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LOCAL OFFICIALS AND CANDIDATES TO JOIN PROTEST OF DEA RAIDS ON CALIFORNIA MEDICAL MARIJUANA PROVIDERS AT MADISON FEDERAL BUILDING, MONDAY AT NOON

With DEA agents conducting another raid of a California medical marijuana provider Thursday, September 12, just a week after raiding the respected WAMM dispensary in Santa Cruz, protesters will be gathering Monday at noon at federal buildings across the nation including the one in downtown Madison, located at 120 N. Henry St.

A number of speakers will address the event including local medical cannabis patient/activist Gary Storck, Madison alder Judy Olson, who is planning to introduce a proposal to allow patients and designated caregivers to grow up to 10 medical cannabis plants, Green Party candidate for Dane County Sheriff, Adam Benedetto, and others. Additional local and state officials have been invited to participate.

A February 2002 Chamberlain Research poll found that over 80% of Wisconsinites support legalizing access to medical marijuana. In the Madison region, comprised of Dane County, the percentage was 91.7. Since Madison has a local medical marijuana ordinance and as it is very likely a medical marijuana bill will again be introduced when the state legislature reconvenes in January, it is important Wisconsinites act now to protest federal moves in other states. What you do today protects your freedom tomorrow!

Please join us at the Federal Courthouse at 120 N. Henry St. in downtown Madison, across from the Civic Center just off State St., from Noon to 1:00 p.m. on Monday September 16.

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