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October 25, 2006

- **Drug Policy on the Ballot in Several States**
- **DEA and ONDCP Use Federal Tax Dollars to Oppose Ballot Initiatives in Several States**
- **Volunteers Needed! Meeting Scheduled for Oct. 28th**

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Drug Policy & Election 2006

Several states have ballot initiatives this year on drug policy issues. [Colorado](#), [Nevada](#), and [South Dakota](#) will vote on marijuana-related referendums. In [Arizona](#) they will consider a law to put meth-users behind bars, rather than in treatment. Cities considering making marijuana the lowest priority for law-enforcement include Eureka Springs, [Arkansas](#), Missoula, [Montana](#), [Santa Barbara](#), [Santa Cruz](#) and [Santa Monica](#), California.

Former **Kansan, Mike Glover**, is on the ballot in California, and a several candidates for governor have drug-reform platforms.

Read our [state-by-state guide](#), with all the state and local ballot initiatives and details on the candidates with drug-law reform platforms.

Federal Tax Dollars Used to Lobby Against Drug-Law Reform Initiatives

Should the Office of National Drug Control Policy and the DEA spend tax-payer monies to oppose state ballot initiatives for drug law reform? Is this a conflict of interest on the part of the government?

Scott Burns, Office of National Drug Control Policy's (ONDCP) deputy director of state and local affairs, visited Rapid City South Dakota on Thursday and Sioux Falls on Friday of last week to oppose the medical marijuana initiative that will be on the South Dakota ballot on November 7. [READ MORE](#).

ONDCP Director John Walters visited Nevada earlier this month and gave taxpayer money to organizations that ballot measure to tax and regulate marijuana like alcohol in Nevada.

In 2003, then-**Nevada Attorney General Brian Sandoval (R)** criticized Walters' interference with a 2002 marijuana initiative in the state. "It is unfortunate that a representative of the federal government substantially intervened in a matter that

was clearly a State of Nevada issue," Sandoval wrote in an opinion. "The excessive federal intervention that was exhibited in this instance is particularly disturbing because it sought to influence the outcome of a Nevada election." The Associated Press covered the story yesterday in the [Las Vegas Sun](#).

The DEA have been busy in Colorado opposing the state-wide ballot initiative there. An editorial in the [Rocky Mountain News](#) asks the DEA to keep out of local politics.

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