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THE ANNUAL ARBOR HASH BASH IS HELD IN ANN ARBOR, MICHIGAN, USA, ON THE FIRST SATURDAY OF APRIL. IT BEGAN IN 1972 AS A PROTEST AGAINST THE GOVERNMENT'S STRICT LAWS AGAINST CANNABIS USE, AND HAS SINCE BECOME A CELEBRATION OF CULTURE AND A FORUM FOR ACTIVISM.

HASH BASH FEATURES SPEAKERS ADVOCATING FOR THE DE- SCHEDULING OF CANNABIS, AS WELL AS LIVE MUSIC, VARIOUS NON-PROFIT ORGANIZATIONS, AND A FESTIVE ATMOSPHERE. THE EVENT ATTRACTS THOUSANDS OF PEOPLE FROM ALL OVER THE COUNTRY, AND HAS BEEN ATTENDED BY NOTABLE FIGURES SUCH AS TOMMY CHONG AND JACK HERER.

WHILE THE POSSESSION AND USE OF CANNABIS REMAINS ILLEGAL UNDER FEDERAL LAW, THE STATE OF MICHIGAN HAS LEGALIZED RECREATIONAL MARIJUANA USE FOR ADULTS OVER THE AGE OF 21. THE ANN ARBOR HASH BASH CONTINUES TO BE AN IMPORTANT GATHERING FOR THOSE WHO SUPPORT THE DECRIMINALIZATION OF CANNABIS AND THE PROMOTION OF CANNABIS CULTURE.

THIS YEAR WE HONOR FIVE LEGACY CANNABIS ACTIVISTS.





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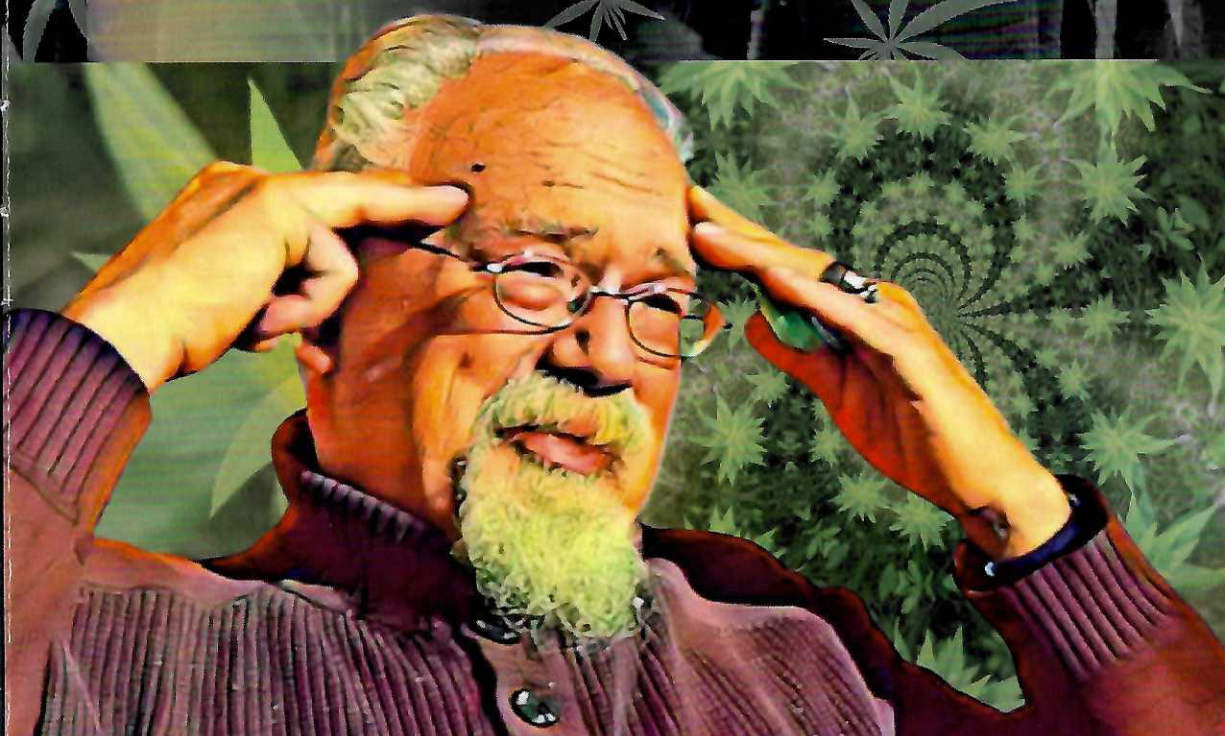
CELEBRATING CANNABIS LEGACY JOHN SINCLAIR

# JOHN SINCLAIR

JOHN SINCLAIR IS AN AMERICAN POET, WRITER, AND POLITICAL ACTIVIST. IN 1969, HE WAS SENTENCED TO 10 YEARS IN PRISON FOR GIVING TWO JOINTS TO AN UNDERCOVER POLICEWOMAN. AFTER SERVING ONLY 2.5 YEARS OF HIS SENTENCE, HE WON HIS ARGUMENT IN THE SUPREME COURT AND FOR ABOUT THREE WEEKS IN 1972 THERE WERE NO LAWS PROHIBITING CANNABIS. HOWEVER, THE STATE LEGISLATURE QUICKLY DRAFTED AND PASSED A NEW LAW THAT MADE CANNABIS ILLEGAL, AND ENFORCEMENT OF THIS LAW DIDN'T TAKE EFFECT UNTIL APRIL 1ST, 2001.

PUN PLAMONDON, LENI SINCLAIR, AND JOHN SINCLAIR CREATED THE WHITE PANTHERS, AN ANTI-RACIST POLITICAL ORGANIZATION, IN NOVEMBER 1968. [1] IT BEGAN AS A REACTION TO A QUESTION POSED TO HUEY P. NEWTON, CO-FOUNDER OF THE BLACK PANTHER PARTY, ABOUT WHAT WHITE PEOPLE COULD DO TO SUPPORT THE BLACK PANTHERS. NEWTON RESPONDED BY SUGGESTING THAT THEY FORM A WHITE PANTHER PARTY. THE TERM WAS ADOPTED BY A COUNTERCULTURE GROUP DEDICATED TO "CULTURAL REVOLUTION."

JOHN SINCLAIR IS INFLUENTIAL IN THE SHAPING OF MODERN POETRY. HE HAS RELEASED MOST OF HIS WORKS IN AUDIO FORMATS AND HAS ALSO COLLABORATED WITH MANY MUSICIANS OVER THE YEARS. HIS WORK OFTEN INCLUDES EMBELLISHMENTS BY A VARYING GROUP OF COLLABORATORS CALLED BLUES SCHOLARS. HIS FOUNDATION "THE JOHN SINCLAIR FOUNDATION" IS DEDICATED TO PRESERVING HIS CREATIVE WORKS AND RAISING AWARENESS ABOUT HIS ACCOMPLISHMENTS. IN RECOGNITION OF HIS COMMITMENT AND DEDICATION TO CANNABIS REFORM, WE HONOR JOHN SINCLAIR.



