

Meeting Date: 4/19/2016

Report Type: Staff/Discussion

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Title: Discussion of Upcoming Medical Marijuana Regulations

Location: Citywide

Recommendation: 1) Discuss some of the insight they have gained from the ongoing stakeholder meetings; and 2) provide feedback to staff in preparation for proposing regulations to the Committee in June.

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Attachments:

1-Description/Analysis

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Description/Analysis

Issue Detail: The State of California enacted several bills that created the Medical Marijuana Regulation and Safety Act (MMRSA) which went into effect in January 2016. Staff has been working with the Committee, City Council and stakeholders from the marijuana industry, business and neighborhood groups to get input on regulations that will be proposed and brought to the Committee in June. At this time, the Committee is asked to share its perspective on the upcoming proposed ordinance and regulations.

Policy Considerations: The City has licensed medical marijuana dispensaries for several years. Now that MMRSA has passed and become law, the Council can consider regulations for the manufacturing, cultivation, distribution and delivery of medical marijuana should it choose to do so. Currently, the Council has adopted a temporary cultivation ordinance and imposed a temporary moratorium until the proposed regulations are reviewed and approved.

Economic Impacts: Not applicable at this time.

Environmental Considerations: This activity is not subject to CEQA because it does not involve the exercise of discretionary powers by the city. (CEQA Guidelines § 15060.)

Sustainability: Not applicable.

Commission/Committee Action: The Law & Legislation Committee and the Planning Commission reviewed and approved ordinances related to medical marijuana dispensaries, cultivation and a temporary cultivation ban enacted to provide additional time to outreach to stakeholders for additional activities now permitted under MMRSA.

Rationale for Recommendation: Stakeholders including those from the marijuana industry, local business groups and residents have provided a great deal of input related to the potential for new medical marijuana-related businesses. At this time, staff is seeking suggestions from the Law & Legislation Committee to further inform the rulemaking process.

Financial Considerations: Not applicable.

Local Business Enterprise (LBE): Not applicable.