

# VOTE **YES** ON *Initiative 81*

REFORM LAWS FOR PLANT AND  
FUNGI MEDICINES



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RESIDENT AND MOTHER OF  
TWO, PROPOSED INITIATIVE 81  
AFTER USING ENTHEOGENS TO  
OVERCOME POSTPARTUM  
DEPRESSION.

Initiative 81 would make the enforcement of laws against natural plant medicines (entheogens) among the lowest law enforcement priorities, helping thousands of DC residents who currently fear arrest or prosecution.

Leading medical researchers at Johns Hopkins, NYU, and UCLA have clinically shown that entheogens can be an effective treatment for addiction, anxiety, depression, trauma and provide relief for those with terminal illnesses. Learn more by visiting [www.decriminalizedc.org](http://www.decriminalizedc.org).

## INITIATIVE 81: ENTHEOGENIC PLANT AND FUNGUS POLICY ACT OF 2020

### IF ENACTED, THIS INITIATIVE WOULD:

Make the investigation and arrest of adults for non-commercial planting, cultivating, purchasing, transporting, distributing, possessing, and/or engaging in practices with entheogenic plants and fungi among the Metropolitan Police Department's lowest law enforcement priorities; and

Codify that the people of the District of Columbia call upon the Attorney General for the District of Columbia and the United States Attorney for the District of Columbia to cease prosecution of residents of the District of Columbia for these activities.

*Initiative 81 does not legalize or reduce penalties for entheogens.*



**REFORM LAWS  
TO REFLECT  
RESEARCH**

Recent studies have demonstrated the benefits of entheogens to treat addiction, depression, anxiety, and PTSD and help those in end-of-life care.



**SUPPORT DC  
RESIDENTS**

Ensure that residents using entheogens are not law enforcement priorities.



**END PART OF  
THE WAR ON  
DRUGS**

Without reform, D.C. residents using plant and fungi medicines will continue to be victims of the war on drugs which has disproportionately impacted minority communities.



**CHANGE THE  
NATIONAL  
CONVERSATION**

Initiative 81 is the first step to enacting broader change in D.C. and the United States to educate Americans about plant and fungi medicines and pass laws informed by science.

# 25,477

VALID SIGNATURES OF DC  
VOTERS SUBMITTED

# 64%

DC VOTERS WHO SUPPORT  
PASSING INITIATIVE 81

# 1,500+

RESEARCH PAPERS  
INVESTIGATING THE  
THERAPEUTIC EFFECTS OF  
ENTHEOGENS\*

\*see U.S. National Library of Medicine National Institutes of Health

## WHAT IS AN ENTHEOGEN?

A naturally occurring plant or fungi substance like psilocybin mushrooms, ayahuasca, iboga, or mescaline-containing cacti, that can initiate non-ordinary states of consciousness that inspire mental or spiritual growth and healing.



Fungi



Iboga



Ayahuasca



Cacti