

California Supreme Court Will Review Cases Involving Prohibition of Dispensaries

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Last Thursday, the 19th of January, the California Supreme Court voted to review four major dispensary cases including the Pack and Riverside cases. The four cases have similar themes revolving around prohibition versus regulation of dispensaries and will be combined for the Supreme Court. It is unusual for the judges to unanimously vote to review a case, but it seems that the Supreme Court judges are eager to look at these cases and, perhaps, bring them in line with previous decisions by the High Court. Oral arguments have yet to be scheduled and this could take some time, but in the mean time, the important thing is that neither the Pack or the Riverside cases are citable in cases where municipalities are trying to enforce federal law over California law and prohibit the retail sale of medical marijuana to qualified patients.