

History and Accomplishments

California NORML was originally founded as Amorphia, which sponsored the 1972 California Marijuana Initiative. Amorphia became the California branch of the National Organization for the Reform of Marijuana Laws in 1974.

CA NORML successfully lobbied the state legislature to pass the Moscone Act of 1975, which partially decriminalized marijuana possession from a felony to a misdemeanor, with a maximum \$100 fine for 1 ounce or less.

CA NORML attorneys successfully sued to force CAMP (Campaign Against Marijuana Planting) helicopters to respect a 500' flying ceiling.

CA NORML led the opposition to Gov. Wilson's "Smoke a Joint, Lose Your License" law requiring a six-month driver's license suspension for pot possession, which was killed as of July, 1, 1999.

CA NORML was one of the original sponsors of California's Proposition 215, legalizing medical marijuana.

CA NORML sponsored ground-breaking "adult use" marijuana initiatives in Mendocino Co. (Measure G, 2000), Oakland (Measure Z, 2004), and other California cities.

CA NORML is an original sponsor of the first full-scale legalization bill, the Marijuana Control, Regulation, and Education Act by Tom Ammiano.

CA NORML sponsored pioneering harm reduction research to develop safer smoking devices such as vaporizers to reduce harmful toxins in marijuana smoke.

War on Pot? Just Say NORML!

PLEASE HELP NORML fight drug enforcement abuse! Cal NORML is the only state organization devoted to lobbying for the right of all adults to use marijuana. Members receive California NORML newsletter; free advice on drug testing, legal and health issues; announcements of meetings and events; and legislative alerts. First-time members receive introductory membership to national NORML. Membership list held strictly confidential.

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___ \$12 Low-income newsletter subscription

___ \$12.50 Cal NORML Cap Cannabis Peace Dove Logo

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BOOKS

___ \$25 "Marijuana Medical Handbook," 2nd Edition (2008) by Dale Gieringer Ph.D., Ed Rosenthal and Gregory T. Carter, M.D.

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California NORML, a state chapter of the National Organization for the Reform of Marijuana Laws, is a non-profit organization dedicated to reforming California's marijuana laws. Our mission is to establish the right of adults to use cannabis legally. We are the only state organization devoted specifically to marijuana reform. We publish a newsletter, lobby lawmakers, sponsor events, offer legal, educational, and consumer health advice, and sponsor scientific research. Cal NORML maintains a separate membership and financial base from national NORML.

CALIFORNIA NORML'S GOALS

- Legalize, tax and regulate marijuana for adult use like alcohol, as proposed in Assemblyman Ammiano's bill AB 2254 (2010).
- Implement Prop. 215's goal of establishing a "safe and affordable" distribution system for medical marijuana.
 - Completely decriminalize personal use and cultivation, as recommended by the State Research Advisory Panel in 1990.
 - Stop marijuana urine tests, which have no bearing on job performance, and other forms of baseless discrimination against marijuana users.

Why California NORML Supports Marijuana Reform

Costs of Marijuana Prohibition in California

Marijuana accounted for 17,126 felony and 61,388 misdemeanor arrests in California in 2008, at a cost to the state of \$200 - \$400 million.

Over 1,500 inmates were in state prison for marijuana offenses - up 1,500% since 1980. Many more are in county jails and federal prisons. Blacks are five times more likely to do time for marijuana crimes than whites.

The CAMP (Campaign Against Marijuana Planting) helicopter program eradicated a record 4.4 million plants in 2009, at an estimated value of over \$15 billion — enough to qualify as a major economic disaster.

Californians consume about \$3 - \$6 billion of marijuana per year. It is estimated that a legally taxed and regulated market could generate over \$1 billion in tax revenues.

The war on marijuana has disrupted the peace of our wilderness with CAMP helicopters and pirate growers and driven the market into the hands of criminal dealers and narco-traffickers.

The war on marijuana has deprived us of an economically valuable crop, cannabis hemp, a productive source of oil, fiber, protein and biomass.

California's Failed War on Pot

California first outlawed cannabis or "Indian hemp" in 1913. Since then, the number of users has increased from a mere handful to some 3 million Californians, and over 2 million marijuana arrests have been recorded in the state.

Marijuana arrests soared in the 1960s, leading the legislature to partly decriminalize possession by the Moscone Act in 1976. The number of felony arrests promptly plummeted, saving the state an estimated \$100 million per year in enforcement costs.

In 1983 the state launched the CAMP (Campaign Against Marijuana Planting) helicopter eradication program to stop outdoor cultivation. The price of marijuana doubled, encouraging the disastrous crack epidemic.

In its 1990 annual report, the California Research Advisory Panel recommended that personal possession and cultivation of marijuana be made legal. The panel stated:

"An objective consideration of marijuana shows that it is responsible for less damage to society and the individual than are alcohol and cigarettes."

California became the first state to re-legalize medical marijuana when voters approved Proposition 215, the Compassionate Use Act of 1996. Contrary to the predictions of opponents that Prop. 215 would encourage teen drug abuse and "effectively legalize" marijuana, youth marijuana use declined in California after passage of 215 - but arrests have continued unabated.