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## Pot legalization plan would subsidize patients, pay police

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SANTA FE, N.M. – A proposal unveiled Wednesday for legal marijuana sales throughout New Mexico would use taxes to subsidize medical pot purchases for low-income patients and set aside money for police and loans to cannabis startup companies.

A panel appointed by Gov. Michelle Lujan Grisham, a Democrat, published recommendations for legalization that take cues from other states that regulate recreational marijuana markets.

The proposal would prohibit local governments from banning marijuana sales, though they could apply restrictions on business hours and locations, said Albuquerque City Councilor Pat

Davis, who led the governor's task force on legalization.

The provision is aimed at curbing illicit markets and keeping marijuana shoppers from traveling long distances. The recommendations will now go to the Legislature for consideration.

Davis said several elements would set New Mexico apart from other states, in part by protecting its medical mari-

juana program from a potential exodus of patients – an outcome that has been seen in several other states.

"We're going to use some of the revenue from recreational marijuana to reinvest ... so we don't lose those patients," he said.

Medical marijuana is currently taxed

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## Mountain View Church holds Hope Walk



In recognition of Suicide Prevention Awareness Month, Mountain View Church held a Hope Walk on Sept. 28 that ended with a vigil in Washington Park. COURTESY PHOTO/ ANTHONY TORRES

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Mountain View Assembly of God Church held its first annual Hope Walk and vigil on Sept. 28.

The walk began at the church at 1900 23rd Street and ended with a vigil at Washington Park, a walk of about two miles.

There were about 250 attendees, Mountain View Pastor Anthony Torres said.

"Hope Walk went well," Torres said. "People were walking for Suicide Prevention. There were a lot of people who had expressed a need."

Some of the participants had lost loved ones in the past and a suicide survivor shared her story, Torres said.

Alamogordo Police Department helped with roadblocks, Torres said.

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Krystal Wood-Kofonow's art was being sold in the New Mexico Museum of Space History gift shop. TARA MELTON/DAILY NEWS

## Artist opposes complaint dismissal motion

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On Oct. 9, artist Krystal Wood-Kofonow through her attorney Richard Cravens, filed a response opposing the International Space Hall of Fame Foundation's motion to dismiss the case she filed against the Foundation.

The foundation and five other defendants submitted a motion to dismiss the case against them on Sept. 25 where Wood-Kofonow alleges the Foundation committed breach of contract, misrepresentation, fraud and more.

Cravens' response requests the court deny the motion for dismissal and that the Foundation's request for attorney fees and court costs be denied.

The response alleges that the Foundation stole Wood-Kofonow's art since the Foundation was selling items with her artwork on them until a relative of Wood-Kofonow's saw the items in the New Mexico Museum of Space History Gift Shop this June.

Wood-Kofonow is suing the Foundation on claims of six counts or theories, the response states, including the breach of covenant and fair dealing;

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