

Personal Statement by Steve DeAngelo

Steve's Statement on the One Acre Allegations

For years, I've remained largely silent as false narratives circulated about my role in the evolution of California cannabis policy—especially the claim that I was responsible for removing the state's one-acre cultivation cap. Now, with the publication of Bob Hoban's article in Forbes, the truth is finally made clear by one of the most respected attorneys in the field. Bob carefully reviewed the legislative history, regulatory sequencing, and the timeline surrounding both the initiative and the statute—and set the record straight. I'm deeply grateful to him for his integrity and diligence.

This piece is about more than clearing my name—it's about preserving the true history of our movement, and honoring the countless people who fought to make legal cannabis a reality. In the coming days and weeks, I will be appearing on podcasts and radio shows to answer questions, and provide additional facts surrounding the origins and persistence of the one acre myth.