

# Lori Hawkins

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## **LORI HAWKINS SPEAKS IN SUPPORT OF ADVISORY REFERENDUM**

KENOSHA, Wisconsin -- Last night, the Kenosha County Board met to discuss legislation that would add an advisory referendum to the November ballot regarding medicinal marijuana. The legislation passed, which will provide voters an opportunity to voice their opinion on medicinal marijuana in the next election.

It is no secret that opioid addiction is a major issue affecting the lives of many Wisconsinites. However, studies have shown a reduction in opioid-related deaths in states that have legalized medical marijuana. Allowing patients to access different forms of treatments, such as marijuana for legitimate medical purposes, could potentially prevent many citizens from falling victim to opioid addiction.

At the County Board meeting, Lori Hawkins spoke in favor of the referendum.

"We should be making more types of treatment available and allow what is the best form of treatment to be a discussion between a patient and his or her doctor," Hawkins said.

In 2016, a Marquette Law Poll found that 59 percent of Wisconsinites support marijuana legalization. The fact that Republican leaders, like Senator Van Wanggaard, cannot even debate the merits of medicinal marijuana, shows how out of touch they are.

Hawkins went on to say, "It is up to us to move with the times and to be open to new treatments that can provide relief for people so desperate to find it."

The fact that Kenosha county voters will be able to vote on medical marijuana this November, is a tremendous success, and hopefully, State Legislators will be listening carefully.

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