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NOVEMBER 2, 2010 BALLOT QUESTION ON  
LEGALIZATION OF CANNABIS AND HEMP PRODUCTS

In the year Two Thousand Ten.....  
Resolved by the City Council of the City of Burlington, as follows:

That WHEREAS, the Burlington residents lead by a group named Grassroots Burlington, have collected 1,200 signatures from Burlington voters in the last two months to put an advisory, non-binding question regarding cannabis and hemp products to Burlington voters on November 2, 2010; and

WHEREAS, in the City of Burlington, you are required to gather 1,653 valid signatures to place a question on a citywide ballot; and

WHEREAS, the deadline for submitting signatures for a question to be put in front of Burlington voters in November is September 23; and

WHEREAS, the Burlington City Council values voters’ input through ballot questions on matters related to city government and our community; and

WHEREAS, voter participation for statewide elections is traditionally much higher than the Annual City Meeting in March; and

WHEREAS, adding a question regarding cannabis and hemp products on the November 2, 2010 ballot will likely increase voter participation in that election, especially voters of younger ages given the tendency for younger people to be interested in cannabis legalization and regulation issues; and

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38 WHEREAS, the Burlington City Council values and supports efforts to increase voter  
39 participation in every election cycle, especially with segments of the voter population, such as  
40 people under 35 who’s participation rates are lower than most other segments; and

41 WHEREAS, the state of California, City of Detroit and other electorates will be asked  
42 similar questions regarding cannabis and hemp products on November 2, 2010; and

43 WHEREAS, the City of Montpelier passed a similar question with a 3 to 1 margin in  
44 March 2010;

45 NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED that the City Council hereby requests,  
46 pursuant to Sec. 25 of the City Charter, that the Mayor call a Special City Meeting to be held on  
47 November 2, 2010 and that the following advisory question be placed on the ballot of that  
48 Special City Meeting:

49 “Shall the people of Burlington support the legalization, regulation, and taxation of all  
50 cannabis and hemp products?”

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