I would like to read you <u>excerpts</u> from a very heartening email sent to me by Sgt Paul LeBaron on August 16, 2004.

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We were called out to assist patrol who found six marijuana plants growing in the backyard. The original call was for a domestic violence, of which the home owner was not involved.

We obtained a search warrant on the house and as part of our investigation we learned that the owner of the house was a medicinal marijuana patient, registered through Compassionate Caregivers, with a doctors prescription that could be verified and confirmed.

As a result of the **PROPER** documentation, the woman was left alone and her plants remain with her. So, as you talk to the community let them know that there are some positive interactions between the LBPD and the medicinal marijuana community, and as long as we are able to verify their claims through proper documentation they will not have a problem. Hopefully this email finds you well, let me know if I can be of assistance to you.

W. Paul LeBaron
Sergeant, Drug Investigation Section
Long Beach Police Department

I would like to take this time give credit to those who supported this compassionate change of policy for medical cannabis patients in the City of Long Beach:

<u>Dan Baker and Val Lerch</u> for supporting and agendizing the policy directive at the Council meeting of June 15.

<u>Commander Jeff Craig</u> who facilitated the writing of the policy and assisted in resolving matters of contention.

<u>Jason Gerwitz, the Press Telegram, and Long Beach Report.com</u> for their superb coverage of this issue.

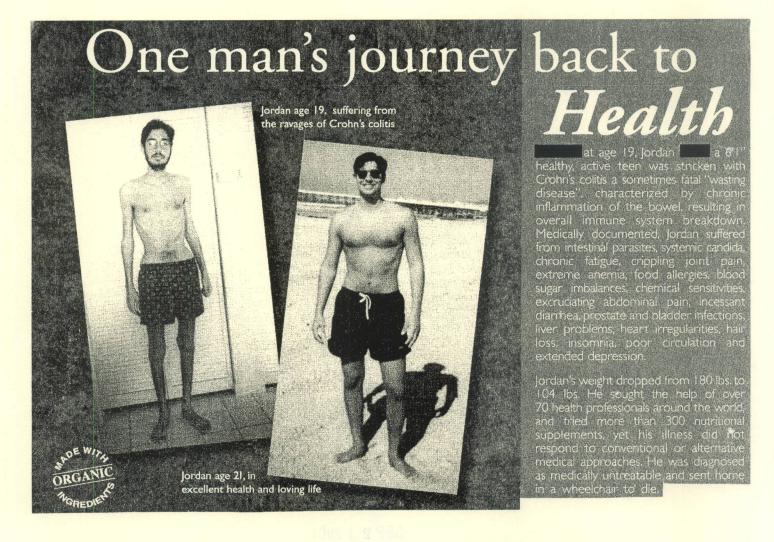
<u>Association of Patient Advocates Bill Britt</u> who tirelessly helps patients through the most trying times of their lives.

And, last but not least, <u>Chief Batts</u> for his shift of paradigm on this matter.

Please remember that one of these patients could be your mother, your brother, your daughter, or even yourselves. **We will all die one day.....and these patients are here to thank you today**.

Diana Lejins, Advocates for Disability Rights





This is the <u>type</u> of person you will be helping with a compassionate medical marijuana policy. One of these patients could be your brother, your mother, your son, or even yourself. We will all die one day.....and these patients are here to thank you today.