

# Enforcement of County Ban Against Medical Marijuana Dispensaries

 STATUS UPDATE

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(unincorporated areas only)

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JUN 2017

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# **“PROP 64”**

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- **Recreational marijuana only**
- **Adults over 21 may cultivate and possess for personal use**
- **Local government may only ban commercial activities and outdoor personal cultivation**
- **No sales until January 2018**

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**SCOPE:**  
Bans medical  
marijuana dispensaries  
in the **unincorporated**  
areas

**APPLIES TO:**  
Landlords and  
operators of medical  
marijuana dispensaries

# MEDICAL MARIJUANA DISPENSARY ENFORCEMENT TEAM

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EST. MARCH 2016



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**Pools County resources, strategies, and information to more effectively address the growing problem of **medical** marijuana dispensaries**

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**SHERIFF**

**Investigates  
dispensaries**



**DISTRICT  
ATTORNEY &  
COUNTY  
COUNSEL**

**Seek closure  
through courts**



**REGIONAL  
PLANNING**

**Verifies  
ownership &  
Confirms  
closures**

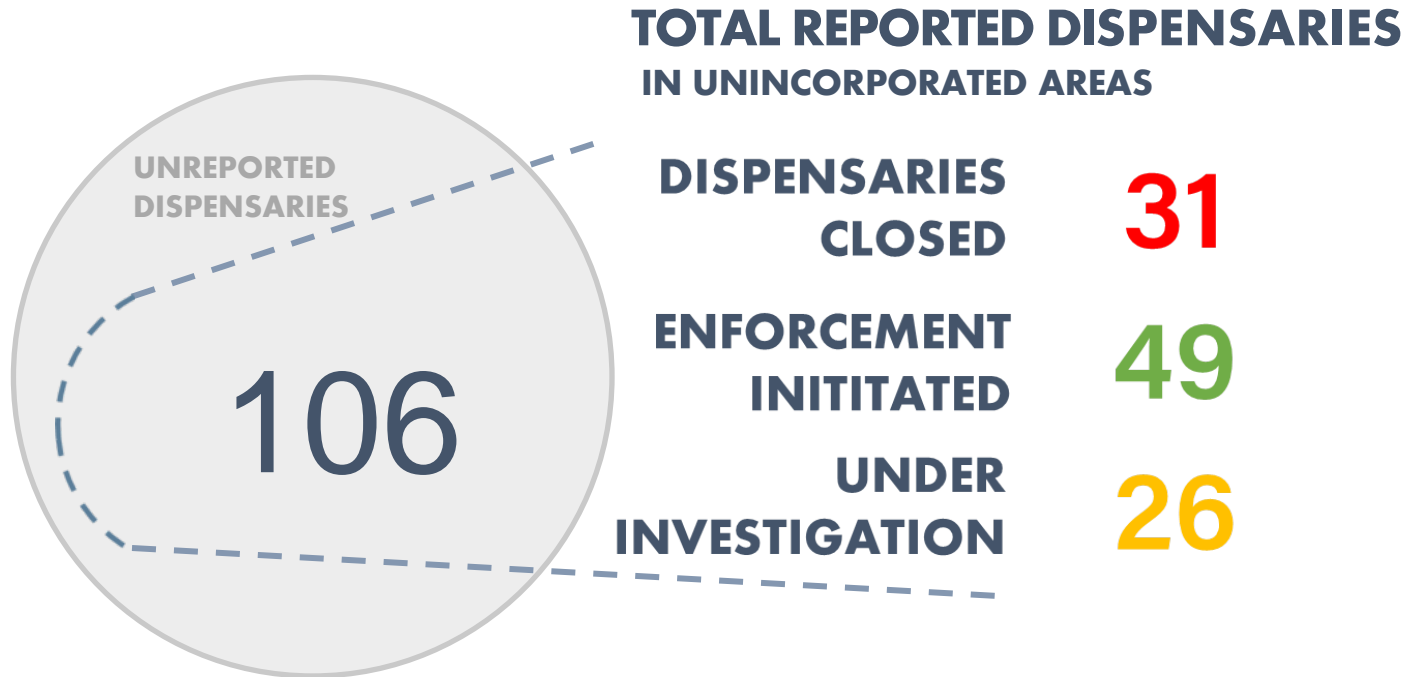


**PUBLIC  
HEALTH**

**Education &  
outreach**

# STATUS OF ENFORCEMENT EFFORTS

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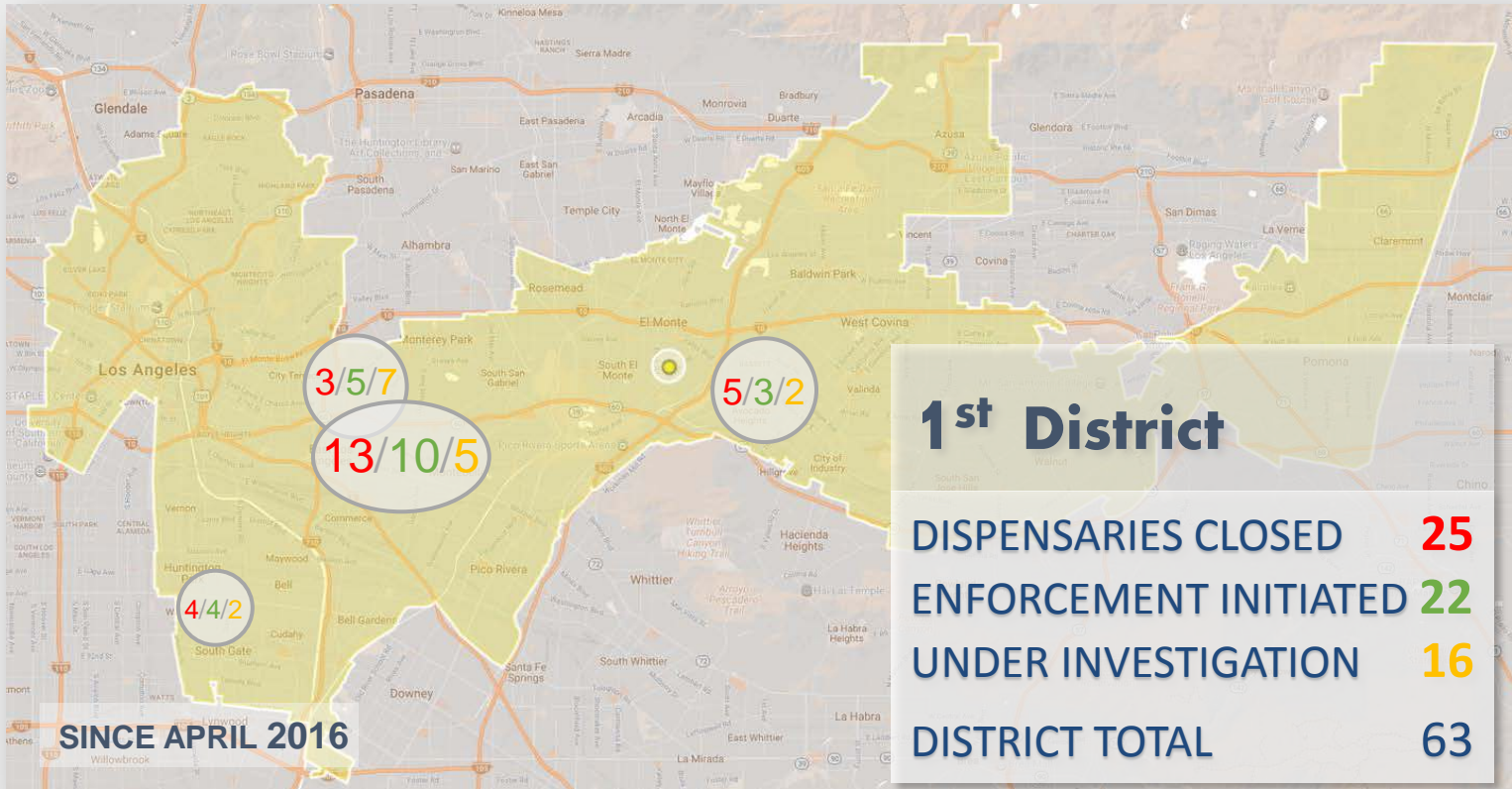


