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Bipartisan Landslide Win for National Cannabis “Referendum”

“One of the things I love most about cannabis is its ability to bring different kinds of people together” – Steve DeAngelo

Oakland, Calif. -In the midst of the most divisive election in living history the issue of cannabis reform has united voters across the nation.

Yesterday voters in eight out of nine states-- Arkansas, California, Florida, Maine, Massachusetts, Montana, Nevada, and North Dakota-- approved reform initiatives. The grand slam of initiatives was the closest thing to a national referendum on cannabis the country has ever seen.

The margins of victory often exceeded the margin of victory in the presidential race. In a dramatic example of the appeal of cannabis reform to Trump and Clinton voters alike, Florida’s medical cannabis initiative carried with 71% of the vote.

The only loss for the cannabis movement came in Arizona, where the NO campaign was heavily financed by the pharmaceutical manufacturer of Fentanyl, the highly addictive opioid painkiller responsible for Prince’s fatal overdose.

Cannabis won in the north and in the south, on the coasts and in the middle of the country, in red and blue states alike. No other issue this election cycle has come close to achieving the same level of bipartisan consensus. America needs cannabis now more than ever.

“Cannabis reform is coming just in time. Americans desperately need to heal, to learn how to treat each other more gently, to engage in harmonious dialog about our differences—and cannabis is tremendously helpful for all those things” – Steve DeAngelo.



National & California leaders celebrate in Northern California - Photo by Jamie Soja
From L to R: Troy Dayton, Sue Taylor, Andrew DeAngelo, Steve DeAngelo, Henry Wykoski,

Dale Sky Jones, Etienne Fontan



Steve DeAngelo & Lt. Governor Gavin Newsom - Photo by Jamie Soja

About Steve DeAngelo:

Steve DeAngelo is the co-founder of Harborside, the largest medical cannabis dispensary in the United States and the nation's model. Harborside serves more than 200,000 patients. DeAngelo also co-founded the nation's first cannabis-testing facility, Steep Hill Labs, and the country's first cannabis investment and research firm, The ArcView Group. His debut book, *The Cannabis Manifesto: A New Paradigm for Wellness* (2015), is published by North Atlantic Books and distributed by Penguin/Random House. DeAngelo was named [one of the most powerful national cannabis industry leaders by Fortune Magazine](#) this year.

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