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To: Interested Parties
From: Ruth Bernstein, EMC Research
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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.