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Illinois Church Action on Alcohol & Addiction Problems

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### Marijuana Alert



A Chicago neighborhood group in Lakeview wants people to **attend a hearing of the Zoning Board of Appeals on Friday, February 20th at 2 pm in Room 200 at Chicago City Hall - 121 N. LaSalle Street.**

It's important to fill the hearing room with residents, local businesses and community organizations who **oppose the MedMar medical marijuana dispensary locating at 2843 N. Halsted Street.** A resident in the North Halstead Street Neighborhood group wrote, "We know that this is the wrong location for an all-cash business on a controlled substance. Experience in other states show that these dispensaries are a magnet for crime."

Contact [seymourturner@yahoo.com](mailto:seymourturner@yahoo.com) to sign an on-line petition if you live in the 43rd or 44th Ward.

#### **Medical marijuana business facing first legal challenge**

A downstate corporation that lost out on a license argues that Shelby County Community Services is ineligible to grow marijuana because it is a non-for-profit entity and therefore must pledge not to violate federal law. The Shelbyville business offers residential and out-patient programs for the developmentally disabled and counsels substance abusers, reports the *Chicago Tribune*. [Read more](#)

#### **Metro-east's first medical marijuana dispensary to be built in Sauget**

Plans are taking shape for the region's first medicinal marijuana dispensary to open in a medical office complex next door to GCS Ball Park, the home of the Gateway Grizzlies minor league baseball team. [Read more](#)

#### **Legal Marijuana in Illinois? Give it 10 years**

The Devil's Advocate compares the good intentions to help sick people obtain medical marijuana with the Lottery and how the attempt to fund education expanded gambling to

riverboat casinos and neighborhood video gambling parlors.

"Illinois next year may be looking down a \$9 billion hole. How long do you think our lawmakers will rest that tempting pot of money and stick with their 'medical-only' ethos? ... Where lawmakers who like to spend tax dollars are involved, a big, untapped source of money that's already flowing in some other state is awfully tempting!" [Read more](#)

### FOR IMMEDIATE ACTION

1. **PRAY**
2. **SHARE THIS ALERT with those who live in Chicago and encourage them to attend the Feb. 20th Zoning Board of Appeals meeting at City Hall.**
3. **FORWARD to 10 others.**

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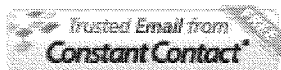
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