

Trump's inauguration: Marijuana advocates to hand out 4,200 joints, to light up during his speech

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Washington: A group of marijuana legalisation advocates plan to pass out thousands of joints at President-elect Donald Trump's inauguration.

Marijuana and Trump

Pro-marijuana organisation DCMJ will begin distributing the 4,200 joints at 8 am on January 20 on the west side of Dupont Circle. The participants will then walk to the National Mall.

At four minutes and 20 seconds into Trump's speech, DCMJ founder Adam Eiding says protesters will light up.

“By giving away marijuana at inauguration, we’re setting up the battle flag,” he added.

Since February 2015, it has been legal here to grow up to six cannabis plants at home and possess up to two ounces of pot, so long as you are 21 or older.

But it is illegal to smoke the stuff in public, and especially to buy or sell it. That is because Congress, which largely oversees the US capital, barred it from regulating sales of marijuana.

Eiding says the group wants to send a message that the federal government should legalise cannabis. He says the giveaway is legal as long as it's done on District of Columbia land. Those smoking on federal land risk arrest.

Marijuana advocates are concerned about what actions attorney general nominee Senator Jeff Sessions of Alabama would take on the issue.

Sessions has previously spoken out against marijuana legalisation.

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