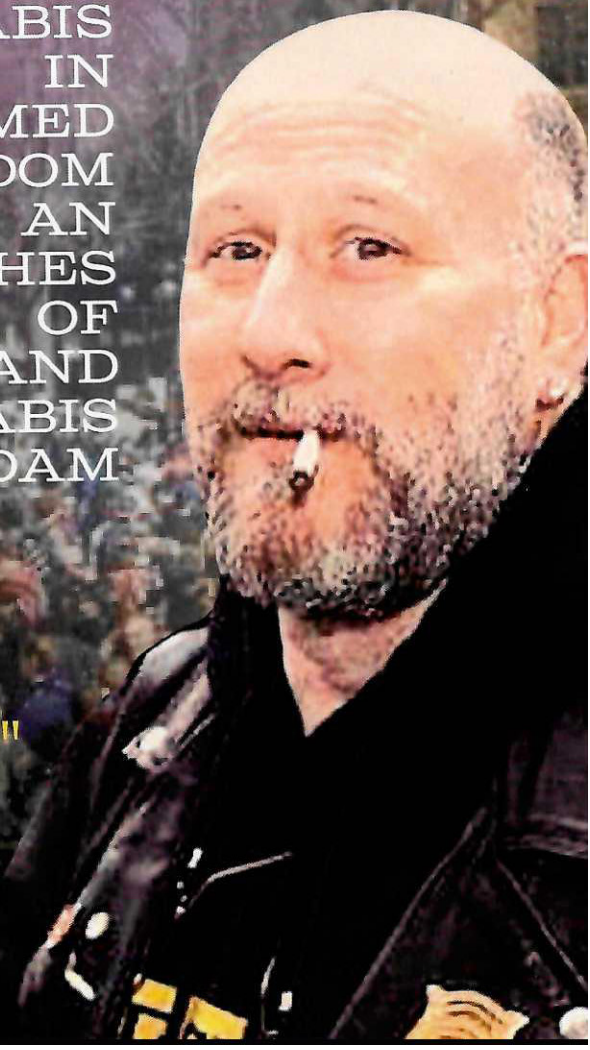


CELEBRATING CANNABIS LEGACY ADAM BROOK

# ADAM BROOK

WHEN ADAM BROOK TOOK THE STAGE TO MC HASH BASH IN 1993, HE BROUGHT WITH HIM A WEALTH OF KNOWLEDGE AND EXPERIENCE IN CANNABIS CULTURE. OVER THE YEARS, HE HAS BECOME THE ORGANIZER OF THE HASH BASH CUP AND HONORARY MANAGER OF CANNABIS LEGEND JOHN SINCLAIR. IN 1994, HIGH TIMES NAMED ADAM BROOK THEIR FREEDOM FIGHTER OF THE YEAR - AN HONOR HE STILL CHERISHES TODAY. IN RECOGNITION OF HIS COMMITMENT AND DEDICATION TO CANNABIS REFORM, WE HONOR ADAM BROOK.

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CELEBRATING CANNABIS LEGACY CHARLES REAM

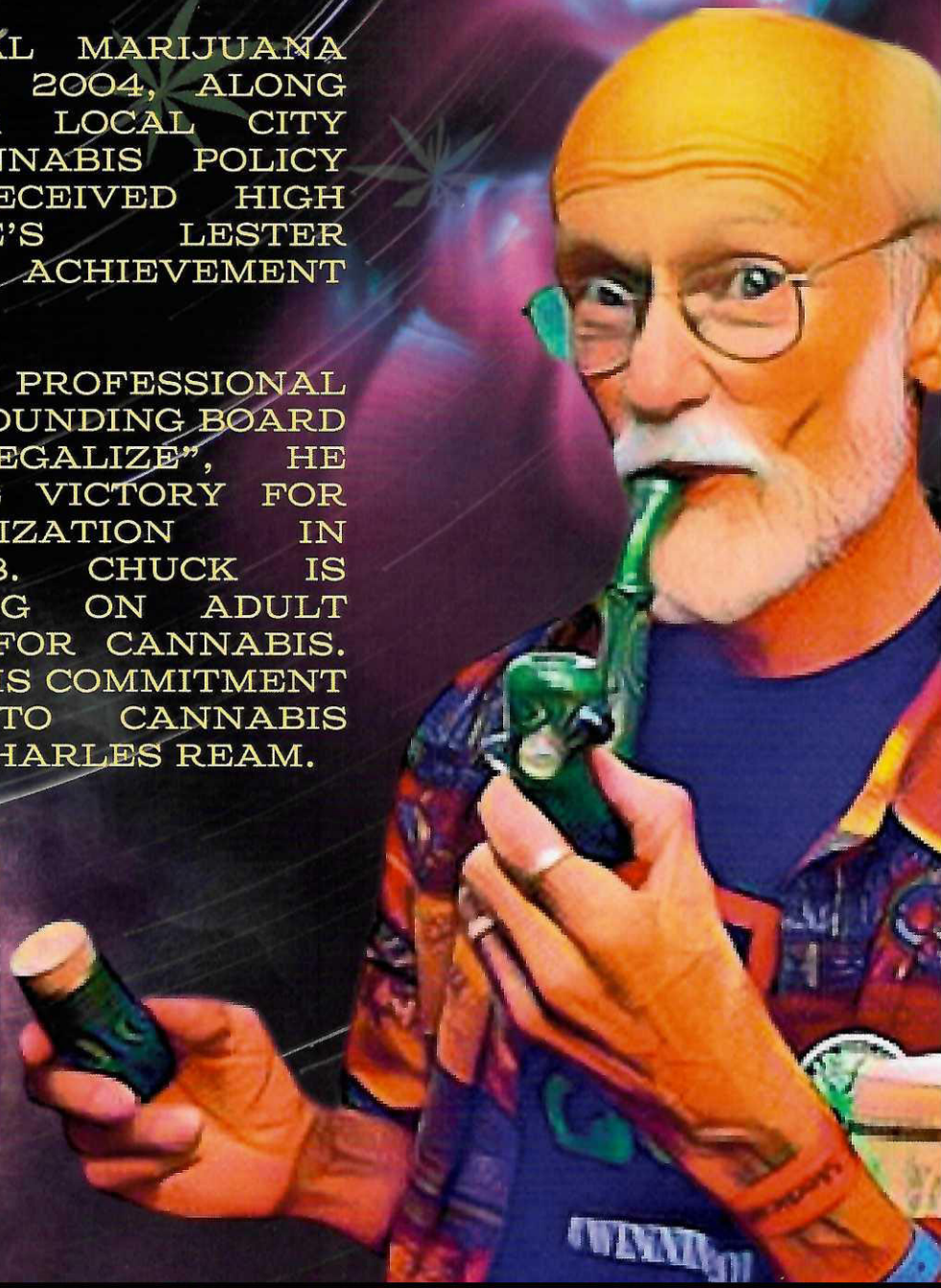
# CHUCK REAM

CHUCK REAM IS THE EXECUTIVE DIRECTOR OF THE SAFER MICHIGAN COALITION. HE'S 33-YEAR KINDERGARTEN TEACHER AND 20-YEAR ELECTED SCIO TOWNSHIP TRUSTEE.

