Vote-By-Mail Instructions & Information Pamphlet

PRESIDENTIAL GENERAL ELECTION

November 8, 2016

This is an ALL MAIL Ballot election.
There will be no polling places designated.

www.sierracounty.ca.gov
STEP 1: MARK YOUR BALLOT:
- Mark your ballot using a dark ballpoint pen. **DO NOT USE RED. PLEASE PRINT CLEARLY.**
- If you make a mistake, cross through the mistake. **DO NOT SIGN YOUR BALLOT.**
- If you have not received your Voter Information Guide from the State of California, you can review the information on the Secretary of State's website at [www.voterguide.sos.ca.gov](http://www.voterguide.sos.ca.gov).

STEP 2: REVIEW YOUR BALLOT:
**REMEMBER:** After you vote your paper ballot, please be sure to thoroughly check your selections before returning your ballot in the envelope provided. Verify that you have made all the selections you are entitled to make.

- If you vote both Yes and No on a measure or vote for more candidates than the number of candidates permitted for a particular office race, it is called an overvote; your vote will not count for that candidate or measure.
- You **do not** have to vote on all contests; those you do vote on will still count.
- If you spoil your ballot and wish another sent to you, place the spoiled ballot into the return envelope and immediately return it to the Sierra County Clerk's Office. Be sure to check the box marked "spoiled" on the return envelope and sign your name in the space provided.

STEP 3: SEAL YOUR BALLOT:
- Place your ballot in the return envelope provided and seal. Sign and date on the line provided on the back of the return envelope. **YOUR BALLOT CANNOT BE COUNTED UNLESS YOU SIGN THE RETURN ENVELOPE IN YOUR OWN HANDWRITING.**
- **NO ONE OTHER THAN YOU MAY SIGN YOUR RETURN ENVELOPE.** If you are unable to sign your return envelope, you may make a mark and have a witness sign.

STEP 4: OPTIONS FOR RETURNING YOUR VOTE-BY-MAIL BALLOT:
- Return your ballot by mail. **NEW!** Vote-by-Mail ballots will be counted if postmarked on or before Election Day and received by the Sierra County Clerk's Office no later than 3 days after Election Day.
- Return your ballot in person. A drop off box will be available at the Loyalton Senior Center from 7:00 a.m. to 8:00 p.m. on Election Day or you can bring your ballot to the Sierra County Clerk's Office in Downieville. Your ballot must be received no later than 8:00 p.m. on Election Day.
- Voters must only mail or deliver their own voted ballot. If you are unable to return your ballot, you may authorize your spouse, parent, grandparent, grandchild, brother, sister, or person residing in your household to return the ballot. **THE SIGNATURE AND PRINTED NAME OF THE PERSON AUTHORIZED TO RETURN YOUR BALLOT MUST BE COMPLETED ON THE RETURN ENVELOPE.**
- If you have any questions, you can contact the Sierra County Clerk's Office by telephone at (530) 289-3295, by fax (530) 289-2830, or by email at clerk-recorder@sierracounty.ca.gov.
- To check the status of your vote-by-mail ballot, please call 1-888-223-6443 or visit the Sierra County Election's page at [www.sierracounty.ca.gov/elections](http://www.sierracounty.ca.gov/elections).
ACCESSIBILITY AND VOTING ASSISTANCE

ACCESSIBLE ONLINE:
NEW! An ADA compliant, accessible, audio-enabled version of the sample ballot and voter information pamphlet is available on the Sierra County Election’s website at www.sierracounty.ca.gov/elections.

ACCESSIBLE VOTING SYSTEM:
The Sierra County Clerk’s Office is equipped with a touch screen voting system that gives voters the ability to cast a ballot without assistance. This voting option includes an audio component that allows the voter to listen to the ballot and select their choices using the touch screen or the keypad provided. Please contact the Sierra County Clerk’s Office at (530) 289-3295 for more information.

LANGUAGE ASSISTANCE:
The sample ballot and voter information pamphlet are available in Spanish on the Sierra County Election’s website at www.sierracounty.ca.gov/elections.

DISABILITY ASSISTANCE:
Are You Having Difficulty Voting Because of a Disability?
CALL: 1-888-569-7955

Disability Rights California will operate a statewide Election Day Hotline: 7:00 AM to 8:00 PM on Election Day: November 8, 2016
We’ll help voters with disabilities have a successful voting experience and identify issues we can address before the November General Election.

