

Panel sees problems in legalizing recreational marijuana in Nevada

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In November, Nevadans will vote on whether to legalize recreational marijuana – Question 2 would allow adults 21 years and older to possess up to 1 ounce of marijuana legally. On Saturday, a panel of experts largely argued that legalization might be a bad idea.

Earl White, former director of Weed & Seed Program, a crime and drug abuse prevention group, was one of five speakers who met Sept. 10 at the University of Phoenix Las Vegas campus. He was adamantly against legalizing marijuana for recreational use, arguing pot use lessens someone's motivation to study or find work.

“(Nevada is) already last in education and behind in unemployment,” White said. “There is no way that legalizing marijuana is a good thing for the community.”

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