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Cannabis Control Superintendent Speaks at Columbus Metropolitan Club Forum

Division of Cannabis Control Superintendent Jim Canepa spoke at a Columbus Metropolitan Club forum last week about the passage of Issue 2 and the path forward for the non-medical cannabis market in Ohio. In his remarks, Canepa spoke about all the work currently underway within the Division to establish rules for the market under the timeline set forth by the voter-initiated statute.

He also discussed the process being employed to ensure fair access to the non-medical cannabis marketplace, as well as how the new market can reduce or crush the black market for cannabis and the work being done to alleviate over concentration of eventual businesses in the Ohio market and the negative impacts that could bring.



Canepa spoke on a panel with Ariane Kirkpatrick, CEO of Harvest Ohio and Gus Burns, a cannabis industry reporter for Michigan Live. The event was moderated by Kate Siefert, a reporter for ABC 6 and Fox 28 in Columbus. You can watch the entire discussion here: [Columbus Metropolitan Club: High Stakes - How Legal Weed Will Reshape Ohio \(youtube.com\)](https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=...)

In addition to taking part in the forum, Canepa did seven interviews last week with outlets from Columbus, Cincinnati, Cleveland and Youngstown highlighting the work of the division.