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Medical Marijuana Update



Company agrees to pay counties for support of medical marijuana

A Chicago-based company, Cresco Labs, offered four central Illinois counties 0.5 percent of gross annual receipts—at least \$25,000 a year—if officials would write a letter raving about the company, wrote Phil Luciano in The State Journal-Register. The company provided the letter, which the counties could revise.

A spokeswoman for the state medical marijuana program had not heard of other companies using cash for endorsement deals. However, by law no information about the applications can be divulged. [Read more](#)

Chicago Aldermen demand security and loading controls for medical pot

Medical marijuana dispensaries and cultivation centers in Chicago would be required to hire around-the-clock security guards and load and unload pot out of public view, according to an ordinance introduced by the city council, the Sun-Times reported. [Read more](#)

Chance to sell pot attracts diverse applicants in Chicago

The list of would-be medical marijuana purveyors seeking permits to locate in Chicago includes a trucking company founder and strip club owner, a former Clinton White House aide who's now a Latino issues advocate and two brothers who own a popular bar and video game arcade, reports the Chicago Tribune. These groups will appear before the Chicago Zoning Board of Appeals today to ask for a special-use permit to grow and distribute marijuana. [Read more](#)

Chicago Zoning Appeals Board hearings on medical marijuana

Potential medical marijuana growers and sellers must apply for a special-use permit, which triggers a public hearing where area residents can object, identify the owners, and scrutinize their backgrounds. A Brighton Park dispensary proposed in Alderman Burke's Ward was moved to next month's Zoning Board of Appeals meeting. [Read more](#)

If you live in Chicago, plan to attend these public hearings.

FOR IMMEDIATE ACTION

- Ask Legislative Candidates their position on the legalization of marijuana and tell them of your opposition and concerns.
- Attend public hearings in your city/county relating to special-use permits to grow and/or sell medical marijuana.
- PRAY and share this Alert with your faith community.
- Forward to 10 others.

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