New Group Formed to Urge "No" Vote on Brighton Proposal Allowing Unlimited Marijuana Dispensaries

September 16, 2022 - Brighton, MI – A new organization, Protect Brighton Youth & Community, has been launched as a Michigan Local Ballot Question Committee, for the following purposes:

- To educate voters on the upcoming City of Brighton ballot proposal, which would allow an unlimited number of recreational marijuana dispensaries within city limits, if it is supported by a majority of Brighton voters.
- To inform voters of the negative impact of increased access of high-THC marijuana products on Brighton's youth and community.
- To urge voters to vote "No" on this proposition in the November 8, 2022 election.

Protect Brighton Youth & Community was formed in response to a ballot proposal coordinated by a group of out-of-town marijuana professionals, to allow commercial marijuana businesses in Brighton. This initiative is fundamentally opposed to Brighton's family-friendly small-town character and would increase youth access to dangerous high-THC marijuana products. Our grassroots locally-based group is committed to defending our city from these outside interests and maintaining the values that have made Brighton a place where "Quality is a Way of Life".

If approved, this ballot proposal would establish a new city ordinance allowing marijuana dispensaries within the City of Brighton, and featuring:

- An unlimited number of shops
- No buffer zones to Main Street, downtown, playgrounds, or parks of one acre or less.
- No buffer zones to daycares, churches, or other youth facilities.
- Small 800 ft buffer zones to K-12 schools.
- Walk-up and drive-up windows.
- Potential 24/7 operations.

This risky proposal will increase youth access to harmful marijuana products with uncapped THC potency, cause a dramatic increase in traffic, and will cost the city far more than any perceived economic benefits. Based on this, *Protect Brighton Youth & Community* strongly objects to this extreme proposal, and urges Brighton voters to vote No on November 8.

To learn more about this ballot proposal and *Protect Brighton Youth and Community*'s efforts to defeat it, please visit <u>protectbrightonyouth.com</u>.

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About Protect Brighton Youth & Community

Protect Brighton Youth & Community is a group of citizens united to research and expose the truth about the devastating effects of high-THC marijuana on our youth, and to be ready, willing, and committed to act in defense of our family-friendly downtown and community.