CHUCK WON MEDICAL MARIJUANA FOR ANN ARBOR IN 2004, ALONG WITH MANY OTHER LOCAL CITY VICTORIES FOR CANNABIS POLICY REFORM. CHUCK RECEIVED HIGH TIMES MAGAZINE'S LESTER GRINSPOON LIFETIME ACHIEVEMENT AWARD.

HE IS A MI LICENSED PROFESSIONAL COUNSELOR (LPC). A FOUNDING BOARD MEMBER OF "MILEGALIZE", HE HELPED CREATE THE VICTORY FOR CANNABIS LEGALIZATION IN MICHIGAN IN 2018. CHUCK IS CURRENTLY WORKING ON ADULT SOCIAL USE POLICY FOR CANNABIS. IN RECOGNITION OF HIS COMMITMENT AND DEDICATION TO CANNABIS REFORM, WE HONOR CHARLES REAM.

EVERY TIME AN HONEST GROUP OF PEOPLE COME TOGETHER TO STUDY CANNABIS THEY COME TO THE SAME CONCLUSION. WHEN PEOPLE HONESTLY AND THOROUGHLY STUDY THE CONSEQUENCES OF CANNABIS THEY REALIZE THERE IS NO HARM. - 2007





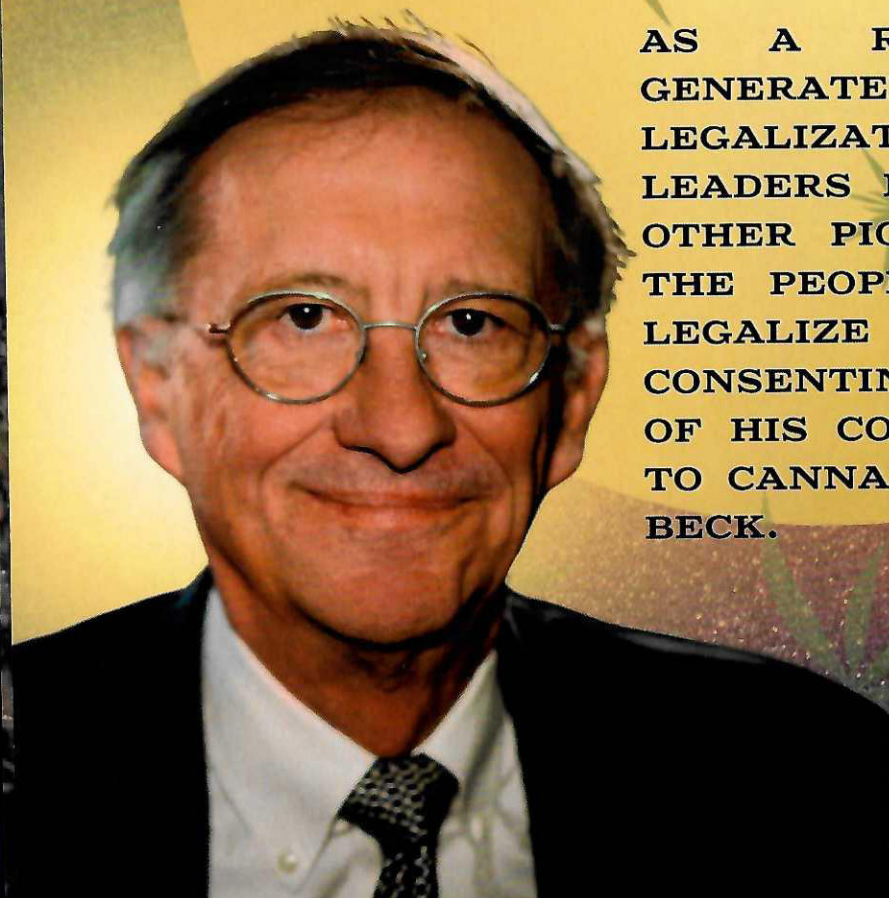
CELEBRATING CANNABIS LEGACY TIM BECK

# TIM BECK

TIM BECK GOT THE BALL ROLLING TO LEGALIZE CANNABIS IN MICHIGAN IN 2004, WHEN HE LED A BALLOT INITIATIVE WHICH LEGALIZED MEDICAL MARIJUANA IN DETROIT. HE BECAME EXECUTIVE DIRECTOR OF MICHIGAN NORML IN 2005 AND NORML PASSED MEDICAL MARIJUANA LAWS IN FERNDALE, TRAVERSE CITY AND FLINT. IN 2007 HE SECURED THE FUNDING FOR A STATEWIDE BALLOT INITIATIVE WHICH LEGALIZED MEDICAL MARIJUANA ALL ACROSS MICHIGAN IN 2008.

HIS GOAL WAS ALWAYS FULL LEGALIZATION OF WEED FOR EVERYONE. IN 2012 HE SUED THE CITY OF DETROIT ALL THE WAY TO THE MICHIGAN SUPREME COURT AND DETROIT WAS FORCED TO ALLOW A VOTE TO LEGALIZE CANNABIS LOCALLY. DETROIT VOTERS SAID YES BY 63%. HE LED, MENTORED OR INSPIRED CANNABIS LEGALIZATION BALLOT INITIATIVES IN OVER 15 MICHIGAN CITIES FROM 2011 TO 2016. HE PLAYED A KEY ROLE IN SHAPING LEGISLATION IN LANSING TO REFINE THE MICHIGAN MEDICAL MARIJUANA ACT IN 2012 AND 2016.

AS A RESULT, MOMENTUM WAS GENERATED FOR FULL STATEWIDE LEGALIZATION. IN 2017 NATIONAL LEADERS PICKED UP WHERE TIM AND OTHER PIONEERS LEFT OFF. IN 2018, THE PEOPLE OF MICHIGAN VOTED TO LEGALIZE MARIJUANA FOR ALL CONSENTING ADULTS. IN RECOGNITION OF HIS COMMITMENT AND DEDICATION TO CANNABIS REFORM, WE HONOR TIM BECK.





