

## Communication from Public

**Name:** Karly Cramer

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**Council File No:** 23-0690

**Comments for Public Posting:** Dear Members of the Public Safety Committee, My name is Karly Cramer and I advocate for individuals impacted by outdated cannabis prosecutions. I am submitting this written public comment regarding David Leidermann, a longtime Los Angeles resident who has been held in federal custody for nearly three years awaiting trial in a nonviolent cannabis case, far from his home, family, and support system. Whatever one's views on the allegations, prolonged pretrial detention of a nonviolent defendant raises serious concerns about fairness, taxpayer cost, and whether enforcement resources are being used wisely. Public safety resources should be focused on violent crime, community protection, and urgent threats — not years of punishment before trial in cannabis-related cases. Mr. Leidermann is part of the Los Angeles community, and his continued detention far from home has deeply impacted those who care about him here. I respectfully ask this Committee to recognize the broader public safety implications of cases like this and support policies that prioritize fairness, proportionality, and smarter use of resources. Thank you for your time and service. Karly Cramer



# DAVID "MAX" LEIDERMANN

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## NON-VIOLENT FEDERAL CANNABIS DEFENDANT

Held in federal custody for three years without trial

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### CASE OVERVIEW

David "Max" Leidermann is a California resident who has been held in federal custody for three years awaiting trial on non-violent cannabis conspiracy charges. Despite having no personal or residential ties to Nebraska, he was transferred there for prosecution and remains detained far from his family and community. Max has no prior criminal convictions and no history of violence. His continued pretrial detention raises serious concerns regarding due process, proportional enforcement, and access to a fair defense.

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### KEY CONCERNS

- Prolonged pretrial detention without a trial date
- Prosecution in a distant venue with no personal nexus
- Barriers to effective defense preparation and discovery access
- Parallel civil asset forfeiture proceedings limiting access to retained counsel and impairing the ability to mount an effective defense
- Limited access to adequate medical care while in pretrial detention

### FAST FACTS

Age: 51  
Home State: California  
First-Time Offender: Yes  
Allegations of Violence: None  
Current Status: Federal pretrial detention  
Bail Status: Detained pretrial without bail  
Time Detained Pretrial: 3 years  
Venue: Prosecuted in Nebraska despite no personal ties

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### WHY THIS MATTERS

Extended pretrial detention exerts significant pressure on defendants to forgo their right to trial, particularly when cases are prosecuted far from home. In non-violent cannabis cases, such practices raise broader questions about fairness, federal overreach, and the appropriate use of prosecutorial power.

In addition, Max faces extraordinary sentencing exposure- including the possibility of a life sentence- under antiquated federal drug laws and sentencing frameworks.

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### REQUEST FOR REVIEW

- The use of prolonged pretrial detention in non-violent cases
- Venue selection practices that separate defendants from their communities
- The cumulative due-process impact of parallel criminal and civil proceedings

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## Communication from Public

**Name:** Michel Leidermann

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**Comments for Public Posting:** Dear Members of the Public Safety Committee: My name is Michel Leidermann, and I would like to present to you the case of my son, David Leidermann, who has been adversely affected by outdated judicial processes related to cannabis. I am submitting this written public comment regarding David, a long-time resident of Los Angeles who has been held in federal custody for nearly three years awaiting trial in a non-violent cannabis-related case—far from his home, his family, and his support network. Regardless of one’s opinion regarding the charges, the prolonged pretrial detention of a non-violent defendant raises serious concerns regarding fairness, the cost to taxpayers, and the question of whether law enforcement resources are being utilized sensibly. Public safety resources should be focused on violent crimes, community protection, and urgent threats—not on years of pretrial punishment in cannabis-related cases. David Leidermann is a member of the Los Angeles community, and his continued detention far from home has deeply affected those who care about him in this city. I respectfully request that this Committee recognize the broad implications that cases such as this have for public safety, and that it upholds policies that prioritize equity and a more sensible use of public resources. Thank you for your time and for your service to the community. Michel Leidermann