

# Calgarians' Views on Cannabis Legalization

## How do Calgarians feel about Cannabis?

There are **4 main viewpoints** when it comes to cannabis in Calgary:

**Anti-Cannabis Absolutists** 17%

> -non-users -very opposed to legalization -major retail & consumption restrictions

#### Out of Sight, **Out of Mind** 22%

-few users -most oppose legalization -major retail & consumption restrictions

# **THC Tolerant** 48%

-some users -soft support for legalization -moderate retail & consumption restrictions

### Cannabis Champions 13%

-many users -high support for legalization -minimal retail & consumption restrictions

# Calgarians will be users or potential users when cannabis is legal



including: 7% current frequent users 9% current infrequent users

11% willing to try

# **Regulations for Retailers**



say retailers should have the

same operating hours as liquor stores

"I would like to see the same operating hours as liquor stores. It's broad, but will exclude it from being available for sale at 2 am." (in-depth interview)

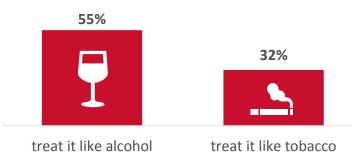
#### Retailers should be a minimum distance from...



"I think the liquor [store] model should be mimicked... I don't think there is a requirement to recreate the wheel. It's just another retail business, if areas are zoned, then this should be allowed." (in-depth interview)

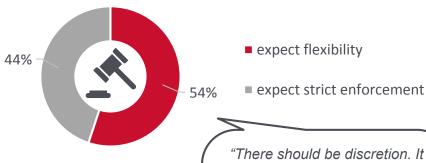
### **Public Consumption**

#### Preferences on public consumption



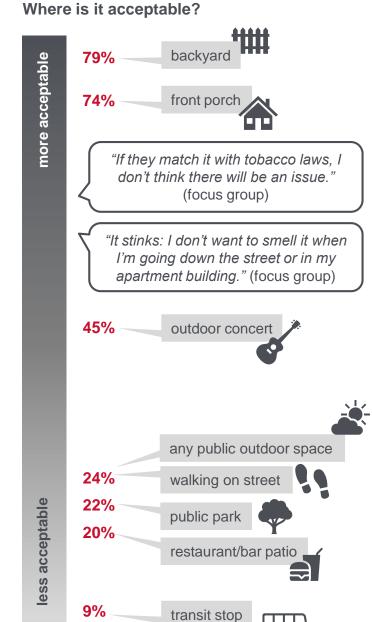
[Cannabis] should be more like alcohol, where you can't consume it in public." (focus group)

# **Enforcement expectations**



"I think there will be a need for more bylaw (officers) because if someone is committing an infraction, bylaw will need to respond to it faster." (focus group)

"There should be discretion. It depends on the situation and if anyone is around or is being harmed. If you're in an area where you shouldn't be and people are complaining, that's one thing, but if no one's around and someone just wants to make their quota for the month, that's another." (focus group)



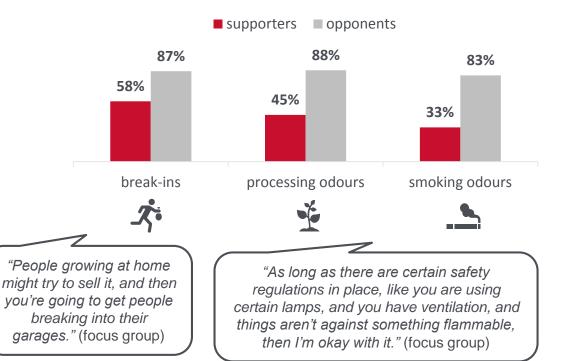
# **Home Growing**

of all current cannabis users expect to grow their own plants

> **50%** among frequent users

"Most people will probably grow a plant to just say they have one, because at the end of the day it is just a plant that you can grow with soil and water." (focus group)

# Concerns regarding home growing:



# **About the Research**

• a **telephone survey** of a randomly selected sample of 1,002\* Calgarians aged 18+ between November 6-19, 2017. Final data were weighted to reflect the Calgary population.

Environics Research conducted a multi-mode study for the City of Calgary regarding cannabis legalization including:

- five focus groups with Calgarians aged 18+ between January 16-18, 2018. Participants were segmented by: opponents of legalization; supporters of legalization (non-users); medical users; recreational users (aged 18-39); and recreational users (aged 40-69).
- 30 in-depth interviews with individuals who plan to be involved in either the retail or production of cannabis in Calgary. Interviews were conducted between December 18, 2017 and January 26, 2018.

<sup>\*</sup>For a general population sample of n=1,002, the statistical margin of error at the 95% confidence level is +/-3.1%