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HOW TO MAKE MONEY IN THE MARIJUANA STOCK MARKET EQUITY POT PLAN FOR OAKLAND, CALIFORNIA

THE SAN FRANCISCO CHRONICLE PRINTED THE FOLLOWING ARTICLE THIS MORNING.

"OAKLAND'S NEW MEDICAL CANNABIS LAWS, INTENDED TO RIGHT THE PERCEIVED WRONGS OF THE U.S. WAR ON DRUGS, ARE THE FOCUS OF A FIERCE POLITICAL FIGHT IN CITY HALL.

ALTHOUGH THE CITY COUNCIL VOTED UNANIMOUSLY TO APPROVE THE LAWS IN MAY - CREATING A PERMIT SYSTEM THAT WILL BRING OAKLAND IN LINE WITH NEW REQUIREMENTS FOR REGULATING THE STATE'S MULTIBILLION DOLLAR CANNABIS INDUSTRY, SEVERAL COUNCIL MEMBERS SAY THE SYSTEM THEY CREATED IS NOT A DONE DEAL.

THE MAIN STICKING POINT IS A PROVISION THAT RESERVES HALF THE CITY'S MEDICAL CANNABIS PERMITS FOR RESIDENTS WHO WERE JAILED ON MARIJUANA CONVICTIONS IN OAKLAND WITHIN THE PAST DECADE, OR WHO HAVE LIVED FOR AT LEAST TWO YEARS WITHIN SIX POLICE BEATS IN EAST OAKLAND WHERE POT ARRESTS WERE CONCENTRATED IN 2013.

TO OBTAIN ONE OF THESE EQUITY PERMITS, AN APPLICANT MUST OWN AT LEAST A 50% PERCENT STAKE IN THE PROPOSED BUSINESS.

THE INTENT OF SUPPORTERS, LED BY COUNCIL-WOMAN DESLEY BROOKS, IS TO HELP PEOPLE WHOSE LIVES WERE DISRUPTED BY DRUG-RELATED PROSECUTIONS AND INCARCERATION. CRITICS, WHILE PRAISING THE GOAL, SAY OAKLAND'S APPROACH COULD HURT THOSE PEOPLE INSTEAD.

IT COULD FAIL TO PROMOTE AND IN MANY CASES ACTIVELY COMPROMISE, THE CITY'S SOCIAL JUSTICE AND EQUITY GOALS."

AS CALIFORNIA RAMPS UP TO VOTE FOR RECREATIONAL MARIJUANA IN NOVEMBER 2016, THERE WILL BE CONTINUED DEBATE ON MANY FACETS OF THE MARIJUANA INDUSTRY SUCH AS THIS ISSUE.

POLLS TODAY FAVOR PASSING RECREATIONAL POT IN CALIFORNIA. THE BATTLEGROUND IS NOW BEING DEFINED ON MANY POT ISSUES. THIS IS ONE ISSUE.