IMPORTANT ELECTION INFORMATION

HOW DO I CONTACT A CANDIDATE?
Local candidates contact information is posted on the Sierra County Election’s website at www.sierracounty.ca.gov/elections.
Statewide candidate contact information is posted on the Secretary of State’s website at www.sos.ca.gov.

HOW DO I FIND CANDIDATES’ CAMPAIGN FINANCE REPORTS?
Campaign financial disclosure statements are filed by local candidates and are available by contacting the Sierra County Clerk’s Office at (530) 289-3295.
Cal-Access provides financial information supplied by state candidates, donors, lobbyists, and others and can be found at www.sos.ca.gov.
ABOUT CANDIDATE STATEMENTS & POLITICAL PARTY ENDORSEMENTS

NOT EVERY CANDIDATE FILES A CANDIDATE STATEMENT: You will find a complete list of candidates on your Vote-by-Mail Ballot.

This pamphlet does not contain a candidate statement for all candidates because each candidate’s statement is volunteered by the candidate and is printed at his or her expense. State laws also govern who can submit a statement for publication in this pamphlet. Statements are printed as submitted. By law, the Elections Office does not correct spelling or grammatical errors.

CANDIDATE STATEMENTS FOR STATE LEGISLATIVE OFFICES:

If a candidate for State Senate or Assembly accepts the voluntary expenditure limits set forth in Government Code Section 85400, the candidate may print at his or her own expense, a candidate statement in the voter pamphlet. Candidates who have accepted the spending limit are:

Member of the State Assembly, 1st District
| Brian Dahle |
| Donn Coenen |

CANDIDATE STATEMENTS FOR THE U.S. HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES:

Candidates running for U.S. Congress may file candidate statements for publication in the voter pamphlet. There are no spending limits that affect whether a statement can be included or not. The statements are volunteered by the candidates, printed as submitted, and printed at his or her expense.

CANDIDATE ENDORSEMENTS:

Pursuant to California Elections Code Section §13302(b), political parties may request the Elections Office to include a list of endorsed candidates for voter-nominated offices in the voter pamphlet. Below are the endorsements:

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OFFICES ON THE BALLOT:

The following offices will appear on the November 8, 2016 Presidential General Election ballot as well as local and statewide measures.

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For more information regarding the Top Two Primary System, you may call the California Secretary of State's Office at (916) 653-6814 or visit their website at [www.sos.ca.gov](http://www.sos.ca.gov).
DOUG LAMALFA

Occupation: Family Farmer/Member, United States House of Representatives

Education and Qualifications:

America’s middle income families, workers and small businesses are struggling to make a better life. Meanwhile, our nation faces serious threats from terrorism. The values I learned growing up on the family farm are needed in Washington. I’m working hard to bring those North State values to Congress.

As your representative, I have:

Passed legislation in the House of Representatives to protect north state water rights and build new water storage, including Sites Reservoir. This project means jobs and water for Northern California.

Voted for significant tax reductions for Families, Small Businesses & Farms. I’m honored to be endorsed by the Howard Jarvis Taxpayer’s Association.

Worked to reduce debt and waste and bring balance to the federal budget.

Voted to strengthen our military, increase America’s national security and help our veterans get the care they deserve.

Fought to repeal Obamacare and reign in out of control federal bureaucrats such as the EPA and IRS while stopping tax-hikes on gas and families.

Wrote legislation to properly designate the Tule Lake internment camp a National Historic Site.

Passed a law to transfer surplus government land to a productive community use.

Government cannot and should not do everything and is a big part of the problem. Certainly, more government is not the solution. I'd be honored to receive your vote. Thank you. Please visit www.DougLaMalfa.com or call me at 530-712-3675.

/s/ Doug LaMalfa
CANDIDATE FOR OFFICE OF STATE ASSEMBLY, 1ST DISTRICT

BRIAN DAHLE
AGE: 50
Occupation: Farmer/Assemblyman

Education and Qualifications:
It is an honor to represent you in the State Assembly.

Since going to the Legislature I kept my promises to the people of Northern California, focusing my time and energy creating jobs while voting against regulations and taxes.

I am proud of what I have been able to accomplish. Through bipartisan efforts, I worked across party lines to save our rural hospitals and skilled nursing facilities from closing. I was able to get needed support for community college programs that actually get young people jobs, so they do not have to leave our communities to find work. Through my district office I have been able to help thousands of people and small businesses with state government agency problems; ensuring that people are represented and heard.

California faces many challenges and there is still much work to be done in Sacramento. Too many families are struggling and people are out of work. I will continue to work as hard for you and your family as I do my own. Feel free to give me a call on my cell phone at (530) 251-3888, or visit www.BrianDahle.com.

