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Hello Nick,

The Drug Free St. Lucie coalition at the Roundtable of St. Lucie County is in favor of the civil citation recommendation by the New Leadership Society of Fort Pierce to amend the City's Code of Ordinances to include a Civil Citation program for some marijuana offenses.

As you know, civil citation is widely used in the state of Florida as a promising response for first-time, non-serious juvenile offenders. In the case of marijuana possession, we believe it is a great opportunity to connect youth and families to resources, education and tools to prevent further substance misuse and substance use disorders. St Lucie county has a wonderful resource at the Children's Home Society of Florida who is providing support with an evidence based curriculum in their Civil Citation assistance program. Drug Free St. Lucie stands ready to partner with Children's Home Society to provide additional substance misuse prevention resources and support if needed.

Historically, civil citations programs such as these have great outcomes that lower recidivism rates and provide opportunities for youth to get back on the right track. This is yet another opportunity for our community partners to support our youth and exemplify what we believe: "All kids are capable of success – no exceptions".

Thank you for this opportunity to provide our assessment of this proposed change.

Kind regards.

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From: Nick Mimms [mailto:nmimms@cityoffortpierce.com]
Sent: Friday, January 29, 2021 12:16 PM
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Juliana,

Good Afternoon!!

I received your contact information from our Mayor Linda Hudson. The City of Fort Pierce is currently considering the possibility of issuing citations for marijuana possession and our Mayor wanted to obtain your input prior to our discussion that is scheduled to be held on February 8, 2021. The Fort Pierce Police Department has provided their recommendation, and it has been attached for your review.

I apologize for the short notice, but I would like to have your feedback and recommendation for this proposed initiative by Friday 2/5/21. This concept was originally presented by members of the community and subsequently recommended by the City of Fort Pierce Police Community Advisory Committee. (See Below) Please contact me if you have any questions or comments.

Meeting Date: 12/07/2020
Re: Police Community Advisory Committee's recommendation Marijuana Offenses and Survey request
Submitted For: Diane Holey-Burney

SUBJECT:

Recommendations of the Police Community Advisory Committee

SUMMARY:

The Police Community Advisory Committee was tasked with reviewing a recommendation by the New Leadership Society of Fort Pierce to amend the City’s Code of Ordinances to include a Civil Citation program for some marijuana offenses. At the Committee’s September meeting, the New Leadership Society gave a presentation on decriminalizing marijuana and answered questions from Committee members. The Committee reviewed several ordinances from other cities and counties that have adopted a civil citation program for marijuana. The Committee further discussed the recommendation and made a final decision on the direction of their recommendation at their October meeting.

Additionally, the Police Community Advisory Committee is requesting permission to have City Staff put the survey created by the committee on the City's website and to collect data for Committee review. The survey is desinged to solicit actionable input from the community to help guide the committee's reccomendations regarding the police department moving forward.

RECOMMENDATION:

To move forward with the creation of a Civil Citation Program for some marijuana offenses, and to direct city staff to aid in putting the PCAC survey on the City's website.

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