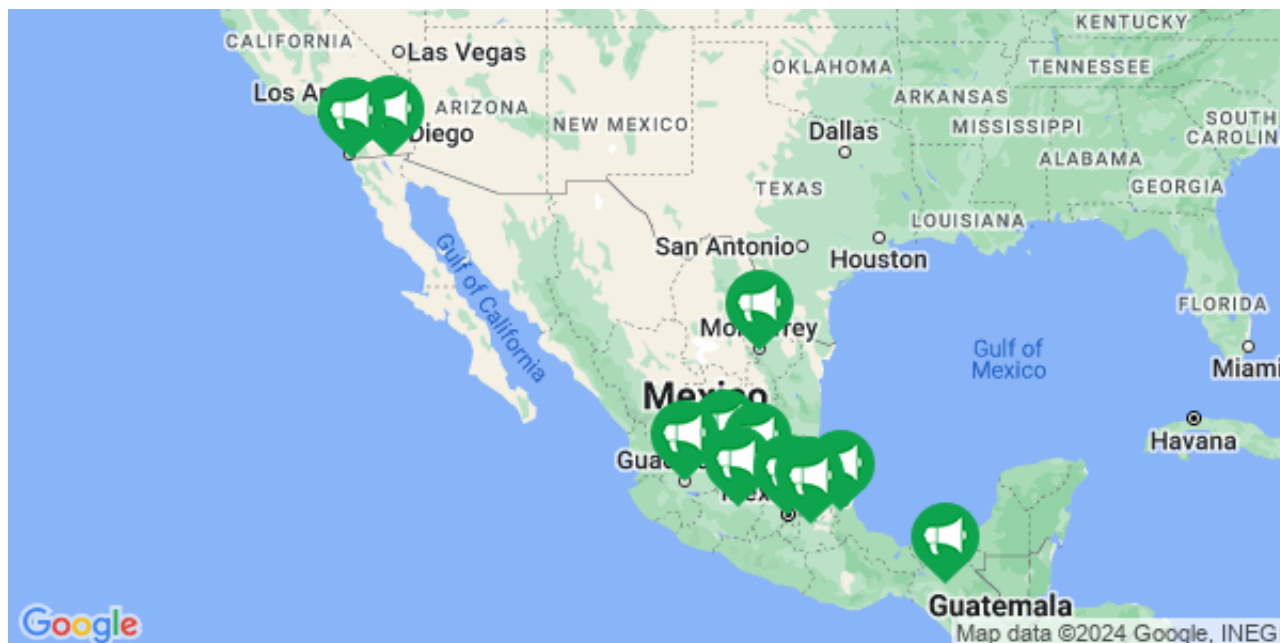


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Mexico Tactical: Marches commemorating World Marijuana Liberation Day slated nationwide, including in Mexico City, on May 4; allot for disruptions

Current Situation

- Movimiento Cannabico Mexicano, a civil society organization advocating for policies related to personal cannabis use, has called for a march in multiple cities nationwide, including in Mexico City, on May 4. Cultural events are slated to take place at the destination location.
- The march is being organized to commemorate World Marijuana Liberation Day.
- The details of the marches, held in coordination with local marijuana advocacy civil society groups, are as follows:

In **Guadalajara, Jalisco**, the march will start from Parque Rojo at 16:20 and proceed to Plaza Liberacion.

In **Leon, Guanajuato**, the march will start from Forum Cultural at 16:20 and proceed to Arco de la Calzada.

In **Mexicali, Baja California**, the march will start from Centro Civico at 18:20 and reach an unspecified location near the Palacio Municipal.

In **Mexico City**, the march is slated to begin from Palacio de Bellas Artes at 16:20 (local time) and proceed to Angel de la Independencia along Avenida Reforma.

In **Monterrey, Nuevo Leon**, the march will start from Explanada Cultural at 16:20 and return to the same location.

In **Morelia, Michoacan**, the protestors are slated to gather at Las Tarascas from 16:20 and proceed to Plaza de Armas.

In **Puebla, Zaragoza**, the march will start from Monumento Juan de Palafox y Mendoza at 16:20 and proceed to Monumento de Carmen Serdan.

In **San Cristobal de las Casas, Chiapas**, the march is slated to start from Parque De La Bicicleta at 16: 20 and reach Plaza de la Paz.

In **Santiago de Queretaro, Queretaro**, the march will start from Plaza los Arcos from 15:00 and reach Palacio de Gobierno.

In **Tijuana, Baja California**, the march is scheduled to begin from Parque de la Torre Aguacaliente at 16:20 and proceed to Arco de Avenida Revolucion.

In **Tlaxcala de Xicohtencatl, Tlaxcala**, the march is slated to begin from Parque de Artesanias at 16:20 and proceed to the Palacia de Gobierno.

In **Xalapa, Veracruz**, the march is scheduled to start from the Teatro del Estado at 16:20 and reach Plaza Lerdo.

Assessments & Forecast

1. Based on previous marches held by civil society organizations associated with marijuana activism, including one on April 20 in Mexico City, as well as the Global Marijuana March on May 7, 2023, the upcoming demonstrations will potentially draw varying turnouts in the mid-dozens to high hundreds. Mexico City will likely witness the highest turnout between the mid-to-high hundreds.
2. Given precedent, the demonstrations are liable to transpire peacefully. Despite this, bolstered security forces are expected along the march routes, particularly on Avenida Reforma in Mexico City, and in the vicinity of protest locations to monitor proceedings and divert traffic.
3. While small-to-medium scale disruptions to traffic can be anticipated in a majority of the cities with slated marches, significant disruptions to vehicular and pedestrian traffic remain likely along Avenida Reforma in Mexico City, considering the expected turnouts and possible ad-hoc road closures.

Recommendations

Those operating or residing in the aforementioned cities in Mexico on May 4 are advised to allot for disruptions to travel owing to the slated marches during the slated timings.