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Subject: Petition to Decriminalize Marijuana in Elgin

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Manager Mattis,

Thanks for speaking with us after Tuesday's City Council meeting! I wanted to get back with you regarding our decision on the initiative and the election law item I mentioned.

After speaking with the group, we have decided to move forward with the process and not to withdraw or change our initiative. Our coalition to decriminalize marijuana in Elgin asks the City Council to order an election on our initiative in the same form it was presented. Hundreds of Elgin voters have endorsed this reform, and we want their voices to be heard this November.

Also, with regard to the date of the election, the Charter references the date in Article IX, Section 12. You can find that section here:

https://library.municode.com/tx/elgin/codes/code_of_ordinances?nodeId=PTIHORUCH_ARTIXINRERE_S11COCOINRE

However, this part of the Charter is superseded by Texas Election Code 41.004. This section of the Election Code specifies that the election shall be held on the next uniform election date, which would be defined as this November. You can find the Election Code here:

<https://statutes.capitol.texas.gov/Docs/EL/htm/EL.41.htm>

Please forward this to the City Attorney so he can take a look. If he has any further questions, please have him contact Mike Siegel at mike@register2vote.org / (737) 615-9044. Mike is the co-founder of Ground Game Texas, and he also serves as our General Counsel.

Thanks again for all your help. Let me know if there's anything else you need from us.

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