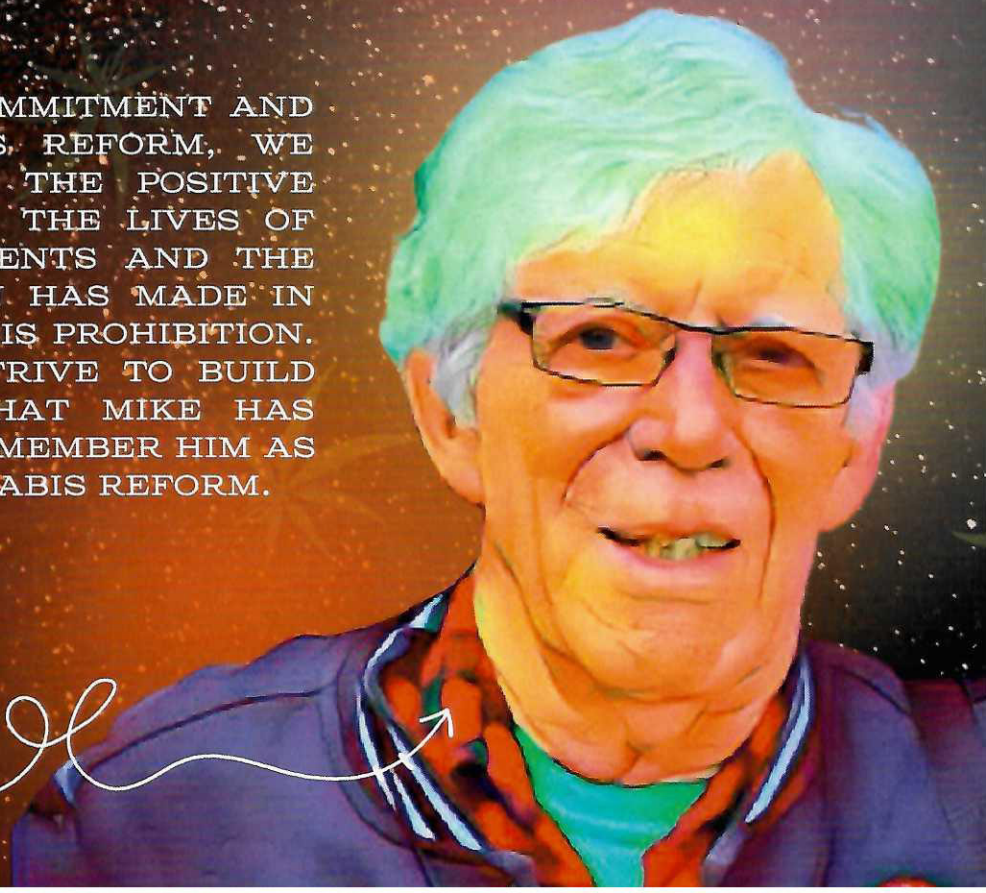
CELEBRATING CANNABIS LEGACY MIKE WHITTY

# MIKE WHITTY

WHITTY (AKA DR. DETROIT) HAS BEEN A LONG-TIME ADVOCATE FOR CANNABIS LAW REFORM. HIS COMMITMENT TO JUSTICE EXTENDS BEYOND THE BOUNDARIES OF MICHIGAN, REACHING THE BAY AREA, WHERE HE IS WIDELY RECOGNIZED FOR HIS IDEALISM AND PASSION FOR JUSTICE.

DR. DETROIT HAS BEEN A MAJOR SUPPORTER OF STATE-LEVEL CANNABIS POLICY REFORM SINCE 2011. HE HAS WORKED DILIGENTLY TO MAKE MICHIGAN A LEADER IN THE EFFORTS TO END CANNABIS PROHIBITION. HIS ACTIVISM HAS INCLUDED VISITS TO THE STATE CAPITOL TO ADVOCATE FOR CANNABIS REFORM AND TO HELP EDUCATE LEGISLATORS ABOUT THE VALUE OF MARIJUANA. HE HAS ALSO BEEN INSTRUMENTAL IN PUSHING FOR MEDICAL CANNABIS ACCESS IN MICHIGAN AND WAS AN EARLY SUPPORTER OF THE STATE'S VOTER-INITIATED MEDICAL MARIJUANA PROGRAM.

IN RECOGNITION OF HIS COMMITMENT AND DEDICATION TO CANNABIS REFORM, WE HONOR DR. DETROIT FOR THE POSITIVE IMPACT HE HAS MADE ON THE LIVES OF MICHIGAN CANNABIS PATIENTS AND THE PROGRESS THAT MICHIGAN HAS MADE IN THE FIGHT TO END CANNABIS PROHIBITION. WE WILL CONTINUE TO STRIVE TO BUILD UPON THE MOMENTUM THAT MIKE HAS HELPED TO CREATE AND REMEMBER HIM AS A TRUE CHAMPION OF CANNABIS REFORM.



*Love*



## HONORED SPEAKERS - JOHN SINCLAIR, ADAM BROOK, CHUCK REAM, TIM BECK & MICHEAL WHITTY

### JAMIE LOWELL

HB event coordinator, long time activist, consumer advocate and head of operations-Meds Cafe

### RICHARD CLEMENTE

Since 1975, Richard Clemente Sr. has played an active role as a cannabis activist who advocates for Cannabis Freedom. Representative Cynthia Johnson's former constituent services director. Formerly worked as a legislative aide for the city of Detroit and has served on the board for MINORML.

### RICH BIRKETT

Rich Birkett is the architect of the modern-day Hash Bash. 32 years ago, Rich reimagined Hash Bash as something more than a smoke-in of the previous 15 years. When Hash Bash was near extinction, Rich, with the help of many other activists, including High Times, revived Hash Bash. Rich initiated the addition of amplified sound, emcees, speakers, and an after-event with music, speakers, and vendors that became the Monroe Street Fair. In 1987, Rich was Hash Bash's first emcee. In 1990, Rich initiated Hash Bash's date change from April 1st to the first Saturday in April. Rich successfully sued the University of Michigan twice and the City of Ann Arbor once for permits needed to make the additions possible. Rich authored the Ann Arbor Medical Marijuana Initiative, adopted in 2004 by Ann Arbor voters with 74 percent of the vote. Rich currently resides in Mexico and edits the Ann Arbor Hash Bash Archive Project.

### LATRISHA MATSON

Latrisha Matson a Hash Bash Coordinator. She is the Director of Development for the Michigan Weedsters. The Weedsters is a group of activists who work with lawmakers and the community to protect the rights of Medical Cannabis Patients and Caregivers. She is also on the Board for More Than Hope, a 501-c4 that focuses on Pediatric Cannabis Patients. Member of Americans for Safe Access. Participates in the Michigan Cannabis Caucus.

### AMIE CARTER & JAYDEN CARTER

Amie Carter was the parent petitioner to get Autism a qualifying condition in Michigan. She helped create Michigan Weedsters, serves on the board for The MI Democratic Cannabis Caucus & regularly advocates for patients and caregivers. She is currently working on "Jayden's Law", a bill to allow access for pediatric patients while at school. Amie continues to let her voice be heard and strives to help families.



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## TANYA KAY & ANNA CANNA-CONSULTING

Tanya Kaye became a medical marijuana patient in 2014, since then she has been on a fast track learning curve throughout all of the rapid changes and progression of marijuana laws in Michigan. Tanya quickly began building connections with those already well established in both cannabis businesses and cannabis activism. Starting at Hemphill Wellness, in Burton, MI, as a budtender for the caregiver system, then transitioning into the MMFLA licensed market working for such companies as Light N' Up Provisioning Center, Narvona and T-Rex. Tanya also crossed over into the cannabis testing industry working for Act Labs in Lansing, MI. Tanya is currently the grandmother of Michigan's youngest Medical Marijuana patient who is only sixteen months old. This passion has driven her to earn multiple certificates in cannabis consulting, growing, and extracting. All this experience has shown Tanya that the Medical Marijuana Law of 2008 is vitally important to Michigan patients and that her true passion is to help protect them and the MMMA.

