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Major Cities Chiefs Support Marijuana Announcement

WASHINGTON, January 4, 2018 – On behalf of the largest law enforcement agencies in the Nation, Major Cities Chiefs Association President J. Thomas Manger issued a statement today responding to the announcement by the U.S. Department of Justice that the previous restrictive directions regarding marijuana enforcement have been rescinded.

“Today Attorney General Jeff Sessions has announced a return to the long- established policy of the Justice Department regarding marijuana. Unless or until Congress changes the law, marijuana trafficking, cultivation, distribution, possession and use remain illegal under Federal law.

Major Cities Chiefs supports this action as it is consistent with our policy that marijuana should not be legalized. After careful study and extensive debate, our membership voted to oppose legalization because we feel that the use of marijuana is harmful to public health and public safety.

The policy announced today will leave to each U.S. Attorney the local determination regarding needs and priorities, and how best to proceed in the coming year ahead. To this end, our Chiefs of Police in each major urban area will work with their local U.S Attorney regarding marijuana enforcement by Federal agencies and public safety policies going forward.”

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Major Cities Chiefs is a professional association of Chiefs and Sheriffs representing the largest cities in the United States and Canada. Membership is comprised of Chiefs and Sheriffs of the sixty-nine largest law enforcement agencies in the United States and ten largest in Canada. The Chiefs serve more than 82 million people.