

## City Council Meeting Statement

Hello, Council Members ~ Thank you for this opportunity to speak to you. My name is: Dallas Alexander I am a resident of Long Beach and am very concerned regarding matters that are affecting our city financially and from a community standpoint.

Specifically, I am concerned about the legal matter that attorney Matthew Pappas has filed in the Superior Court – Pack vs. Long Beach – against the City in regard to the levying of fees in the Medical Marijuana Ordinance 10-0007.

I have read the papers in that matter and I understand that the City may not have followed the proper procedure in levying those fees – which are substantial – nearly \$800,000.

I would ask City Attorney Mr. Shannon if he can confirm that all requirements of California Government Code, section 66016 and other sections have been followed. Mr. Pappas' complaint alleges that they have not been followed. Since the Ordinance was passed prior to the filing of the lawsuit, the answer should be simple: either the requirements have or have not been followed.

I would also read from a transcript of the May 18, 2010 City Council meeting where Council woman Lowenthal stated:

Lowenthal- "My question to staff, two questions, one is in terms of communication with the Collectives, was there ah a series of meetings that took place? (Long pause)

Lowenthal- "Mr. Mayor if staff needs time to caucus before members ask questions I'd be happy to wait."

Eric Sund- "No we did not have outreach to the Collectives in putting the fees schedule together."

If the City Attorney's Office did not follow all of the statutory requirements, I am afraid that all of the monies paid into the Ordinance 10-0007 account must be returned.

Mr. Shannon, may we please have your response – and ASSURANCE that the City has complied with all applicable laws in assessing and collecting fees associated with that Ordinance.

Thank you. . . . Mr. Shannon