## JOSEY SCOOGIN - DIRECTOR AT THE REDEMPTION FOUNDATION

Josey Scoggin serves as the Program Director for the Redemption Foundation, a 501(c)3 Non-Profit Organization dedicated to improving the lives of current and former cannabis prisoners. Josey is currently the Policy Director for the Disabled Youth Alliance of America, President of Sons and Daughters United, and Intake Manager for the Great Lakes Expungement Network. Josey was Michigan's first pediatric cannabis patient and spearheaded a crisis relief campaign for expecting mothers who used cannabis- servicing over 100 women in the Midwest from 2017-2020. Greatlakesexpungementnetwork.org

## MARIA LAPPIN - CANNA CONSULT YOU

Maria Lappin is an Cannacian Trainer who uses Cannabis to avoid 5 Cancer surgeries to her face. She started Canna Consult You in August 2020 and then became Michigan's first Certified Cannacian. Maria understands the importance of streamlined education and went on to offering certifications as well as teach consumers how to produce, infuse, and consume full spectrum THC dominant cannabis oil.



## RICK A MCCURDY

Mike McCurdy co-founded the Mid-Michigan Progressive Caucus. In the last couple of years Mike has revived the Cannabis Caucus of the Michigan Democratic Party, helped to create the Michigan Cannabis Freedom Coalition and has worked with other advocates to launch the Michael Thompson Clemency Project.

## RICK ANSTISS

Rick has been a caregiver for ten years and discovered his calling in lobbying and working with legislators after a disappointing experience in the profession. Rick is a member of the Michigan Weedsters Board of Directors and a lobbyist for patients and caregivers in Michigan. Rick also is an owner of legacy tree and big cloud Farms in the event space of the industry and caregiver community.

## PAM LYNCH

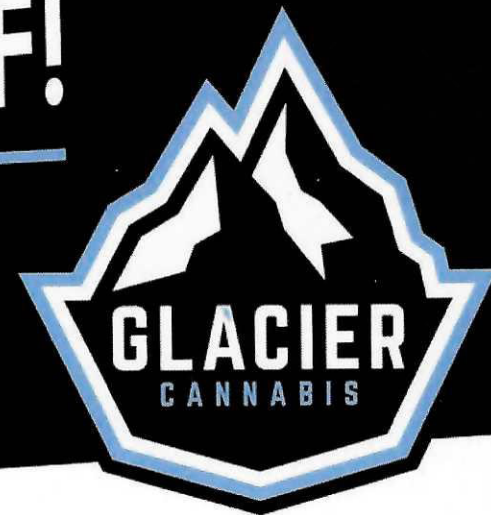
Harm Reduction Michigan is a health equity organization based in Michigan. Their commitment is to be in the community with people most impacted by the collateral consequences of addiction and drug use. Our charge involves re-framing and changing the field of drug treatment and mental health and related social services to address stigma driven trauma and its effects.

## LEAHA SKYLAR

Leaha Skylar Dotson is a proud Ypsilantian serving as the Chair of the MDP Cannabis Caucus and Legislative Director (LD) for Representative Jimmie Wilson Jr, D32. Leaha's journey into the Cannabis community is largely due to her best friend Zahra Abbas, who taught her the medicinal value of cannabis and brought her into many spaces to fight for our Cannabis community. As Chair Leaha is focused on diversifying the Cannabis community, ending the stigma, educating on cannabis and supporting clemency efforts! As Rep Wilson's LD Leaha is proud to be working on re-introducing Jayden's Law, a bill to help our pediatric patients access their medicine at school, and working to ensure working groups are established with the Cannabis community. Leaha is incredibly thankful to be a part of this unique Cannabis community and wishes all a Happy Hash Bash!

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## MYC WILLIAMS - DRUG POLICY ACTIVIST

Myc Williams has been a Drug Policy activist for 18 years, he is Co-Director of Decriminalize Nature Michigan, Campaign Manager for Michigan Initiative for Community Healing, President of Michigan DanceSafe, Board member for Students for Sensible Drug Policy and Michigan Psychedelic Society. Seasoned mycologist, ethnobotanist, chemist and crypto/tech enthusiast.

## RICK THOMPSON - REDEMPTION/NORML

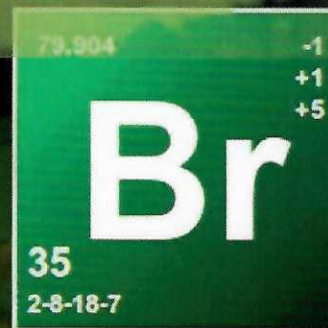
Rick Thompson, a longstanding cannabis law reform and social justice advocate with a national presence, and currently serves as the Executive Director of NORML of Michigan. Rick Thompson is a cannabis media specialist and an energetic featured speaker.

## JULIE BARRON - DECRIMINALIZE NATURE

Julie is a pioneer of the Michigan psychedelic community and an activist for decriminalization. For over 25 years Julie Barron has done extensive research and training in the health benefits and use of cannabis and entheogenic plants/fungi. Julie has devoted her practice at Blue Sage Health Consulting to helping clients find healing and relief as they incorporate these alternative practices into wellness.

In addition to owning Blue Sage, Julie is the Co-Founder of Decriminalize Nature Michigan, Founder/President of the Michigan Psychedelic Society, Vice President of Michigan Dancesafe, and Founder/Executive Director of Decriminalize Nature Ann Arbor.

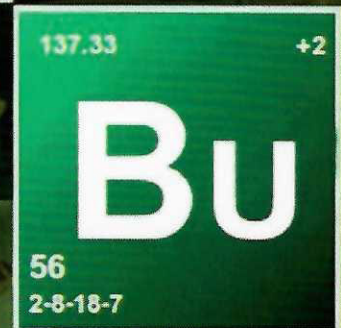
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## STACEY WATROBSKI-ORGANIZER OF THE UFCW

Organizer of UFCW International Cannabis Workers Union, where she spoke to workers all over the country looking for help with how to make change in their workplace. In November of 2021, she began advocacy work, joining the boards of both Michigan Weedsters and Americans For Safe Access Michigan. She hopes to help workers find their voice, and make themselves the vital part of the industry we know they are. On April 1st 2023, she launched The Official Cannabis Workers Resource, a website dedicated to bringing free resources to both workers and small cannabis businesses, to bridge the knowledge gap and put power in the hands of the people. [www.cannabisworkersresource.com](http://www.cannabisworkersresource.com)

## RYAN BRINGOLD - ORGANIZER & ACTIVIST

Ryan had one of the first cannabis radio shows to air in multiple markets from the west coast to the midwest. He has helped to organize awareness and educational campaigns and recruited a group for participation in last year's annual Labor Day Bridge Walk. He also helped to organize a protest rally on the steps of the State Capitol Building and put on an important educational dinner for lawmakers in Lansing. Ryan's support and activism have been a part of the cannabis community in Michigan for several years. This year will mark Ryan's presence at his 31st consecutive Hash Bash!

