

Puna CDP Action Committee Meeting

Agenda Item Request

August 13th, 2018

Mr. Chair, in response to our committee's need to explore every option possible for Puna recovery efforts I would like to propose the following agenda item for our next action committee meeting.

I humbly request discussion on the formation of a committee to explore healthcare and economic opportunities in Cannabis medicine. Specifically, I would like to share a 5 minute video presentation followed by 20 minutes of discussion.

Mr. Chair we know that when the supply of Cannabis goes down, the cost of Cannabis medicine goes up. Many of our local patients are on a fixed income. When the price of Cannabis reaches a certain tipping point, the next best option is the black market where opioids, meth and ice are readily available. We currently have no medical Cannabis dispensaries open on Hawaii Island. Puna is currently experiencing a medical emergency.

Conversation on the topic has been effectively stifled. Yet, according to the Department of Health, the highest concentration of patients in our state who require Cannabis medicine are living in Puna. Many patients have been separated from or have lost their source of Cannabis medicine due to increased levels of acid rain, SO₂ gases and evacuations.

With your approval Mr. Chair, I would share a 5 minute video and a draft proposal for Cannabis Farm Certifications with the committee at least two weeks prior to the meeting. I am available to answer any questions.

Sincerely,

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