attendees gain clarification about the law.

This event is free and open to the public. We invite all members of the community to attend, bring questions and your ideas about how we can find solutions to protect our youth.

- **WHAT:** Beyond I-502 – A Community Forum on Marijuana Impact
- **WHEN:** Thursday, April 30 from 5:30 p.m. – 8:00 p.m.
- **WHERE:** Foss High School (2112 S Tyler St, Tacoma, WA 98405)
- **PRICE:** Free and open to the public.
- **RSVP:** RSVP online at <http://goo.gl/6ifnMO>

For more information about the event please contact the Safe Streets office at 253.272.6825 or email Elizabeth Glavish at eglavish@safest.org.

About Safe Streets

Safe Streets Campaign is the first private, non-profit organization that unites neighbors against crime—a model for other programs nationwide. Serving Tacoma and Pierce County since 1989, Safe Streets equal a safe community. Both private and public funds support Safe Streets’ community efforts. Learn more at www.safest.org.

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