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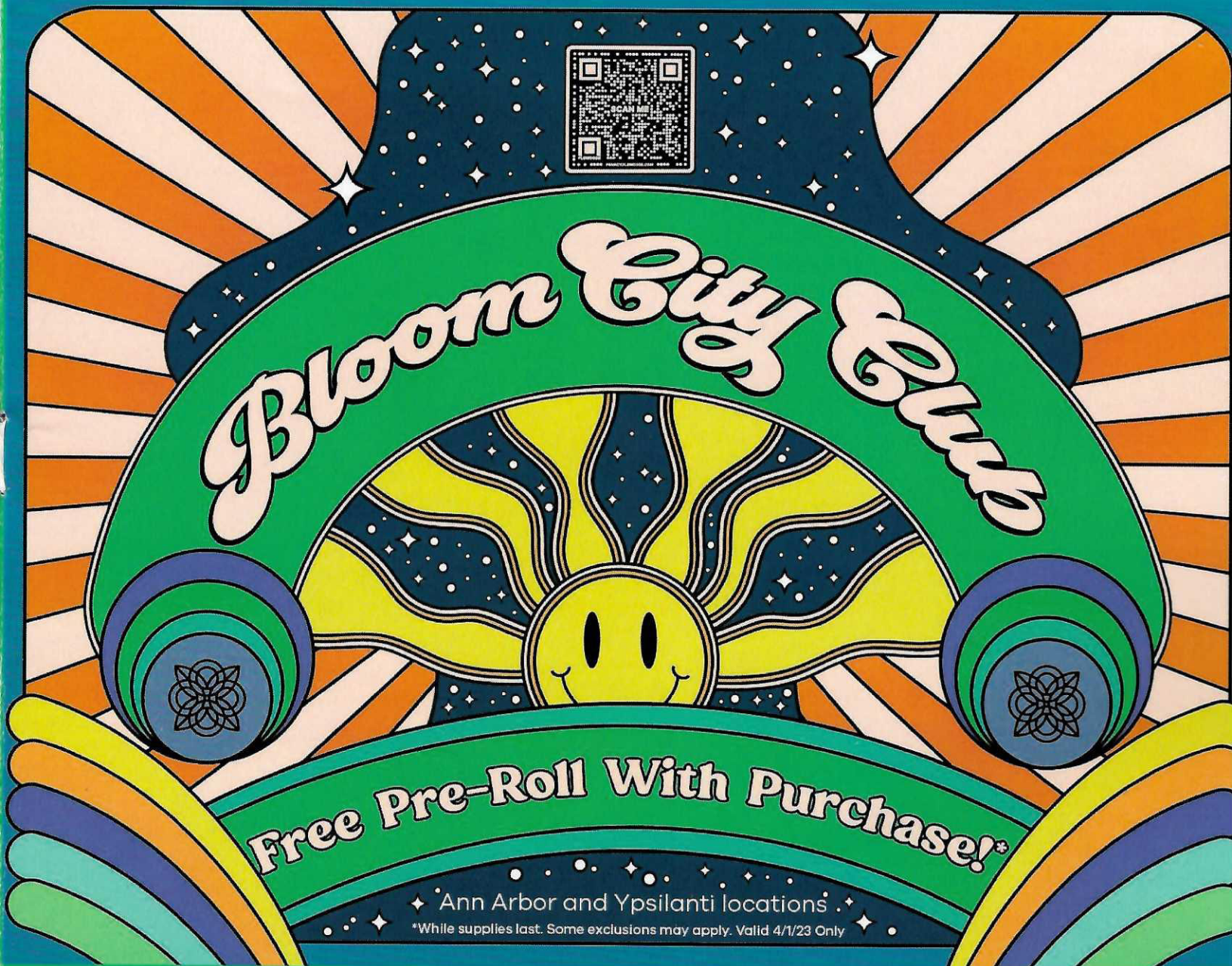
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## ANTON HARB JR-VETERAN ADVOCATE.

"Anton Harb Jr. is a disabled combat veteran of Operation Iraqi Freedom. Due to his service connected disabilities Anton found relief from medical cannabis. After years of being poisoned by the U.S. Veterans Administration with pharmaceutical medications Anton has become a strong advocate for veterans access to medical cannabis. Anton, along with several cannabis industry participants, have established the Veteran Access Program. This program provides free, licensed cannabis products to veterans in need. Anton currently sits on the CRA Consumer Connections workgroup and the CRA Veteran Marijuana Research workgroup. Anton is also a moderator for MiCannaPros, which is one of the largest cannabis industry social media groups in the country. Anton continues to fight for patient and caregiver rights all over Michigan."

## MITZI RUDDOCK-BLACK CANNABIS ACCESS

Mitzi has inspired the last two enhancements to the State social equity program. Eliminating the pre approval renewal fees for SEA and the visibility of SEA on the States website. She is also working on a campaign against big canna business, providing support & encouraging the traditional market to level up & compete. Mitzi has been raising funds for small canna businesses and will be starting a podcast called 420 Pull-up: Pot'itics & all the smoke,,,



## JESSICA JACKSON

Jess Jackson, M.B.A. M. Ed., is an author, serial entrepreneur and the quintessential big sis. Her work centers the visibility and inclusion of marginalized bodies and experiences, as well as advocacy for individuals disproportionately impacted by systemic exclusion and oppression. Since opening the doors of Copper House Detroit, which is Detroit's first cannabis-positive bud and breakfast founded by Jess and her wife Cara, 1000+ individuals and brands have fortified their home as a pillar and springboard within the Detroit and Michigan cannabis community.

As a legacy Detroit'er, she ensures equity through a spectrum of roles and milestones: Director of External Affairs and Social Equity at Common Citizen, the Marketing Director on the board for Great Lakes Expungement Network, and Secretary on the Redemption Foundation Board. Additionally, she is the Racial Equity Learning Strategist and Racial Equity Curriculum Author at Torrance Learning, and a part time marketing strategist and consultant with LOUD.Social.

Jess has received degrees from the University of Michigan-Ann Arbor, The University of Missouri-St. Louis, and the University of Delaware. She has every intent to continue collaborating and residing in Detroit, Michigan and can be reached on Instagram as @IdmJessHuman or via email at Jess@loud.social.

## BRANDY ZINK - MI AMERICANS FOR SAFE ACCESS

As a medical cannabis patient advocate and educator, Brandy has served as the former Executive Director of both the Michigan Medical Marijuana Association and the Ohio Patient Action Network. She has worked closely with Americans for Safe Access, Students for Sensible Drug Policy, and other cannabis organizations since 2000. Today she continues to work to protect patient rights through organizing the Michigan ASA Chapter. Brandy has been politically active for a myriad of social justice issues, and has cultivated positive relationships with community leaders, professionals, legislators, their staff, and other influential policy makers on all levels.

