

## End the War on Drugs

**Legalize Marijuana:** In California, marijuana use and the possession of small amounts has been decriminalized and, under certain conditions, its use as a medicine has been legalized. These were important first steps. California governments, especially at the county level, should recognize and cooperate with these laws. We call on the federal government to respect the marijuana laws of this state. We also call for the outright legalization of marijuana use and possession.

**Decriminalize Other Drugs:** The 'War on Drugs' has been a complete failure. It has led to the incarceration of many non-violent citizens – overburdening the prison system. It is an extraordinary waste of money and resources. And it has been used as a militaristic tool in many Third World nations. All drugs should be decriminalized and the 'War on Drugs' should be ended.

**Treatment not Confinement:** People with drug problems should be given free or affordable treatment options rather than jail terms.

**Investigate the REAL Drug Abusers:** Through political bribes, the pharmaceutical industry has gained powerful friends within the corrupt two major parties. To increase their profits, they often oppose the liberalization of drug laws. Their business plans do not often call for cures. Instead, consumers and the medical industry are tricked into participating in a never-ending stream of prescription drug use that is less safe and less effective than other, often holistic, cures. The pharmaceutical industry is the real drug abuser.