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Honorable Gavin Newsom
Lieutenant Governor
State of California
State Capitol, Suite 1114
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Dear Lieutenant Governor Newsom:

It has recently come to the attention of the City Council of the City of Milpitas that you have volunteered to head a blue ribbon panel aimed at placing an initiative on the 2016 ballot that would legalize the general use of marijuana in California. We further note that in statements to the press you have advocated the general legalization of marijuana in this State.

As an elected body of local officials with a duty to the general health and welfare of the citizens of Milpitas, we are greatly surprised by your taking what we view as an unsupportable position on future legislation that could cause great harm to Milpitas citizens as well as to all California citizens. While there may be medicinal value to marijuana in many cases, it is clearly a mind altering substance, the unrestricted use of which would pose new dangers to the health and safety of our citizens. Our concern in this regard is consistent with the City's long standing land use prohibition of medical marijuana dispensaries. We strongly oppose any general legalization of marijuana and encourage you to reconsider your position on this issue.

Sincerely,

Mayor Jose S. Esteves
on behalf of the Milpitas City Council

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