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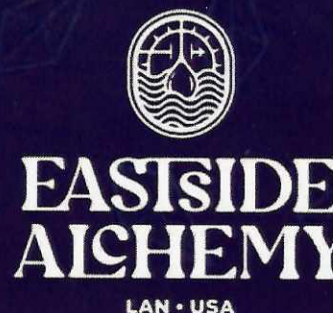
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**ALYSHIA M. DYER**  
**(SHE/HER/HERS) LLMSW, MPP**

Alyshia Dyer is an Ypsilanti native who served as a Deputy Sheriff at the Washtenaw County Sheriff's Office, and has been a law enforcement professional for the past decade. Seeing injustice in our local legal system while she served as a road patrol deputy, led her to get involved in legal reform, and pursue graduate school at the University of Michigan in Social Work and Public Policy. While in graduate school she became a member of Students for Sensible Drug Policy and helped raise awareness about the harmful impact criminalizing cannabis has had in Washtenaw County. After graduate school Alyshia worked as a community organizer where she focused on voting rights, reproductive justice, and corporate accountability in Michigan. Alyshia Dyer is currently running for Sheriff in Washtenaw County, and anyone who wants to learn more can check out [www.dyer2024.com](http://www.dyer2024.com)

**YUSEF RHABI**

Yusef Rabhi served his final term as a state representative for the 53rd House District, which includes parts of the city of Ann Arbor and portions of Ann Arbor, Pittsfield and Scio Townships. He attended the University of Michigan where he earned a degree in environmental science with a specialization in urban planning and ecosystem management. Yusef Rabhi has introduced HB5877, otherwise known as The John Sinclair Act to remove cannabis from the state's controlled substances list.

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**DEBBIE DINGLE**

Congresswoman Debbie Dingell represents Michigan's 6th Congressional District in the U.S. House of Representatives. She is a member of the Energy and Commerce Committee and the Natural Resources Committee, where she leads on critical issues including affordable and accessible health care, clean energy and water, domestic manufacturing and supply chain resilience, and protecting our wildlife and natural resources. Dingell introduced the bipartisan Medical Marijuana Research Act, which passed the House last Congress, to remove bureaucratic barriers and federal roadblocks to medical marijuana use and research. Dingell also supports the Marijuana Opportunity Reinvestment and Expungement Act to decriminalize marijuana, expunge criminal records, and implement economic policies to support those hurt most by the war on drugs. Additionally, Dingell was an original cosponsor of the SAFE Banking Act to address inequities for marijuana businesses and protect the safety and security of small businesses and their employees by increasing access to the banking system.



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## PROSECUTING ATTORNEY FOR WASHTENAW COUNTY - ELI SAVIT

Eli Savit serves as the elected Prosecuting Attorney for Washtenaw County. He formerly served as a law clerk to Justices Ruth Bader Ginsburg and Sandra Day O'Connor (ret.), was a civil-rights and public-interest attorney, and started his career as a public-school teacher. Prior to being elected Washtenaw County Prosecutor, Eli served as the City of Detroit's senior legal counsel, where he led criminal-justice reform work for Michigan's largest city. At the City of Detroit, Eli also led the City's plaintiff-side litigation against adversaries such as the opioid industry, banks, and slumlords. He also served as the City's lead counsel in its landmark efforts to establish that all children have a constitutional right to learn how to read and write.

Eli has also been an integral part of several major, successful civil rights and environmental initiatives in Michigan and across the country. Representative matters on which he has worked include a successful legal effort to have the Michigan Civil Rights Commission recognize discrimination claims against LGBTQ Michiganders, and assisting the States of New Jersey and Maryland and the Commonwealth of Puerto Rico in their efforts to hold corporate polluters responsible for PFAS and MTBE contamination in the state's waterways. Eli continues to teach at the University of Michigan as a Lecturer, where he teaches classes relating to prosecution, local government, and plaintiff's-side litigation.

## CHIEF ASS. PROS. WASHTENAW COUNTY VICTORIA BURTON-HARRIS

Victoria Burton-Harris serves as the Chief Assistant Prosecutor for Washtenaw County. She was appointed to this position January 1st, 2021 by Prosecutor Eli Savit. In 2014, she opened a private firm in the heart of downtown Detroit specializing in family law and criminal defense at the state and federal trial court level. Her passion for justice and equality has led to her involvement with several grassroots organizations as a legal adviser. She also serves on various boards and committees. Victoria has previously served on the board for the National Lawyer's Guild Michigan/Detroit chapter. She currently serves as the president of board for the Washtenaw Justice Project, as well as We The People Opportunity Farm, an Ypsilanti-based organization committed to breaking the cycle of incarceration. She's a council member on the State Bar Of Michigan Prisons and Corrections section. Additionally, Victoria serves on the Board of Directors for Covenant House Michigan, a youth homeless shelter where she developed a mentoring program for residents. Victoria teaches at the University of Michigan as a Lecturer with the Law School.



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## MIKAL GOODMAN

Pontiac Councilman Mikal Goodman is a dedicated organizer and activist. He found his footing early on in the youth wing of the Democratic Party fighting for truly progressive, working class issues. He has been fighting for the Cannabis community longer than he's been able to legally consume it, and as Mikal represents communities heavily impacted by the War on Drugs he is one of the people that will never forget our issues in a crowded room and boldly voice them and fight for them. Mikal is honored to be speaking at Hash Bash for his first time this year and looks forward to many more.

## TOM LAVIGNE

Thomas MJ Lavigne is a partner at Cannabis Counsel ®. Cannabis Counsel ® started in 1999 by Matthew Abel as a law firm focused on marijuana defense, now, since 2010 has five attorneys handling cannabis business law and the new Marihuana Facilities Licensing Act application, compliance and renewal processes. Lavigne is Secretary of the Board of MILEgalize formed to pass a ballot initiative to legalize industrial hemp and cannabis for adult use in Michigan.

## MATTHEW ABEL

Matthew Abel has been a practicing attorney in Michigan for over 30 years, and is the founder and Senior Partner of Cannabis Counsel®, a boutique marijuana law firm in Detroit, Michigan. Matthew is Executive Director of the Michigan chapter of the National Organization for the Reform of Marijuana Laws (NORML).



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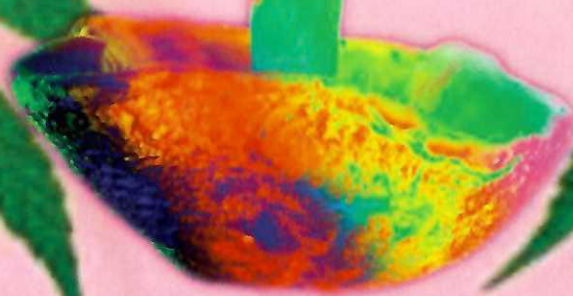
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## JOSH COVERT

Josh Covert is long time attorney who has primarily focused on cannabis law- protecting cannabis users, taking landmark cases to the higher courts, and working with and in support of advocacy groups and activist efforts to help improve conditions for consumers. Josh now maintains industry interests and serves as the Chief Operating Officer for Meds Cafe. Josh maintains his ability to practice law and still selectively takes cases to help those in legal trouble concerning cannabis.