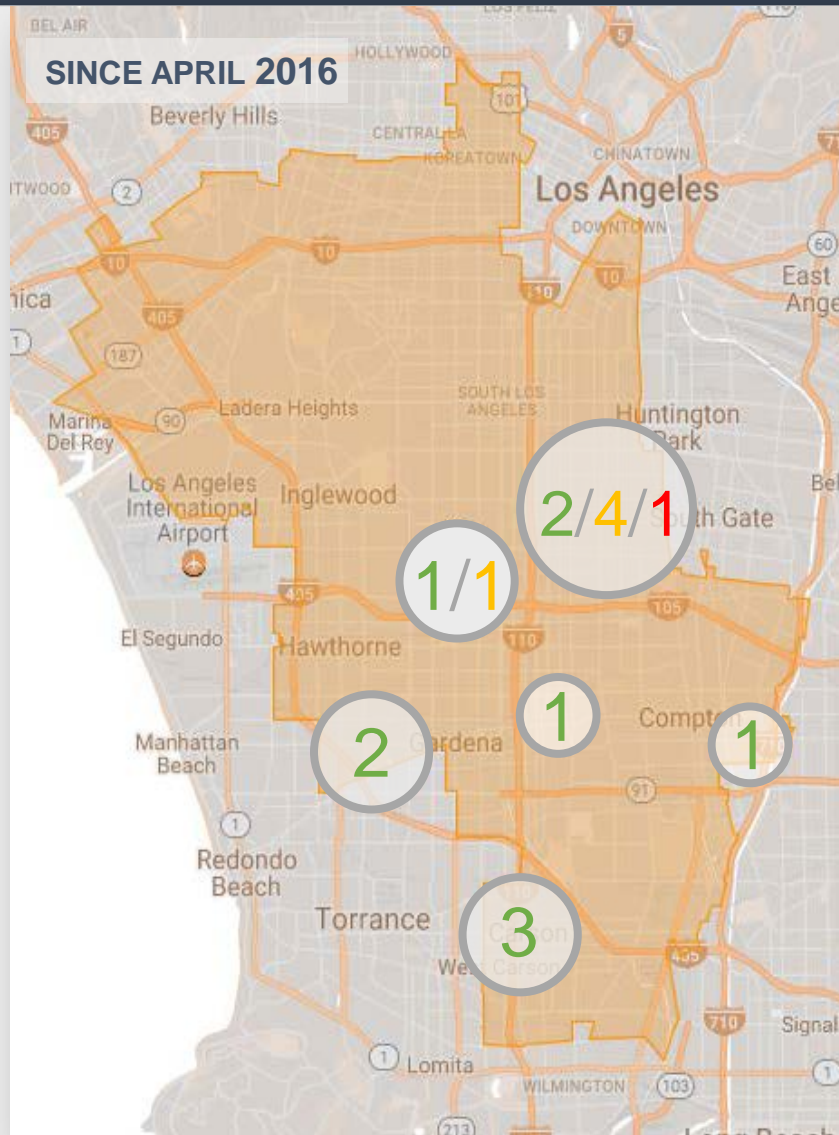
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# **DISTRICT ENFORCEMENT MAPS**

