



FACT SHEET

Impacts of Cannabis Sales in West Richland

Financial

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- **State vs. Local:** The majority of taxed cannabis sales revenue goes to the state, with less than 2% being returned to cities.
- **West Richland Impact:** Comparable cities in Washington receive around \$43,000 per year from cannabis taxes—insufficient to fund even one Police Officer!
- **Projected Revenue Overstated:** Proponents claim West Richland will gain \$1.6 million over 10 years. However, we contacted the State Liquor & Cannabis Board who said based on the gross sales projections (provided by the Applicant), West Richland would receive approximately \$63,000 in excise tax annually. This is significantly lower and insufficient to cover increased public safety costs.

Public Safety

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- **3300% Increase:** After the opening of the existing cannabis store in 2019, police calls surged by 3300% over the following five year as compared to the previous five-year period. *[source: Benton County Sheriffs Office and 911 Dispatch]*
- **Crime Rates:** Public testimony given by neighbors to the existing store speak to increased property crime, theft, vandalism, and even people running through their yards attempting to elude law enforcement.

Location

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- **Proximity to Homes and Schools:** This change in zoning would allow these stores at ANY parcel with a light industrial zoning designation. The primary proposed location is in the Keene corridor close to our EXISTING SCHOOLS, proposed new high school and OUR HOMES.
- **Neighborhood Impacts:** Parcels with this designation also exist on Kennedy Road between Watkins Way and Bombing Range. This change would allow shops there as well despite being 100% surrounded by OUR HOMES.

Community

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- **Removes Local Control:** This action permanently removes local control and will allow the State the option to increase the number of licensed stores annually.
- **Limited Participation to City Survey:** Out of 662 survey responses, only 318 supported marijuana sales. This response rate does not constitute a strong community desire for this action.
- **Preserving Community Values:** Residents consistently express they love the safe, family friendly, small-town feel in West Richland.

VOTE “DO NOT ALLOW” ON BALLOT PROP 1