LA City Council OKs Cap On Medical Marijuana Dispensaries

Seeking to bring the city’s medical marijuana dispensary boom under tight control, the Los Angeles City Council decided today to cap the total number at 70, but to allow those that originally registered with the city to remain open.

Under the city’s 2007 moratorium on new dispensaries, 186 registered with the city. Officials believe at least 137 of those remain open in their original locations. Under the motion adopted this afternoon, those dispensaries could stay open but could be required to move to comply with the ordinance’s restrictions on where they may locate.

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I thought the dispensaries were paying taxes on the sales. The LA City Council is being run by the police, not the people and certainly not by those affected by this archaic ruling. Why wouldn't they limit access to medicine, many of the patients are poor or debilitated and can't drive to a store several miles away from their homes. This is a travesty. The people voted for these dispensaries yet their so called representatives seek to deny them the right to use is under medical supervision. Disgusting.

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