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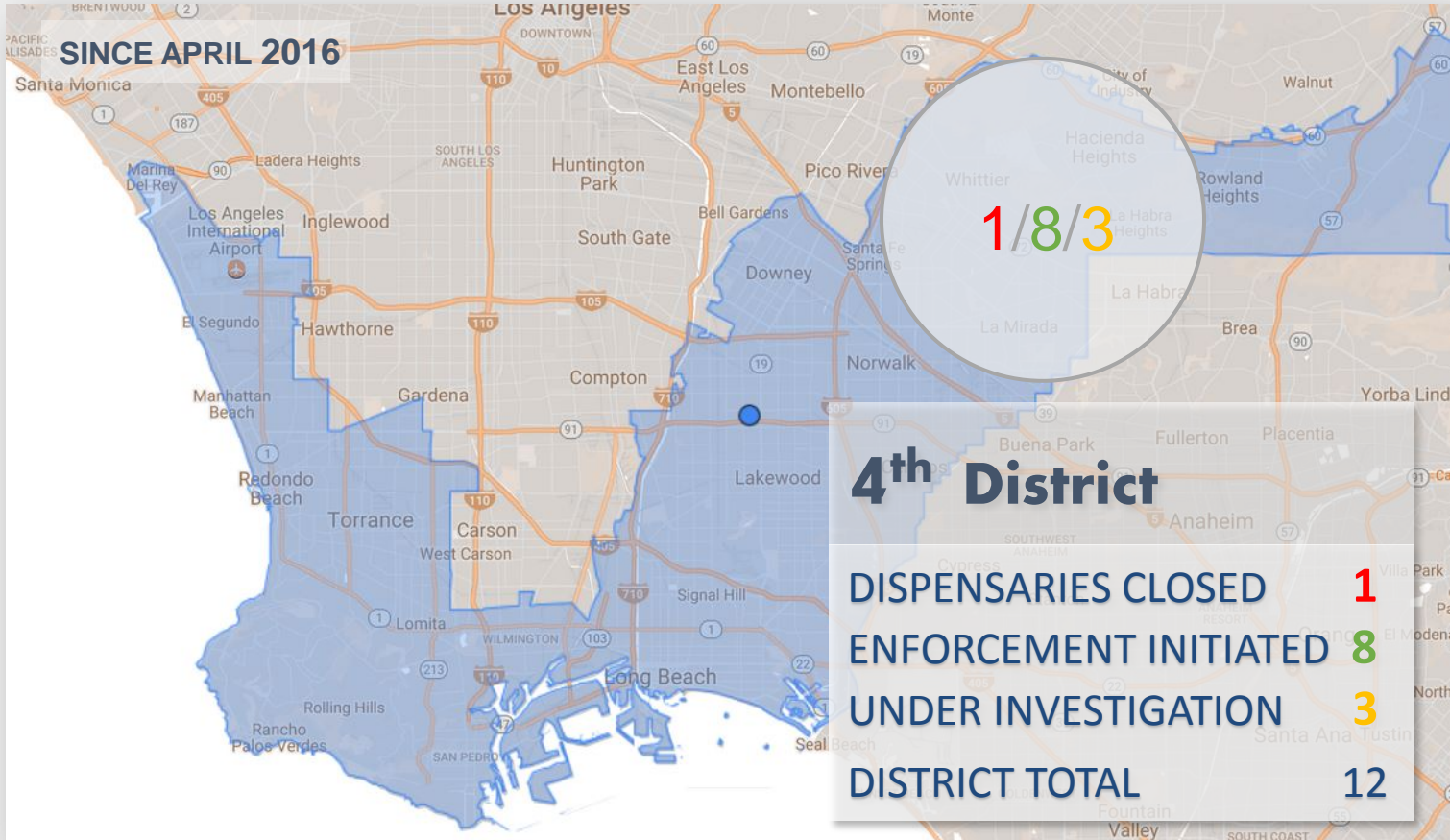






## 2<sup>nd</sup> District

DISPENSARIES CLOSED	<b>1</b>
ENFORCEMENT INITIATED	<b>10</b>
BEING INVESTIGATED	<b>5</b>
<b>DISTRICT TOTAL</b>	<b>16</b>





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## 5<sup>th</sup> District

DISPENSARIES CLOSED	4
ENFORCEMENT INITIATED	9
UNDER INVESTIGATION	2
DISTRICT TOTAL	15

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# MAJOR ENFORCEMENT CHALLENGES

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## CHALLENGE

### **“WHACK-A-MOLE” PROBLEM**

Closed MMDs re-open, new MMDs open despite enforcement efforts



## CHALLENGE

### **LUCRATIVE NATURE OF BUSINESS**

MMDs fight enforcement to stay open as long as possible



## CHALLENGE

### **“PROP 64” EFFECT**

Assumption that marijuana related activities are now legal

# **GAME PLAN**

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 **EDUCATION &  
PUBLIC OUTREACH**

 **ENFORCEMENT SURGE**

 **EXPLORE OTHER  
EXPEDITED REMEDIES**

## **Report dispensaries:**

**CALL: 213-974-6453** (anonymous tip)

**EMAIL: [marijuana@lacounty.gov](mailto:marijuana@lacounty.gov)  
[zoningenforcement@planning.lacounty.gov](mailto:zoningenforcement@planning.lacounty.gov)**

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 **Learn More:**  
**[www.lacounty.gov/marijuana](http://www.lacounty.gov/marijuana)**