



Medford City Council
Medford, Massachusetts

MEETING DATE

August 13, 2024

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AGENDA ITEM

24-452 - Resolution to Support Question 4, Limited Legalization and Regulation of Certain Natural Substances, on the November 5, 2024 General Election Ballot

FULL TEXT AND DESCRIPTION

Whereas, one in three Massachusetts residents struggle with mental health challenges; and

Whereas, pioneering research from Johns Hopkins and Harvard Medical School finds that natural psychedelics can be effective in managing treatment-resistant depression and other forms of mental illness; and

Whereas, the FDA recently granted psilocybin, one of the psychedelics, a “breakthrough therapy” designation for treatment-resistant depression; and

Whereas, the ballot question would create a regulated framework for psychedelic-assisted therapy for adults 21 and older; now, therefore:

Be it Resolved by the Medford City Council that we support Question 4, Limited Legalization and Regulation of Certain Natural Psychedelic Substances, on the November 5, 2024 general election ballot.

RECOMMENDATION

FISCAL IMPACT

ATTACHMENTS

None