



Why do we need to Repeal Prop 64 and look to establish medical cannabis law and regulation in this state? What we were sold was a lie! AUMA was complete bullshit given to the voters by the finest bullshitters in the game. Don't take our word for it. Below are the time stamped notes which are taken directly from this link; [10/28/16 video interview](#) of Lieutenant Governor Gavin Newsom and his cannabis policy advisor, Mr. Jason Skinner who combined, do their best to convince everyone just how great the world would be under AUMA.

@ 1:30 Newsom is against cannabis. He "doesn't want to see it or smell it". Seriously? This is the guy who, for whatever reasons, decides to throw in with changing CA cannabis policy and manages to do so with the help of his political allies.

@ 3:20 Newsom states he got involved because **"frankly there has been an absence of leadership."** Is that right? I would counter with there has been an egregious lack of legislative cooperation that would have created better, stronger and greater controls for the medical cannabis community.

The current crisis in California's cannabis regulation can be directly attributed to the lack of leadership, displayed over the last 20 years, by each of California's Attorneys General and several of the Governors which most definitely includes Newsom! **What this series of incompetent and/or malfeasant elected officials have accomplished in over 20 years of state regulation, or lack thereof, was to create the very conditions Newsom was purportedly attempting to "fix" in AUMA.**



@ 3:50 Newsom states the 19 previous cannabis initiatives were not comprehensive and/or vetted. On the other hand, under his leadership, AUMA was created in a "mature" fashion "to solve the problems that would unfold over the course of many, many years". Newsom completely ignores the work that went into these initiatives or those who spent their lives attempting bring medical cannabis rights to those in need.

@ 6:20 AUMA was created in cooperation with "an individual I've known for years." Who might that be? Why not just say their name?

@ 7:40 Newsom defines himself as an "expert" on what's in AUMA. This statement will come in handy when you are listed as a defendant in a forthcoming class action lawsuit.

@ 9:28 Skinner states that AUMA was necessary to create a tax structure for cannabis that the legislature had wanted but were unable to do and that was tax cannabis. That is patently absurd. Taxes, which in most cases, were being illegally applied to medical cannabis for years. It did not require the passing of AUMA to begin some sort of two-tiered taxation for cannabis.

@ 15:30 It's not about taxes but you refer to medical not being properly regulated and Colorado not taxing medical. We have numerous contradictions here in that CA does tax medical prescriptions and AUMA IS MOST DEFINITELY ABOUT THE TAXES! Otherwise, you would have been behind what qualifies a medical cannabis patient and nowhere in AUMA do you do that.

@16:04 you rule out "pot for potholes" and open up the seedy deal you created with all cannabis revenue going into special trust funds and NOT the general fund.

@19:20 it promises that there will be "no medical tax".

@19:30 we can't violate federal law when it comes to a physicians recommendation. Seriously? You violate federal law with AUMA but a physicians recommendation represents a state problem when it runs contrary to federal law!

@21:18 Newsom states that with the passing of AUMA the two systems (Rec and Medical) will be challenged in a court of law. He had that right.

@25:50 Skinner states there will be no large cap licenses for 5 years. That restriction was lifted within 6 months of having passed AUMA.

@27:00 Newsom and Skinner speak about most of the improvements to AUMA were small grower protections. Newsom states that as Mayor of SF he enacted the most stringent regulated medical cannabis requirements in that city which could exist. What SPECIFICALLY, re SF medical cannabis regulation is he referring to in that statement?

@ 35:36 Newsom proclaims, "**I am antimarijuana.**"

@36:58 Q: is there possibly a legislative solution to marijuana legalization? A: (Newsom) absolutely not! Why not Gavin? Because your "leadership" does not extend to the houses? You had to create AUMA because what you proposed was not going to get the support of those houses so instead you fooled the people.

@38:30 **Skinner compliments the Brown administration for their leadership in creating AUMA.** This folks is where the problems began going back to 2008 when Jerry Brown was CA-AG and he issued Guidelines-2008, three years after the legislature had given him to come up with medical cannabis law and regulation that would be congruent with what the voters had intended in 215/420. It is in Guidelines-2008 we see the deception take place between collectives, cooperatives and the plans to tax medical cannabis. I would not be surprised if Skinner was intimate in these mechanizations going back to 2008 and even before.

@40:00 Newsom chooses to ignore the CSA. The federal government has to "wake up".

@ 40:20 Newsom is asserting a role in changing federal law. That is NOT a state function. If Newsom wants to change federal law he should run for a federal seat as a congressman or a senator.

@ 40:40 Newsom relies on AUMA using a 10th Amendment protection. Newsom does not understand the 10th Amendment and how it applies. It only applies if federal law does not expressly address a legal condition. In this case the fed has addressed constitutional law and regulation and a state cannot defy that while asserting a 10th Amendment right. Furthermore, and this is only an exercise, the citizens of that state would not be protected under a state's 10th Amendment assertions if it were an applicable state claim.

@41:30 Newsom states he wants to radically change peoples lives with this legislation. Well Gavin you have certainly done that. Five years later we have seen numerous suicides, bankruptcies, communities being closed, rampant pay-to-play corruption, heavy handed enforcement, rules and regulations that are impossible to maintain and be profitable and the environmental protections AUMA promised us have been WAIVED under CEQA requirements that are listed "Provisional" under licensing applications whereby the license is issued without that CEQA information having been given. Social Equity in State and Local Government is non-existent to the end users but perfectly suited to splay that money around to those who have done their best work for the party. Nice JOB GAVIN! You certainly have delivered on at least ONE OF YOUR PROMISES! You have RADICALLY CHANGED CANNABIS but not in the way you promised to!

@ 48:59 Once more Newsom takes on the role of changing federal law. That is not his job and he, by mandating a state regulatory system that violates federal law is aiding and abetting that action.

@ 50:42 To "strike out at injustice". What does that even mean when it is the state that is creating a system of injustice by violating federal law?

@ 54:00 Newsom promises drug addiction research funding. How much of the money that AUMA has raised has actually went to that?

@ 55:10 Newsom, for the second time, states he is personally anti-marijuana. Given the strength with which he expresses his disdain, one has to wonder what his REAL motivation was in getting involved in reforming cannabis legislation. Really, he knows that some people consider the word marijuana pejorative and uses it deliberately in place of cannabis. Of course, one can be of two minds about something, but the hypocrisy of a wine distributor opposing cannabis for its potential social harms is almost painfully ironic. He recognizes that the enforcement of federal cannabis law is not forestalled by anything the Commission has recommended but hopes federal law will be enforced because he "doesn't like the smell of it".

@1:01:03 Newsom talks about AUMA having the support of the ACLU and the Soros funded DPA. Could money and a career in DC have anything to do with Gavin's having constructed AUMA? It seemed to have worked out pretty well for his then CA-AG Kamala Harris. She's our VP with one step away from the Presidency!

@ 1:02:30 Newsom states he will be held accountable for how AUMA rolls out and he promises the promises made in AUMA will be held personally accountable for that implementation and operation.

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