

# “Why the Advisory Referendum on Legalization of Cannabis matters,” with Yuri Rashkin

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“The Rock County advisory referendum on the ballot this November is one of many in the state of Wisconsin, including 16 counties and two cities,” said Chuck Ogg of the Rock County Progressives. “This indicates how important the issue is to many voters across the state. Those who support legalization have long made the case that prohibition not only is a failure, it bolsters organized crime and is a social justice issue, selectively targeting the poor and people of color. Passing these referendums will send a clear message to politicians, encouraging them to make the same changes already adapted in many parts of the US. Therefore we are excited to have Yuri Rashkin, the Rock County Supervisor responsible for putting it on the ballot, speaking on “Why the Advisory Referendum on Legalization of Cannabis Matters. This event will be held on Wednesday, October 10, at \*The Community Room, 1711 Lodge Drive in Janesville, at 6:00 PM. This event is free and open to the public.”

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\* In Basics Food Cooperative, they ask that we please use “The Community Room.”

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The Rock County Progressives are a nonpartisan organization whose mission is to promote education and activism around progressive issues in Rock County. We usually have educational forms every second Wednesday of each month.

Additional Information:

<https://www.jsonline.com/story/news/local/wisconsin/2018/08/31/marijuana-nov-6-ballot-16-wisconsin-counties-2-cities/1110640002/>

“When voters in 16 Wisconsin counties and two cities go to the polls Nov. 6 they will join a nationwide debate by marking their ballots for or against legalizing marijuana use either for medical reasons or personal recreation.

The advisory referendum questions are scattered on local ballots throughout the state, from Milwaukee and Dane to La Crosse and Langlade counties and the cities of Waukesha and Racine. All were approved by county boards or city councils.”

Yuri Rashkin is a Rock County Supervisor, representing District 15, which is downtown Beloit. In his capacity as supervisor he introduced the advisory referendum to the board of supervisors this past summer. He is originally from Moscow, Russia, and has been a United States citizen for over 20 years and resident of Rock county since 2004. Yuri teaches Communication at UW-Whitewater and works as a court interpreter and musician. In his spare time he hosts a podcast about Russia. Yuri served on Janesville City Council from 2008 until 2012. You can follow him on Facebook and Twitter.