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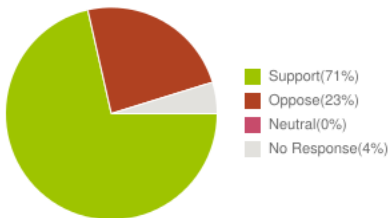
## eComments Report

Meetings	Meeting Time	Agenda Items	Comments	Support	Oppose	Neutral
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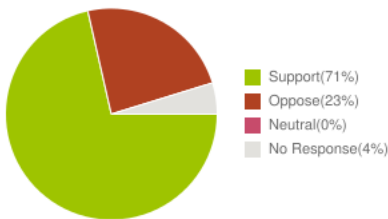
**09-21-20 19:00**

Agenda Name	Comments	Support	Oppose	Neutral
DC-2 20-1389 Resolution Declaring that the Investigation and Arrest of Individuals Involved with the Personal Use, Growth and Possession of Entheogenic Plants, Including Those Scheduled at State and Federal Levels, be the Lowest Priority for the City of Ann Arbor	14	13	0	0
DB-2 20-1332 Resolution to Approve 841 Broadway PUD Site Plan and Development Agreement, 841 Broadway (CPC Recommendation: Approval - 8 Yeas and 1 Nays)	1	1	0	0
DC-4 20-1417 Resolution to Partner with The University of Michigan to Provide Emergency Shelter in Ann Arbor	1	0	1	0
DC-7 20-1430 Resolution to End the Healthy Streets Initiative Outside of the Downtown	4	0	4	0
AC-1 20-1434 September 21, 2020 Agenda Response Memo and eComments	1	1	0	0

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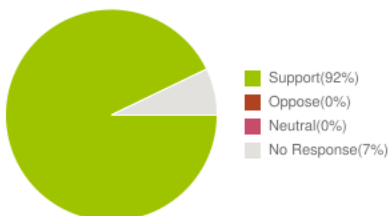
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**MARK PASSERINI**

Location:

Submitted At: 3:59pm 09-21-20

I am in full support of this resolution and urge council to pass it asap. Ann Arbor has always followed the science and led the way in progressive policies. We made history in 1972 by being the first city to decriminalize cannabis and now, almost 50 years later, we have an opportunity to do the same with entheogenic plants. This is just another step towards a safer, happier, and healthier city for its residents. Make your constituents proud.

**James Salame**

Location:

Submitted At: 3:24pm 09-21-20

I support entheogenic plants and fungi being decriminalized in Ann Arbor because their use is a natural and effective way to handle many physical and mental ailments. They are a great alternative to pharmaceuticals which can have damaging side effects for many individuals. I believe every individual has a basic right to use plants and other natural medicines for their body at their own discretion.

**Tyler Smoker**

Location:

Submitted At: 2:51pm 09-21-20

I support this resolution very strongly, I have symptomatic PTSD and see the head way that psychologists are making in the past few years in treating this and mental problems like addiction, depression and anxiety. I also see how we have been plagued with this old uneducated and misleading way of categorizing these plants along side substances like crack and heroine and would have made this same head way in the treatment of The mind decades ago. We need to break these cultured chains that have suppressed our growth as human beings and be the generation who brings in this monumental change that WILL help millions. We need to give the power of freedom of personal spirituality back to the people whos ancestors have used these for millions of years. Stop making us hide stop suppressing our growth, please give us this place as sanctuary and as a stepping stone for the future. \_\_\_

**Darcee Rockhold**

Location:

Submitted At: 2:40pm 09-21-20

I fully support this resolution for decriminalization of entheogenic plants. These plants have been shown to offer therapeutics benefits such as alleviating symptoms of depression, drug addiction and other mental health illnesses. They've proven themselves to be aides in medicine and neuroscience. Let's give people a choice, to be able to use holistic remedies to heal their bodies and minds. Not just pharmaceutical drugs that come with many harsh side effects. This isn't the time to look into the past. We need to look towards the future. Legalize nature.

**Jim Wheatley**

Location:

Submitted At: 11:38am 09-21-20

I fully support this resolution. We need to be leaders in moving our society forward. As others have stated, these drugs/plants/medicines have great healing properties. It is unconscionable that we as a society outlaw these medicines. Fear and moral panic are what got these things made illegal in the first place; please don't let that spirit continue to reign! Let us stand on the right side of history and be examples for those who would follow us!

**Andrew Lavander**

Location:

Submitted At: 8:01am 09-21-20

I fully support this resolution for decriminalization of entheogenic plants. They have helped me in the past when traditional medicine has failed. With the current stigma surrounding their use and the fear of being arrested, many people continue to suffer with mental health issues like depression, anxiety and PTSD when they could be helped by plant based medicine.

