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**To:** Interested Parties  
**From:** Ruth Bernstein, EMC Research  
**Date:** November 30, 2011  
**Re:** **Results of Statewide Voter Poll on California Marijuana Laws**

EMC Research conducted a telephone poll of 800 likely 2012 voters in California from November 17-21, 2011 to study voter attitudes on California's marijuana laws. The survey results show that voters strongly support California's medical marijuana law, and would like to see some additional reforms.

**Key findings of the California voter survey:**

- By a large margin, **California voters support the state's law allowing the use of marijuana for medical reasons.** More than 7 in 10 (71%) of voters favor the law, and only 26% oppose it.
- **Voters strongly support employment rights for medical marijuana patients.** Two in three voters (66%) agree and only 28% of voters disagree with the statement *employers should not be allowed to discriminate against workers who use medical marijuana off the job.*
- **Voters also support changing criminal penalties for certain marijuana offenses from felonies to misdemeanors.** A 58% majority say they support a change in the law that would *reduce penalties for lesser marijuana sales, cultivation and transportation offenses from felonies to misdemeanors.*
- **A majority of voters (52%) continue to support legalization of marijuana in general.**

**Survey Methodology:** The survey was conducted by telephone among a random sample of 800 likely November 2012 voters in California. The results have an overall margin of error of +/- 3.46% at the 95% confidence level. The survey was conducted November 17-21, 2011.