EDITORIAL NOTES:

THE MUNICIPAL LAWYER MAGAZINE

Dear Reader-

In this issue, Municipal Lawyer's presents, courtesy of Deborah Fox, David Warner and Meg Rosequist of Meyers Nave, an exegesis on municipal regulation of the Constitutionally-ensured right of free expression, here manifested in the form of signs. We also touch on a less seminal freedom—the farming, possession and use of marijuana in some states —and its fiscal implications for local government, authored by Douglas Praw, Lewis Feldman and Geoffrey Geddes of Goodwin Proctor. To that article we append notes from a very informative agri-business field trip.

We next explore the use of contracted municipal lawyering versus dedicated in-house legal staff with Harriet Steiner of Best Best and Krieger.

Elsewhere, Pete Haskel (Executive Assistant City Attorney, Dallas) admonishes readers to beware the consequences of haphazard business records certifications, Miles Risley (City Attorney, Wichita Falls, TX) points out some oft-overlooked fine points in construction contracts, David Wesner (Commission Counsel, Danville, IL) considers urban animal husbandry and Kelly Addy (Civil Deputy City Attorney, Billings, MT) reiterates the merits of our ListServ.

Our own ML writers cover the municipal clamp-down on e-cigarettes, a recent Fourth Amendment decision at the high court (including Justice Scalia's spirited dissent) and our usual array of case summaries and amicus activities.

And we begin to anticipate IMLA's major event of the season, our upcoming Star-Spangled conference in Baltimore. See you in September.

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