**Adam Whiteley**

Location:

Submitted At: 8:38pm 09-20-20

As a clinical social worker, psychotherapist, and small business owner in Ann Arbor, I strongly support the decriminalization of entheogenic plants. The research strongly supports the healing property of these plants and it is my professional opinion that they will be utilized within the mental health profession widely within years. Ann Arbor should continue to be leaders in this, and decriminalize these healing, medicinal, and nourishing plants.

### **Austin Nell**

Location:

Submitted At: 5:43pm 09-20-20

I am fully in support of the decriminalization of entheogenic plants for the city of Ann Arbor. These plants have shown promise to aid those suffering from various mental health issues, without the short or long term side effects associated with many pharmaceutical drugs or the need for chronic use. Most of these plants could also be argued to be as harmless in many ways as plants like cannabis, which the city had decriminalized decades before medical or recreational legalization, with little to no negative impact on the community. These plants could be effectively integrated into the community in a similar way, and assist many in need of mental health aid.

### **Hannah Fuentes-Nell**

Location:

Submitted At: 5:13pm 09-20-20

I am fully in favor of and support the decriminalization of entheogenic plants for the city of Ann Arbor. Being a resident here for over a decade I have seen it assist and save the lives of so many suffering (especially individuals those with PTSD and sexual abuse trauma). The time is now - help save lives and end all the suicide and pain with the promise that these plants offer a new hopeful future and safer healing alternative.

### **April Martellini**

Location:

Submitted At: 9:33am 09-20-20

As a Michigan resident I approve. I fully support the resolution to decriminalize entheogenic plants in the city of Ann Arbor. With this resolution entheogenic plants would be the lowest law enforcement priority.

### **Julie Barron**

Location:

Submitted At: 5:26pm 09-19-20

I fully support the resolution to decriminalize entheogenic plants in the city of Ann Arbor. With this resolution entheogenic plants would be the lowest law enforcement priority. Our city's residents won't be arrested for these substances and police resources won't be wasted. This is a win-win. The plant medicines in this resolution are less harmful to the body than other medicines, both legal and illegal. I urge city council and the mayor to vote yes on this resolution....the time is now!

### **Jess Williams**

Location:

Submitted At: 1:17pm 09-18-20

People using plants for food and medicine is as natural and normal as it gets. As research mounts showing entheogens as promising medicines to treat the worst of our human ailments, the law is not going to be able to stop people from pursuing them. The only control the law currently has over this situation is to decide how severe the punishment will be if someone gets caught. Let's give people the freedom to choose for themselves which plants go into their bodies and which do not.

### **Peter Tsangaris**

Location:

Submitted At: 8:24pm 09-16-20

I am very much so in support of this resolution. For me psilocybin mushrooms were a critical part of overcoming a four year long heroin addiction. I have also heard many firsthand accounts of people overcoming their own addictions and serious traumas using various entheogens. These medicines are extremely effective and safe and should absolutely be decriminalized.

## Timothy Courtois

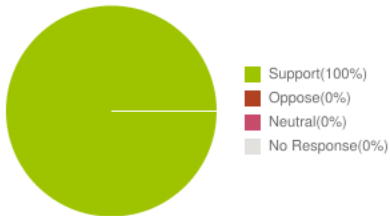
Location:

Submitted At: 5:44pm 09-16-20

I wholeheartedly support this resolution. Entheogenic plants are not only known to be extremely safe, but also have a growing mountain of scientific evidence showing that they can be helpful. In the midst of a mental health crisis in our society—that is now being exacerbated by COVID-19, racial tensions, and a contentious presidential election—the decriminalization of these plants can do a great deal of good. This is a resolution that people of all political orientations should be able to get behind.

Agenda Item: eComments for DB-2 20-1332 Resolution to Approve 841 Broadway PUD Site Plan and Development Agreement, 841 Broadway (CPC Recommendation: Approval - 8 Yeas and 1 Nays)

### Overall Sentiment



## J. Bruce Fields

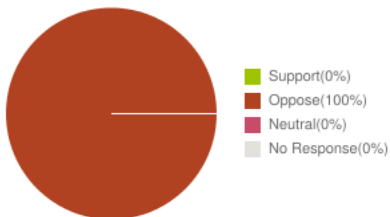
Location:

Submitted At: 1:34pm 09-17-20

I pass this site frequently, and am very excited at the prospect of having something finally done there. No doubt there are details we could argue about, but this has been going on for long enough. Please approve!

