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1 WHEREAS, making criminals of individual who are in possession of small
2 amounts of marijuana is not good public policy and wastes tax resources that
3 could be used for a better purpose; and

4 WHEREAS, many cities and states have decriminalized marijuana
5 possession, and the trend towards decriminalization is accelerating; and

6 WHEREAS, decriminalization of the possession of one ounce or less of
7 marijuana will relieve many of the current stresses on the Metropolitan
8 Detention Center; and

9 WHEREAS, decriminalization of marijuana is an important step in creating
10 more sensible drug policies; and

11 WHEREAS, because it is so important, voters should be allowed to weigh
12 in and advise their elected officials of their opinion on the matter.

13 NOW, THEREFORE, THE COUNCIL, THE GOVERNING BODY OF THE CITY OF
14 ALBUQUERQUE, STATES:

15 Section 1. That the Albuquerque City Council supports the Bernalillo
16 County Commission in placing two advisory questions on the general election
17 ballot, one related to the imposition of a one eighth percent tax for Behavioral
18 Health Services and one related to reducing penalties for possession of one
19 ounce or less of marijuana.

20 Section 2. That the Albuquerque City Council encourages voters to study
21 these issues seriously and to vote in the November 4, 2014 general election so
22 as to give their elected officials the best sense of the voters opinion on these
23 two important issues facing our community.

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