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MORE ON THE HARBORSIDE HEALTH CENTER

- ▶ Please re-read our Newsletter #69. It talks about the realities of the Harborside Health Center.
- ▶ This one dispensary is estimated to be about a \$20 - \$25+ million dollar candy counter. Almost anyone in California can get a doctor's prescription for \$39.00. It is a pot user and smoker's dream come true.
- ▶ My visit included a detailed analysis of just about everything Harborside is selling, including brands etc. I do not know what percentage of Harborside's clients are recreational or medical. An eyeball test told me that a very large majority at the counter have no interest in anything medical. The candy counter is just too good for THC users.
- ▶ The Feds are trying to shut it down.
- ▶ Harborside has plenty of money to fight it. The City of Oakland is fighting U.S. Attorney Melinda Haag by backing Harborside's position. The City is advantaged by the dispensary in many ways.
- ▶ The 9th Circuit Court of Appeals will hear arguments on both sides next week.
- ▶ This is a very big deal. While Harborside and the City of Oakland can carry on a long, tough legal fight, enabling Harborside to stay in business, the ramifications for the State's dispensaries are most serious.
- ▶ Should the Feds win, the entire California dispensary structure will probably be negatively affected by case law.
- ▶ The issues between State and Federal law regarding marijuana will become more defined. If the State wins, California's dispensaries win. If the State loses, Federal law will be strengthened in California and nationwide.
- ▶ It is a critical issue to follow, as it may determine the Federal policy of the entire cannabis industry.