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The Village Square at St. Petersburg College  
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# Medical Marijuana: Should Florida Go to Pot?

**Thursday, April 17  
 6-8:15 p.m.**

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 Seminole Campus Conference Center  
 9200 113th St. N, Seminole



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## Panel members



### **Sheriff Bob Gualtieri**

*Sheriff, Pinellas County Sheriff's Office*

Bob Gualtieri was appointed Sheriff by Gov. Rick Scott in November 2011 and elected to his first full term as Pinellas County Sheriff in November 2012. He began his career with PCSO more than 30 years ago and has served in Patrol Operations, Investigative Operations, and Detention and Corrections. As a detective assigned to narcotics investigations, Gualtieri conducted international and domestic drug and money laundering investigations and became an expert in electronic surveillance. In 2002, he earned a law degree from Stetson College of Law and went into private law practice. In 2006, he returned to PCSO as General Counsel and was appointed Chief Deputy, second in command, by Sheriff Jim Coats two years later. Gualtieri serves on the Board of Directors for the Pinellas Education Foundation, Pinellas Homeless Leadership Board, Sheriff's Police Athletic League and the Boys & Girls Clubs of the Suncoast. He also is a member of the Gold Shield Foundation.



### **Ben Pollara**

*Campaign Manager, United Health Care*

Ben Pollara is Campaign Manager for United for Care, which sponsored the constitutional amendment to legalize medical marijuana in Florida. He is a founding partner of LSN Partners, providing strategic counsel to clients as they manage their relationships with local, state and federal elected officials. As one of Florida's premier Democratic fundraisers, he has relationships with local and national elected officials. He also runs a full-service political consulting and professional fundraising company that has represented numerous campaigns including Sen. Bill Nelson, Sen. Kirsten Gillibrand, Rep. Debbie Wasserman Schultz and Rep. Ted Deutch. Pollara served as a member of President Obama's 2012 National Finance Committee, was Florida Finance Director at Hillary Clinton for President and Co-Finance Director of Alex Sink for Governor.



### **Dr. Carlton E. Turner**

*Former Assistant to President Ronald Reagan and Director of the Office of National Drug Control Policy*

Dr. Carlton E. Turner served as Special Assistant and Deputy Assistant to President Ronald Reagan, and as Director of the Office of National Drug Control Policy, a cabinet-level position often referred to as "Drug Czar." In that capacity, he assisted First Lady Nancy Reagan with her *Just Say No* campaign, developed the concept of The First Lady to First Lady drug prevention/awareness campaign and chaired First Lady Conferences at the United Nations and White House. A former professor at the University Of Mississippi School Of Pharmacy, he has been the president/CEO of clinical laboratories and biotech companies (public and private), and has developed and overseen drug development programs for pure drugs, biologic drugs and vaccines. Turner has authored more than 100 peer-reviewed research papers and was an author of *Marijuana: An Annotated Bibliography* vol. 1 and 2, and annual addendums.

## Moderator



### **Craig Kopp**

*host of All Things Considered, WUSF Public Media*

Craig Kopp has been a news reporter and radio journalist since 1974. He spent most of his career in Cincinnati, where he headed up an award-winning radio newsroom at WEBN. He also co-hosted a current events talk show and wrote movie reviews and features for the Cincinnati Post, Channel 9, Channel 12 and Channel 19 television. Kopp has covered everything from natural disasters to national political conventions and has interviewed presidents, movie stars and thousands of everyday people whose personal stories say something about the world we live in. He graduated from Bowling Green State University in 1974 with a bachelor's degree in American history and a minor in journalism.

# Medical Marijuana: Should Florida Go to Pot?

Medical Marijuana is a heated topic this election season. The Florida Supreme Court has approved a citizens' initiative petition for a referendum to legalize the use of marijuana for certain medical conditions. The proposed amendment to the state constitution will be on the Nov. 4 ballot.

## Agenda

**5:45 p.m. Buffet Dinner Service**

**6:20 p.m. Welcome**

Dr. James Olliver, Provost, Seminole Campus  
St. Petersburg College

**Introduction of moderator**

David Klement, Executive Director  
Institute for Strategic Policy Solutions

**Introduction of speakers and presentations**

Moderator Craig Kopp, radio host  
*All Things Considered*, WUSF Public Media

**7:10 p.m. Discussion led by moderator**

**7:30 p.m. Questions from audience**

**8:10 p.m. Closing comments and adjournment**

David Klement