

History and Accomplishments

California NORML was originally founded as Amorphia, which sponsored the 1972 California Marijuana Initiative. Amorphia became the California branch of the National Organization for the Reform of Marijuana Laws in 1974.

California NORML successfully lobbied the state legislature to pass the Moscone Act of 1975, which partially decriminalized marijuana possession from a felony to a misdemeanor, with a maximum \$100 fine for 1 ounce or less.

California NORML attorneys successfully sued to force CAMP (Campaign Against Marijuana Planting) helicopters to respect a 500' flying ceiling.

California NORML led the opposition to Gov. Wilson's "Smoke a Joint, Lose Your License" law requiring a six-month driver's license suspension for pot possession, which was killed as of July 1, 1999.

California NORML was one of the original sponsors of California's Proposition 215, legalizing medical marijuana.

California NORML sponsored ground-breaking "adult use" marijuana initiatives in Mendocino Co. (Measure G, 2000), Oakland (Measure Z, 2004), and other California cities.

California NORML sponsored pioneering harm reduction research to develop safer smoking devices such as vaporizers to reduce harmful toxins in marijuana smoke.

War on Pot? Just Say NORML!

PLEASE HELP NORML fight drug enforcement abuse! Cal NORML is the only state organization devoted to lobbying for the right of all adults to use marijuana.

Members receive California NORML newsletter; free advice on drug testing, legal and health issues; announcements of meetings and events; and legislative alerts. First-time members receive introductory membership to national NORML. Membership list held strictly confidential.

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___ \$12 Budget newsletter subscription

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BOOKS

___ \$25 "Marijuana Medical Handbook, 2nd Edition (2008)" by Dale Gieringer Ph.D., Ed Rosenthal and Gregory T. Carter, M.D.

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California NORML, a state chapter of the National Organization for the Reform of Marijuana Laws, is a non-profit organization dedicated to reforming California's marijuana laws. Our mission is to establish the right of adults to use cannabis legally. We are the only state organization devoted specifically to marijuana reform. We publish a newsletter, lobby lawmakers, sponsor events, offer legal, educational, and consumer health advice, and sponsor scientific research. Cal NORML maintains a separate membership and financial base from national NORML.

CALIFORNIA NORML'S GOALS

- Hold hearings on AB390 (Ammiano), the first-ever legalization bill in California
- Decriminalize cultivation for personal use, as recommended by the State Research Advisory Panel in 1990.
- Implement Prop. 215's goal of establishing a "safe and affordable" distribution system for medical marijuana.
- Legalize distribution/sales to adults in clubs and shops by local option, as in the Netherlands.
- Stop marijuana urine tests which have no bearing on job performance.

Why California NORML Supports Marijuana Reform

Costs of Marijuana Prohibition in California

Marijuana accounted for 13,548 felony and 51,838 misdemeanor arrests in California in 2006, at a cost to the state of over \$160 million.

There were 1,419 marijuana prisoners in state prison as of June, 2007, - an increase of over 1300% since 1980. Many more offenders are in county jails and federal prisons.

The CAMP (Campaign Against Marijuana Planting) helicopter program eradicated a record 2.9 million plants in 2007. The estimated value of the destroyed crop was \$11.6 billion — enough to qualify as an economic disaster.

Californians consume about \$3 - \$6 billion of marijuana per year. It is estimated that a legally taxed and regulated market could generate some \$1 - \$2 billion in revenues.

The war on marijuana has disrupted the peace of our wilderness with CAMP helicopters and driven the market into the hands of street dealers and foreign smugglers.

The war on marijuana has deprived us of an economically valuable crop, cannabis hemp, a productive source of oil, fiber, protein and biomass.

California's Failed War on Pot

California first outlawed cannabis or "Indian hemp" in 1913. Since then, the number of users has increased from a mere handful to some 3 million Californians, and over 2 million marijuana arrests have been recorded in the state.

Marijuana arrests soared in the 1960s, leading the legislature to partly decriminalize possession by the Moscone Act in 1976. The number of felony arrests promptly plummeted, saving the state an estimated \$100 million per year in enforcement costs.

In 1983 the state launched the CAMP (Campaign Against Marijuana Planting) helicopter eradication program to stop outdoor cultivation. The price of marijuana doubled, leading to the disastrous crack epidemic.

In its 1990 annual report, the California Research Advisory Panel recommended that personal possession and cultivation of marijuana be made legal. The panel stated:

"An objective consideration of marijuana shows that it is responsible for less damage to society and the individual than are alcohol and cigarettes."

California became the first state to re-legalize medical marijuana when voters approved Proposition 215, the Compassionate Use Act of 1996. Contrary to the predictions of opponents that Prop. 215 would encourage teen drug abuse and "effectively legalize" marijuana, youth marijuana use stabilized in California after passage of 215 - but arrests have continued unabated.