

BCC 1-10-17 #7

**Bachteler, James J**

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**From:** Walsh, J Doyle  
**Sent:** Monday, January 09, 2017 8:51 AM  
**To:** Brent Hall  
**Cc:** Herring, Darlina  
**Subject:** RE: Medical Cannabis Moratorium - A Mother's Plea

Good morning Ms. Hall- thank you for your email. The Board appreciates your comments and input. I have started a file on this (County Assignment Tracking System #49460 for reference) and you will be hearing from either myself or Staff by the end of the week. The first of two required public hearings on this proposed moratorium will take place tomorrow morning at our 9:30am Board of County Commissioner's Meeting (315 Court Street, Clearwater, FL). The second and final hearing to discuss this topic is tentatively scheduled for March or April. Please feel free to attend the meeting tomorrow to voice your concerns directly with the Board members. If you are not able to make it tomorrow however, please know that these comments will be passed along to all Board members and recorded into the official records for tomorrow's meeting.

If you need any further assistance please let either myself or Darlina Herring from Vice-Chair Welch's office know. Thanks again for reaching out,

-Doyle

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**Subject:** [BULK] Medical Cannabis Moratorium - A Mother's Plea  
**Importance:** Low

To the Board of County Commissioners,

I live in Countryside and I am the mother of two Autistic sons who need access to Medical Cannabis desperately. I belong to a network of parents known as the MAMMA organization (Mother's Advocating Medical Cannabis for Autism), many of whom live and work in our area. We have been fighting to bring Medical Cannabis to sick children and adult patients in Florida for over six years and now we are being told that we have to wait longer. We can't afford to wait any longer. This is about the health and quality of life of our kids. There are no safe, effective medications available for the symptoms associated with Autism. The pharmaceutical drugs that are typically prescribed are anti-psychotic, antidepressants, anti-anxiety, and anti-convulsant medications. These drugs in most cases are prescribed in multiples because Autism has many facets. That means that one child could be on six or more of these drugs at a time. That is incredibly hard on their little developing bodies. We have discovered that whole plant Medical Cannabis which includes THC, is a safe, effective therapy for Autism with little to no side effects. There are already regulations in place for medical treatment centers and that is exactly what we are talking about. These are going to be medical treatments centers that dispense Medical Cannabis to patients. Establishment of Medical Cannabis Treatment Centers is not a new concept to Pinellas County. There is already a medical treatment center in Clearwater that opened in August of last year. While the current system that is in place in regards to the Compassionate Medical Cannabis Act is

very flawed, the framework exists. We have known that Medical Cannabis was a very likely reality in Florida as far back as 2013. Our Governor signed the Compassionate Medical Cannabis Act back in July of 2014 enabling treatment centers to be established. In the 2014 election, 62% of Pinellas County citizens voted yes for Medical Cannabis and in this last election it was an overwhelming 75%.

This is not new to Pinellas County. A treatment center already exists in our area. There is simply no justification for a moratorium. My children, and many other patients in our county need access to the Medical Cannabis that we so overwhelmingly voted for. Make no mistake, I have fought long and hard for this for years, and I will continue to fight with every resource at my disposal until there is safe, legal access to whole plant Medical Cannabis for families with special needs like mine.

I strongly encourage you to watch the following video of two Autistic children within our MAMMA organization. My hope and prayer is that you decide with compassion and with our children's quality of life in mind.

[Abby and Tonio Before and After Medical Cannabis](#)

Sincerely,

Dani Hall

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Spoke with him over the phone. He will be attending to speak on this tomorrow. This is second email our office has received on this. Please forward any individual office emails on this topic to Board Records as well. Thanks,

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**Direction of inquiry \*** Commissioner Janet C. Long - District 1 (2017 Chair)

**Subject \*** Moratorium for Amendment 2

**Message \*** Commissioner Long. I am in your district and will be at the 9:30AM 10 Jan meeting, hoping to speak.

Rather than further delay(We've already taken 2 months), how about writing the Pinellas regulations by editing the Pinellas Code of Ordinances Chapter 42, Consumer Protection, Article III "Adult Uses". It won't be perfect the first time, but will get this medicine to patients and it will protect the public.

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