



## The Why and Who of CLM

When a group demands recognition and recovery for civil rights that have been trampled upon and lost **that is a flaw in our democracy.**

When a class, as a result of their race, is subject to increased levels of incarceration because of their relationship with cannabis **that is a flaw in our democracy.**

When those that hold power over our front line law enforcement, make decisions behind closed doors to exclude a class, regardless of skin color, access to the golden ring, economic benefit that is licensed cannabis **that is a flaw in our democracy.**

When local and state governments make cannabis laws and regulations that require us to be licensed to operate our cannabis business but run contrary to federal laws and could very well result in our being criminally charged for attempting to be state and local government cannabis compliant **that is a flaw in our democracy.**

When Big Brother, that is state licensed cannabis, turns the cannabis community against one another by creating a class that is 'compliant' against those that have not succumbed to the lockstep approach that is licensed cannabis **that is a flaw in our democracy.**

When local and state government create a scheme that deprives us of our civil rights and seizes assets that are a result of their unbridled attempts to monopolize this plant **that is a flaw in our democracy.**

When the people assemble in peaceful protest and our government's response is to break up these assemblies **that is a flaw in our democracy.**

When forces collude to turn people against each other based on race, religion, sexual orientation or gender **that is a flaw in our democracy.**

When peaceful assemblies turn violent and looting, robbery and destruction destroy our communities and the lives and dreams of those who had businesses such as the fledgling licensed social equity cannabis business that was just beginning to realize that dream **that is a flaw in our democracy.**

When our politicians and law enforcement are seen using their offices to personally enrich themselves, are abusive in their authority, unresponsive and out of touch with the communities pressing needs, **that is a flaw in our democracy.**

Today there are many amongst us who are raising their fists and voices to demand change. What will that change look like? How permanent will that change be? Indeed the change we saw in our lives after 9-11 resulted in us standing in lines, being x-rayed and having our privacy taken away on behalf of the war on terrorism. Our point is this. Be careful what you wish for and when given a chance to state what change you seek, do so! The world needs to KNOW precisely what it is you expect when it comes to change.


On behalf of the medical cannabis patients who wish to live our lives free of the national opioid crises that is powerfully addictive prescription drugs but instead saw our rights and access to this plant destroyed with the passing of Prop 64, it is our stated mission to have all of our voices heard because we the people, who depend on this plant for our quality of life, are the living proof that our Cannabis Lives Matter.

Simply put Cannabis Lives Matter supports a democracy that is free of the flaws on our democracy. We actively support a unification of the people that allows us to work together to create an environment that is free of the destructive forces that are tearing our country, our people and our dreams for a better future, apart.

**We believe that the flag of cannabis was meant to be planted on the hill of democracy.** It's not crazy. It's our right. It's our children and grandchildren's right. It's our future. It is our unification, our collective voice and energy that is feared most of all but that will create the change we seek. **Please come join and support us in creating that tomorrow today!**



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Brushy Mountain Penitentiary, TN  
15 years for 3.8 grams of Cocaine on a first offense.

*A man has plenty of time to think when he's in prison. His life is reduced to bars. His dreams are reduced to memories. His tomorrow is what he makes it. Free the man. Free the mind. To the righteous man the future is not prepared to go backwards but instead is left to correct the wrongs of the past. In my case, the War on Drugs stole both mine and my family's life. It's only fitting that as a free man medical cannabis gets me through my days and relieves my PTSD. I have come to realize that while those forces took the first round I'm back for the remainder of the fight and I will not rest until justice is found for each and every one of those medical cannabis patients that need my voice. David Watkins, CLM*