

Good Morning Everyone:

FYI- Attorney Bernie Jocuns has contacted my office about allowing marijuana dispensaries in the Thumb.

Mr. Jocuns was a Port Huron attorney. He started the marijuana section of the State Bar. Mr. Jocuns is backed by the marijuana industry, which has an influx of money coming in from Colorado.

His presentation will state recreational Marijuana will be legal in 2018 regardless of medical uses. His position is communities are missing out on an opportunity for revenue.

He will be attending your council meetings to convince councils to pass ordinances to allow dispensaries.

He is starting with Brown City, then Marlette.

At this point, allowing dispensaries are lawful under State law, if council passes an ordinance. I do hold the opinion no dispensary should be allowed in DDA or other governmental owned property. Marijuana is still a schedule 1 drug and unlawful for any purpose under Federal law, subject to drug forfeiture laws.

In any event, under State law allowing dispensaries is a policy decision through your zoning and planning ordinances. I

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