

Whereas: The state ought to stop prosecuting individuals for non-violent crimes such as drug possession and consumption.

Whereas: Hundreds of thousands of non-violent individuals are imprisoned for drug use and possession, which has historically targeted minorities.

Whereas: The Governor's pardon power can be used effectively to solve these problems.

NOW, THEREFORE, I, ZEROOVERZERO101, Governor of the Western State, in accordance with authority granted to me by the constitution and statutes of the Western State, do hereby issue this executive order, effective immediately.

IT IS HEREBY ORDERED:

- a. That all citizens of Sierra that have been convicted of a misdemeanor or felony of possession of a controlled substance may apply for a pardon, given that the citizen meets the following requirements:
 - i. The citizen has not been convicted of a felony other than possession of a controlled substance;
 - ii. The citizen has not twice been convicted of a felony of any kind under state law; and
 - iii. The citizen informs the district attorney of the county of his or her conviction that he or she intends to seek a pardon.
- b. There shall be created the "Sierra Controlled Substance Council", headed by the Attorney General to review charges for offences related to illegal possession of controlled substances.
 - i. The exact rules and membership in the council shall be organized by the Attorney General, and the Attorney General may use whatever resources necessary.
 - ii. Membership in the council shall be organized by the Attorney General from within the state public service.
 - iii. The Council shall be charged with reviewing applications for pardons, recommending pardons to the Governor if that applicant has met the conditions in (a) and (a)(i) of this order. The Council shall give reviewing priority to those already serving prison sentences. The Department of Justice will also notify all individuals who have been convicted of a misdemeanor or felony possession or consumption of controlled substances, or are on trial for such a misdemeanor or felony, of the existence of the Council and subsequent pardon.

- iv. The Council shall evaluate applicants for signs of addiction, and determine if the applicant should be referred to a rehabilitation facility. If referral to a rehabilitation facility is deemed necessary, the applicant must enroll in the rehabilitation facility in order to receive the pardon.
- v. The existence of the Council shall in no way impair the ability of the Board of Parole Hearings to grant a certificate of rehabilitation or to issue reports as authorized by law.
- c. Once an applicant has been recommended to the Governor, he or she will receive an executive pardon from the Governor after ten days for any misdemeanors or felonies committed in regards to controlled substance consumption and possession.
- d. This order shall remain in effect until revoked.

IN WITNESS WHEREOF I have hereunto set my hand and caused the Great Seal of the State of Sierra to be affixed on June 16th, 2019.

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Governor of Sierra