

## History and Accomplishments

CA NORML sponsored the state's landmark decriminalization law, the Moscone Act of 1975, which reduced penalties for possession of one ounce of marijuana from a felony to a minor misdemeanor.

CA NORML was one of the original sponsors of California's Prop. 215, legalizing medical marijuana in 1996. We were part of a statewide coalition to legalize adult use in 2016.

CA NORML has derailed numerous bills to make any amount of THC in the blood an automatic DUI, and fought off "Smoke a Joint Lose Your License" and recrim bills in the 1980s and 90s.

CA NORML watchdogs all cannabis bills in the state legislature, and publishes voter guides to inform our supporters of candidates' positions on cannabis.

CA NORML publishes reports on marijuana arrestees, drug testing and vaporization, among other topics.

CA NORML sends weekly email alerts to supporters with the latest cannabis news, plus action items on pending legislation.

CA NORML has a Legal Committee of attorneys who are expert in cannabis criminal and business law.

CA NORML pioneered website listings of medical marijuana collectives and physicians, and maintains the most respected list on the web, as well as links to lawyers and cannabis-related businesses on our informative website, [www.CaNORML.org](http://www.CaNORML.org).

CA NORML successfully sponsored bills to protect employment rights and medical rights of cannabis consumers in 2022, and allow cannabis lounges to prepare and serve food in 2024. In 2025, we spearheaded the effort to roll back the cannabis excise tax increase from 19% to 15%, holding a Lobby Day and generating over 10,000 letters to lawmakers in support.

## Join & Support California NORML

Cal NORML members receive our newsletter and legislative alerts, and discounts on events. Our membership list is held strictly confidential. Join today!

### YEARLY MEMBERSHIPS

- \$500 Business Membership with free website listing
- \$100 Peace Dove  \$50 Gold Membership
- \$30 Regular membership  \$20 Low-income

### T SHIRTS AND BAGS

(Please circle size. Sorry, we are currently out of smaller-sized shirts)

- \$25 Cal NORML Poppy Print on Black - 100% cotton  
L XL XXL
- \$35 "Seal of California" (shown)  
55% Hemp/45% cotton  
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- \$12.50 Burlap "Sinsemilla" Sack



### BOOKS

- \$12.50 "The Origins of Cannabis Prohibition in CA"
- \$15 "Token' Women: A 4000-Year Herstory"
- \$10 Cal NORML Guide to Drug Testing
- \$10 "Emerging Clinical Applications for Cannabis and the Cannabinoids: A Review of Recent Scientific Literature"

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## California NORML

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Founded in 1972, California NORML, the state chapter of the National Organization for the Reform of Marijuana Laws, is a nonprofit membership organization that advocates for the rights of California's cannabis consumers. We publish newsletters and election guides; lobby lawmakers and activate our membership to participate; sponsor events; offer legal, educational, and consumer health advice; and fund scientific research. Cal NORML maintains a separate financial base from national NORML.

## CAL NORML'S GOALS

- Advocate for lowering cannabis taxes in California, especially for medical users.
- Support opening more cannabis consumption lounges and cafes.
- Eliminate "cannabis deserts" by removing local governmental barriers to entry.
- Inform workers and employers about their rights to off-the-job use of cannabis, and patients and doctors about medical rights.
- Support better consumer education on cannabis dosage and high-potency products, and safer alternatives like vaporization.
- Lobby Congress for federal descheduling, banking, allowing VA doctors to recommend cannabis, and other reforms.

# The Fight for Our Rights Didn't End with Prop. 64

In November 2016, 57% of California's voters approved Proposition 64, the Adult Use of Marijuana Act. AUMA's provisions:

- Allow allow adults 21 years and older to possess up to one ounce of marijuana and cultivate up to six plants for personal use;
- Regulate and tax the production, manufacture, and sale of marijuana for adult use; and
- Rewrite criminal penalties to reduce the most common marijuana felonies to misdemeanors, and allow prior offenders to petition for reduced charges or record clearance, a process subsequently made automatic with AB 1706 in 2022.

**Much work remains to be done to fully protect the rights of cannabis consumers in California.** Prop. 64 imposed an unduly high 15% excise tax that affects patients as well as recreational users; additional cultivation taxes and local taxes have sent many consumers back to unregulated and untaxed suppliers, and crippled cannabis businesses. We helped pass a law to eliminate the cultivation tax in 2022, and **in 2025 we spearheaded the effort that rolled back the cannabis excise tax from 19% back to 15%.**

Prop.64 did not protect employees against unwarranted drug testing, interfering with their employment rights. Cal NORML successfully sponsored a bill in 2022 (AB 2188 - GC 12954) to ban employment discrimination based on urine or hair testing for inactive THC metabolites, which have no basis on job performance, but rather detect off-the-job use days or even weeks beforehand. That law took effect on January 1, 2024. Federal workers and those in the building trades are not (yet) protected by the law.

A second Cal NORML-sponsored bill (AB 1954; BPC 2228.5), protects medical marijuana patients against discrimination by doctors who often deny pain medicine prescriptions and other medications to patients who test positive for cannabis. We have been working to implement this law, particularly at Kaiser facilities that continue to discriminate.

**Much of the resistance to legal marijuana businesses across the state is happening at local levels**, where opponents continue to show up at meetings, objecting to cannabis retailers and consumption lounges. Local governments are also acting to limit tenants' rights around cannabis smoking or vaping in their own homes. Cal NORML works with local NORML chapters and activists to counter these efforts.

**Cal NORML sponsored the cannabis café bill in 2024**, which allows cannabis lounges to prepare and serve food, and sell tickets to events.

**Federal efforts to legalize marijuana nationally, facilitate banking and allow interstate commerce are being supported by Cal NORML** with an eye to affordability for consumers, meaning fewer taxes and less unnecessary regulation. With rescheduling in the news, we are fighting to see that it is implemented with the maximum benefit to patients, recreational users, and cannabis businesses in California.

**We expect more tax battles in the coming years** as Prop. 64's mandates on cannabis tax spending are set to expire in 2028, as does the excise tax rollback.

**Please support Cal NORML's ongoing advocacy for your rights by joining today!** Use the form on the back or visit [www.CaNORML.org](http://www.CaNORML.org).

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