Agenda Item: eComments for DC-4 20-1417 Resolution to Partner with The University of Michigan to Provide Emergency Shelter in Ann Arbor

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## Scott Trudeau

Location:

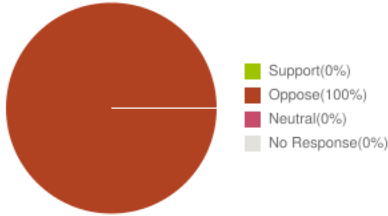
Submitted At: 11:54am 09-21-20

This resolution relies on shaky assumptions and could risks failure to effectively plan for shelter this winter. There is no evidence this option would be any cheaper or more convenient than the hotel options. For example, the Sonoma State University example cited by some Council Members cost Sonoma County \$5 million. What justification is there for prioritizing University housing (which is currently occupied and planned to be occupied into the Winter semester) to under-occupied hotel accommodations to ensure we have adequate shelter for all

residents this winter?

Agenda Item: eComments for DC-7 20-1430 Resolution to End the Healthy Streets Initiative Outside of the Downtown

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**Ken Garber**

Location:

Submitted At: 2:24pm 09-21-20

I oppose the premature termination of the healthy streets pilot outside of downtown. I'm sure councilmembers are getting messages and calls from annoyed drivers, but let's keep these streets friendly to bicyclists for now. The Broadway Bridge non-motorized lane is especially welcome. For the first time I feel safe making this crossing (south to north) on my bike.

**Victoria Green**

Location:

Submitted At: 1:57pm 09-21-20

Because of our existing road layout we struggle to provide safe cycling \*networks\* end: end without using arterial roads.

For example, the Stadium/Main/Packard/State superblock has no north-south routes through it . Hence, bikers have to use Main.. Before the bike lanes went in, I turned left off Hoover onto Main to get to Allmendinger Park every week with trepidation; going uphill (slowly!) and crossing 4 lanes of fast-moving traffic just isn't safe. I (illegally) told my kid on a scooter to use the sidewalk in preference and hoped that others were also wearing masks. The Pauline bike paths hang in mid-air on their east end; the Main Street pilot bike lanes let people on the east side of town access them.

The same lack of other options applies to the Broadway Bridge and Packard (with Buhr to the north and Mary Beth Doyle to the south). Cyclists realistically \*have\* to be on these arterial roads and the pilots improve their safety.

**Scott Trudeau**

Location:

Submitted At: 11:46am 09-21-20

It is far too early to shut down this pilot. Disruptions have been minimal. I would encourage staff to continue to review community feedback and make adjustments, but we need more time to do a fair evaluation. The only reason to stop this early would be due to some evidence of serious safety issues, which there is none. However, there is ample evidence that speeding & crash rates relative to cars on the road were much higher due to low pandemic traffic levels. Let's keep it going for at least the full run of time FROM THE TIME OF INSTALLATION.

**J. Bruce Fields**

Location:

Submitted At: 1:48pm 09-17-20

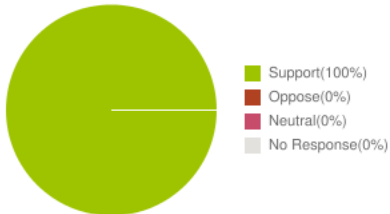
I believe it's incorrect that these were all set up on September 1; some will have been up less than two weeks at

the time of this vote.

Closing lanes increases safety for all road users (drivers included). The inconvenience to drivers seems minor; they'll adapt. Let's stick with the original plan for these inexpensive temporary changes.

Agenda Item: eComments for AC-1 20-1434 September 21, 2020 Agenda Response Memo and eComments

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**Colin MacDougall**

Location:

Submitted At: 11:33am 09-21-20

Thank you Honorable City Council for allowing me to comment. My name is Colin MacDougall, and I am a Ann Arbor City resident, but have worked multiple jobs within the city limits. I would like to urge you to support the Decriminalize Nature Resolution. Entheogenic plants and fungi help individuals overcome issues such as PTSD, anxiety, treatment resistant depression, cluster headaches, substance abuse disorder, and other health issues. Working in the past as a budtender at one of Ann Arbor's medical cannabis facilities, many patients ask about medicinal uses of mushrooms and other entheogens. I think Ann Arbor should set the example in the Midwest, and make these substances lowest law enforcement priority. I have personally been arrest for possessing cannabis and mushrooms in the past, but I have also had many profound indescribable experiences on these substances. The experiences have my mood, relationships, my creativity and overall happiness to improve. Please Decriminalize Nature