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- Individual** (3 minutes)
- Group Speaker** (see additional details on the back of this card)

Agenda date: 5/23/17

Agenda item number (NOT case number): 34

Speaking:

- For**
- Against**
- Undecided**

Waive speaking:

- In Support**
- Against**

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Medical marijuana that's smokable is being sold in Florida, despite objections

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Florida law bans patients from smoking the substance, but doesn't prohibit vendors from selling marijuana buds meant for use in vaporizers — but which also can be smoked in joints, pipes or other delivery devices.

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Submitted by
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Item 34



Despite lawmakers' opposition, smokable medical pot being sold



Michael Van Sicker, Tampa Bay Times

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From the News Service of Florida's Dara Kam:

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Trulieve CEO Kim Rivers told The News Service of Florida on Wednesday her company has sold whole-leaf products in different forms --- all designed to be ingested by vaporizers --- for nearly a year. Those products, however, were ground up, unlike the new bud-like product that can be smoked.

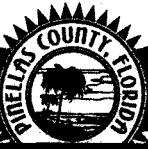
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Rivers said whole-leaf products are critical for patients seeking the "entourage effect" that results from consumption of whole-flower marijuana, as opposed to processed cannabis products, such as oils or other derivatives.

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