I would appreciate your vote, thank you.

/s/ Brian Dahle
“Shall an ordinance be adopted amending chapter 8.01 of the Sierra County Code banning commercial cultivation of marijuana, regulating outdoor cultivation and indoor cultivation of medical marijuana for qualified patients and primary caregivers only, limiting cultivation per parcel to 10 plants for one qualified caregiver or patient and 20 plants for two or more qualified caregivers or patients, and regulating the location and conditions under which marijuana may be grown within Sierra County?”

YES  ____   NO  ____

IMPARTIAL ANALYSIS BY SIERRA COUNTY COUNSEL

Measure B is a referendum on an Ordinance regulating the cultivation of medical marijuana (cannabis) by patients and qualified caregivers and establishing the cultivation of marijuana in violation of amended chapter 8.01 of Sierra County code as a nuisance. This Ordinance was approved for submittal to the voters on August 2, 2016 by the Board of Supervisors of the County of Sierra.

If approved by the voters, the Ordinance would:

Amend chapter 8.01 of the Sierra County Code to ban commercial cannabis cultivation activity of any nature or amount and in any unincorporated place in the County of Sierra and commercial mobile cannabis delivery services. The Ordinance allows for the cultivation of medical marijuana by a qualified patient at the patient’s primary residence and by a primary caregiver (caregiver) on a parcel owned by the caregiver and occupied by the caregiver or the residence of the qualified patient. Qualified patients or caregivers may cultivate marijuana within a legal structure or outdoors under the following summarized conditions:

1. Lot size must be at least 2 acres.
2. Fencing must be at least six feet in height.
3. Set back from property line must be at least 30 feet and 100 feet from property line of a neighboring occupied dwelling.
4. Cultivation of cannabis is prohibited in the front of the residence or along roadways.
5. The number of plants in cultivation must not exceed 10 with 100 square feet.
6. No marijuana may be cultivated within 100 feet of the nearest boundary line of a school, church, park, child care center or youth oriented facility.
7. Cannabis cultivation is prohibited in mobile home parks, travel trailer parks, multi-family residential structures, commercial zoning districts, aviation districts and planned developments.

The Ordinance also prescribes requirements for compliance with all building codes, electrical codes, fire codes and building permit and inspection requirements as contained within Sierra County Code. Lights used for cultivation purposes must be shielded and not exceed 1200 watts. Growers must maintain a state issued medical marijuana identification card and physician recommendation and written permission to cultivate cannabis on the parcel, if not owned by the qualified patient. The Ordinance also describes the requirements for greenhouse cultivation.

A “yes” vote means the voter is in favor of adoption of the Ordinance amending chapter 8.01 of the Sierra County Code.

A “no” vote means the voter is not in favor of adoption of the Ordinance amending chapter 8.01 of the Sierra County Code.

County Counsel
/s/ David Prentice

The above statement is an impartial analysis of Measure B. If you desire a copy of the measure, please call the elections official's office at (530) 289-3295 and a copy will be mailed at no cost to you.

You may also access the full text of the measure on the county website at www.sierracounty.ca.gov/elections.
ARGUMENT IN FAVOR OF MEASURE B

Measure B was placed on the ballot as a result of many Sierra County residents asking the Board of Supervisors to reexamine the County’s medical marijuana ordinance. Currently, the ordinance allows for the growth of eighteen (18) plants per medical recommendation with four (4) recommendations per parcel equaling seventy two (72) plants regardless of whether the parcel is in a residential area or in a remote rural setting. We feel that 72 marijuana plants is excessive and is well beyond what the state voters envisioned when they passed California Proposition 215 entitled “The Compassionate use Act of 1996” for medical marijuana use and cultivation.

A County sanctioned committee heard many hours of public testimony. The marijuana growers want to maintain or increase the number of plants for cultivation. The other citizens that addressed the committee supported medical marijuana cultivation for qualified patients, but felt that the present ordinance allows for unreasonable numbers of marijuana plants to be grown. Those favoring less cultivation testified that they have experienced uncomfortable odors, allergy symptoms being caused by the plant bloom and an overall fear of a criminal presence which is often associated with marijuana cultivation. In general, those citizens supporting a reduction felt the current ordinance adversely affected their quality of life.

We believe that the Board of Supervisors has crafted an ordinance that is thoughtful and fair to all concerned. The new ordinance allows for ten (10) plants per recommendation with a total of two (2) recommendations per parcel totaling twenty (20) plants. We believe the reduction still meets the needs of the patient and addresses the quality of life issues for the rest of the community.

