

DEA raids LA medical marijuana clinics

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LOS ANGELES -- The Los Angeles City Council voted to temporarily stop medicinal marijuana shops from opening and, at the same time, U.S. agents raided facilities in the city. The council voted to stop medicinal marijuana clinics from opening while it works to find out which locations are violating the intention of 1996's Proposition 215, which allows residents of the state to use marijuana for treatment of chronic pain, anorexia, cancer and other serious illness, the Los Angeles Daily News reported Thursday. Just minutes after the council passed the measure Wednesday, federal agents from the Drug Enforcement Administration raided 10 medical marijuana facilities in Los Angeles, the Los Angeles Times reported. DEA spokeswoman Sarah Pullen said the raids weren't intentionally timed to coincide with the vote. "These are ongoing enforcement operations. As far as we know, we've been planning this for some time," Pullen said. Los Angeles Police Department Lt. Ruben De La Torre said five people protesting the raids outside the California Patients Group dispensary were arrested.

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