

ACLU Blue Ribbon Panel on Marijuana Legalization in California

Chair: Gavin Newsom: Lt. Governor of California, outspoken advocate for mj reform, highest ranking elected in CA on record calling for legalizing mj; most recently quoted in the NYT calling on other elected to say publicly what they say privately on this issue.

Sam Kamin: Law professor Denver Univ., constitutional law expert, appointed to CO Governor's Task Force on Implementing that state's legalization ballot initiative.

Alison Holcomb: Campaign manager of Washington state's I 502 ballot initiative to tax and regulate marijuana; Criminal Justice Policy Director of the ACLU of WA.

Karen O'Keefe: staff attorney, Marijuana Policy Project.

Tamar Todd: attorney, Drug Policy Alliance; also helped draft ballot initiatives and legislation in many states including WA and CO

Craig Reinarman: professor Univ. of California, Santa Cruz, author and international drug policy expert.

Marsha Rosenbaum: former NIDA-funded drug policy researcher, author of articles concerning adolescents and drug use

Ben Tulchin: Tulchin Research

Corey O'Neil: Tulchin Research

Keith Humphreys: 2009-10 Senior Policy Advisor at the White House Office of National Drug Control Policy; Professor of Psychiatry and Behavioral Sciences and Stanford Health Policy Associate.

Dr. Timmen Cermak: immediate Past President, California Society of Addiction Medicine (CSAM).

Dr. Peter Banys: past president California Society of Addiction Medicine (CSAM)

Neill Franklin: Retired State Police Major (Maryland State Police and Baltimore Police Department) and Executive Director of LEAP (Law Enforcement Against Prohibition)

Sheriff Laurie Smith: Santa Clara County Sheriff.

Erwin Chemerinsky: Dean, University of California, Irvine School of Law, Constitutional and Federal Jurisdiction Expert, Supreme Court litigator; author of treatises and textbooks, one of the legal experts in the country concerning federal jurisdiction and federal preemption of state laws.

Dr. Seth Ammerman, Professor, Stanford University; member American Academy of Pediatrics.