IF THIS ORDINANCE IS NOT PASSED THE OLD ORDINANCE ALLOWING 72 PLANTS WILL REMAIN IN EFFECT.

VOTE YES on Measure B.

Committee for Informed Voters

/s/ Victoria Fisher Chair
/s/ Becky Kinkead Treasurer
/s/ Tom Rowson Assistant Treasurer

REBUTTAL TO THE ARGUMENT IN FAVOR MEASURE B

The ordinance created by Measure B is inadequately crafted. Growers didn't object to a reduction in plants; in fact this was a compromise they offered. Measure B contains conflicting provisions and overlapping restrictions that make it too difficult if not impossible for many patients to grow the cannabis they need.

Proponents of Measure B say the 10 plants per recommendation that would be allowed are reasonable for all. However, plants must be grown within 100 sq. ft.; only enough room for a few plants. Unreasonable restrictions on lighting make it impossible for indoor growers to produce adequate medicine for their needs.

By banning collective or cooperative gardens, Measure B makes it impossible for people with a suitable rural site to grow for others.

By outlawing delivery, Measure B makes it impossible for seriously ill patients to get cannabis delivered by licensed distributors.

Only female cannabis plants are grown for their medicinal flowers, which do not produce pollen.

Proponents of this measure claim to be compassionate, but with severe limits and punishments for cultivation and a prohibition on dispensaries and deliveries, where do they expect patients to get their medical marijuana?

Cannabis is used to treat cancer, epilepsy, fibromyalgia, arthritis, chronic pain, PTSD, Parkinson's, and more. With greater awareness of the endocannabinoid system, the compounds of the cannabis plant are proving to be highly effective treatments worth understanding, not prohibiting.

The current ordinance is in need of revision, but Measure B is a failure in reasonable regulations. Vote NO on B.

Sierra County Growers Assn.

/s/ Sarah Grew
ARGUMENT AGAINST MEASURE B

Measure B does not exhibit the careful consideration, research and understanding of cannabis regulation that we deserve. Measure B is a poorly written, hastily drafted law that would require another election to amend any part of it.

Vote NO on Measure B to:

Protect your property rights: This measure still allows the Sheriff and Building Department to enter your property at will to conduct compliance inspections (section 8.01.040). Officials could use suspicion or complaint of cannabis as a means to look for code violations that could result in fines and up to 6 months in prison. (County code chapters 1.16 through 1.18)

Prioritize county spending: Enforcement of this ordinance would be costly for taxpayers. Licensing and fees are more effective ways to regulate cannabis grows and would make a clear delineation of lawful from unlawful operators. The vague and contradictory language of Measure B invites expensive litigation.

Limit the overreaching arm of government: 11 pages of excessive regulations would create permanent prohibitions of activities that are currently allowed and benefit residents.

Vote NO because of comprehensive coming changes in State marijuana law, growing support for medical use, and evolving social norms. Attitudes are changing rapidly, with people of all demographics seeing cannabis as a safe alternative to expensive, dangerous and ineffective medical treatments.

Measure B leaves too many people unable to grow the cannabis they need due to setbacks, parcel size limitations and a 100 square foot limit. It bans collective gardens so those unable to cultivate cannabis due to illness or disability will not have access.

Vote NO for personal rights, property rights and patients' rights.

Sierra County Growers Assn.

/s/ Chris Mills

REBUTTAL TO THE ARGUMENT AGAINST MEASURE B

The proposed Medical Marijuana Ordinance under Measure B will not endanger property rights. Enforcement officers will need to obtain consent to search or obtain probable cause and seek a search warrant issued by a Sierra County Judge to conduct searches.

All compliance checks will be conducted in compliance with the California and United States Constitution.

There are no criminal penalties associated with Measure B, only minimal civil penalties for those who decide not to follow the law.

Measure B, in respect to the 100 square foot requirement, is simply in line with the 100 square foot requirement mandated by State law taking affect in 2018. Those who want to commercialize and profit from the sales of medical marijuana oppose Measure B as it affects their bottom line.

Measure B will ensure qualified patients will have access to medical marijuana while limiting those wishing to exploit Sierra County by profiting from the illegal diversion of medical marijuana through illicit sales.

Measure B allows those who wish to cultivate medical marijuana for their personal needs and restricts those who wish to commercially cultivate marijuana for profit.

Vote Yes on Measure B

Committee for Informed Voters

/s/ Victoria Fisher Chair
/s/ Becky Kinkead Treasurer