

Cannabis Cultivation Choices Committee (C4)
Convened by the Santa Cruz County Board of Supervisors
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Members

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October 26, 2015

Agenda: October 27, 2015

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Cannabis Cultivation Committee
701 Ocean Street, Room 520
Santa Cruz, CA 95060

Eric Hoffman
Third District

Nick Bulaich
Fourth District

Dear Members:

Eric Hammer
Fifth District

It is requested that the attached item be added to the agenda for consideration by your Committee. This request is made for the reasons specified below in accordance with provisions of the Brown Act as amended. (Please check one of the following criteria which, specifically, indicates the action requested.)

Colin Disheroon
Association for Standardized
Cannabis

D'Angelo C. Roberto
Responsible Cultivation
Santa Cruz

___ A. It is requested that the Board of Supervisors determine, by Majority Vote, that an emergency situation exists requiring prompt action due to the disruption of public facilities from one of the following:

Kim Sammet
Santa Cruz Mountains for
Sustainable Cannabis
Medicine

___ (a) A work stoppage or other activity which severely impairs public health, safety, or both; or

Patrick Malo
Cannabis Advocates
Alliance

___ (b) A crippling disaster which severely impairs public health, safety, or both.

Jason C. Sweatt
Santa Cruz Veterans
Alliance

X B. It is requested that the Cannabis Cultivation Choices Committee determine by two-thirds vote of its members present at the meeting that a need to take immediate action arose subsequent to the printed agenda being posted as follows:

Tom Burns
At-Large

Rahn Garcia
At-Large

Consideration of Letter by Supervisors Leopold and McPherson to set a Public Hearing to consider an interim ordinance to license the commercial cultivation of medical cannabis

Shebreh Kalantari-Johnson
At-Large

Consultant to C4

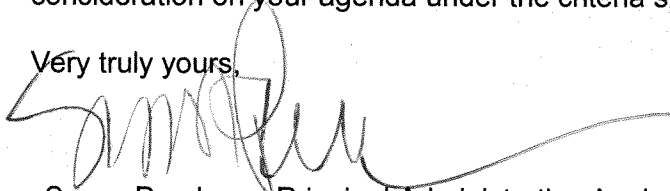
Eric Olsen
eric.olsen@scc4.us

It is therefore RECOMMENDED that your Committee accept this item for consideration on your agenda under the criteria specified above.

Staff to C4

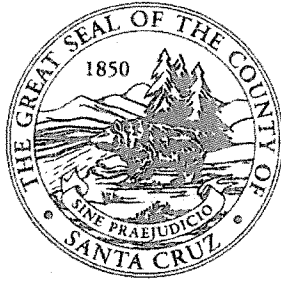
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Very truly yours,



Susan Pearlman, Principal Administrative Analyst
Staff to Cannabis Cultivation Choices Committee (C4)

Attachment



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AGENDA: 10/27/15

October 23, 2015

BOARD OF SUPERVISORS
County of Santa Cruz
701 Ocean Street
Santa Cruz, CA 95060

**RE: PUBLIC HEARING TO CONSIDER AN INTERIM
ORDINANCE TO LICENSE THE COMMERCIAL
CULTIVATION OF MEDICAL CANNABIS**

Dear Members of the Board:

In August of this year, the Board completed appointment of the 13-member Cannabis Cultivation Choices Committee (C4), charged with reviewing cultivation models and making policy recommendations to our Board to reasonably regulate the commercial cultivation of medical cannabis. The Committee has been working diligently, meeting every Tuesday for several hours to develop a common understanding of the law, the needs of cultivators, and the impacts of the practice in our community. They have a website (www.scc4.us) and all of the materials they have discussed are available for any member of the public to read.

Soon after the start of the C4 Committee, the State Legislature passed a suite of bills to finally develop a statewide regulatory system for cannabis. This long sought-after legislation was developed with strong support from local government, law enforcement, the cannabis community, and the Governor. The legislation covers many areas of commercial cannabis cultivation, distribution, and transportation and is premised on a licensing system. It also establishes the Bureau of Medical Marijuana Regulation and is designed to go into effect at the start of 2018.

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Although the legislation gives deference to local regulations in the area of cultivation, the legislation requires that local governments must have their own regulations in place by March 1, 2016, or the State will become the sole licensing authority for cannabis cultivation in Santa Cruz County. At this point it is unclear whether our limited immunity model would qualify as adequate local regulation. If we want to preserve our ability to craft local legislation, we must be prepared for adoption of new rules before the deadline.

The C4 Committee is charged with coming back with recommendations in December. Although their work might not be completely finished, our Board needs to begin the process of considering their initial recommendations and directing our counsel to craft regulations that would be recognized under the guidelines from the State. This would hopefully be done with the expectation that any interim ordinance the Board adopted would be refined and amended over time once we have an underlying framework in place, and have heard the input of the C4 Committee. Therefore, we recommend that the Board schedule a public hearing to be held at our meeting of December 8, 2015, at 1:30 p.m., to consider an interim ordinance for licensing the commercial cultivation of medical cannabis and to evaluate the future direction of the C4 Committee.

Sincerely,


JOHN LEOPOLD, Supervisor
First District


BRUCE MCPHERSON, Supervisor
Fifth District

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cc: Members, Cannabis Cultivation Choices Committee
Eric Olsen
County Administrative Office

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