## PAUL TYLEND

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## DAVID RUDOI

David Rudoi is a highly decorated Criminal Defense Lawyer and Licensing Attorney, serving the lower peninsula of Michigan. Mr. Rudoi has aided in the process of licensure for many medical marijuana and recreational marijuana facilities. Mr. Rudoi has argued in front of the Michigan Supreme court and won. Mr. Rudoi served on the board for MIlegalize, which was part of the group that legalized recreational Marijuana in Michigan. He is also a member of the Criminal Defense attorneys of Michigan and a board member of MIAOWIA, a teacher and lecturer for both organizations' events.



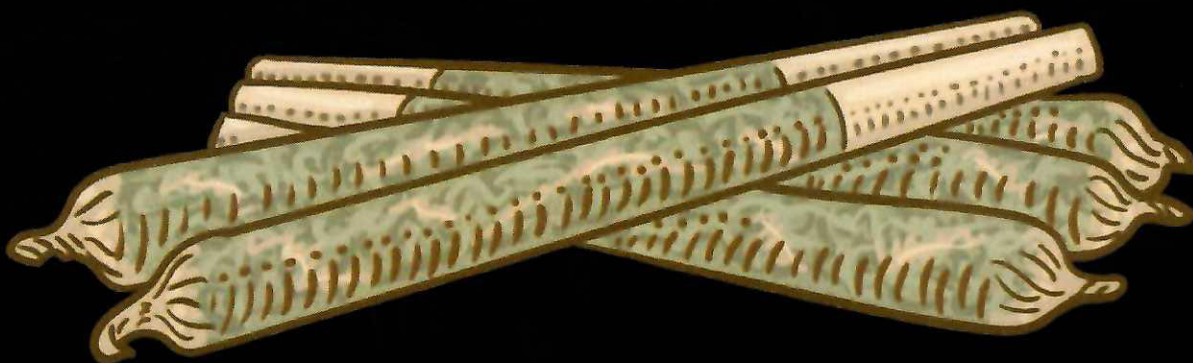


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Attorney Michael Komorn has been practicing law for close to 30 years. He is a skilled litigator and fighter and has proven this in hundreds of criminal, civil rights and civil litigation cases. He has worked to organize patient/caregiver rally events, taken on several pro bono cases for patients, caregivers and the less fortunate. He has fought to maintain the innocence of his clients through hard work, dedication and many times using Michigan's Medical Marihuana Act and other cannabis laws as a sword to destroy his opponents. Komorn exposed the anti-scientific scheme by the State police crime lab nefariously used to charge and imprison innocent citizens a few years ago and continues to highlight injustices within the system. He later sued them in federal court forcing them to change their unscientific policy. Komorn was one of the attorney's who sued the state and the pharmacy board on behalf of John Sinclair and other victims to remove cannabis from the state's controlled substances list. Komorn was the legal counsel in the landmark People v Thue case in which the high courts upheld the right for cannabis patients to use their medicine while on bond and probation.





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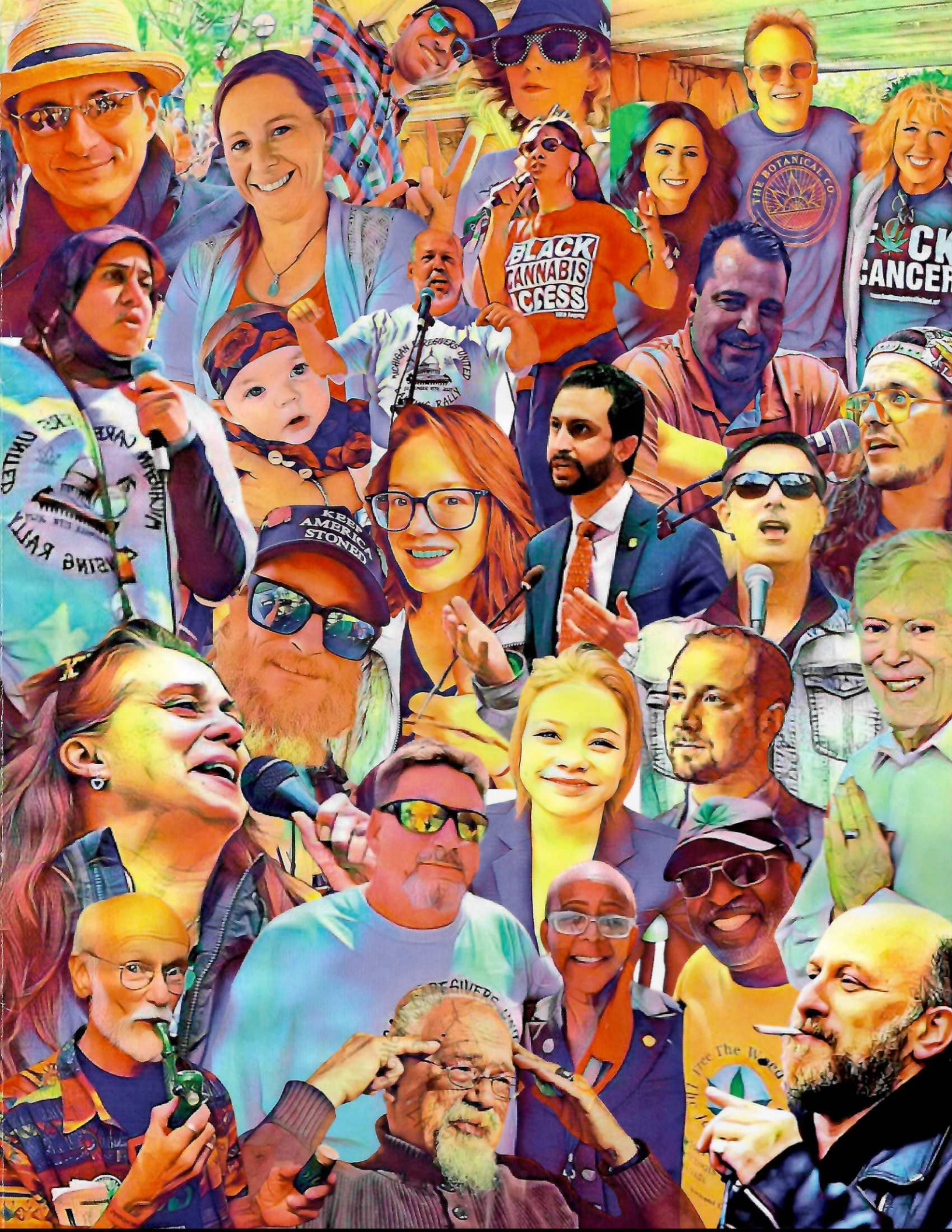
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