



County of Santa Barbara

BOARD OF SUPERVISORS

Minute Order

May 13, 2025

Present: 4 - Supervisor Lee, Supervisor Capps, Supervisor Hartmann, and Supervisor Nelson
Absent 1 - Supervisor Lavagnino

COUNTY EXECUTIVE OFFICE

File Reference No. 25-00389

RE: Set a hearing to consider recommendations regarding an amendment to Chapter 50 of the County Code - Licensing of Cannabis Operations, as follows:
(Set a Hearing for June 3, 2025. Time Estimate: 1 hour)

a) Consider the introduction (First Reading) of an Ordinance of the Board of Supervisors of the County of Santa Barbara amending Chapter 50 to the Santa Barbara County Code, Licensing of Cannabis Operations pertaining to existing criminal background check and live scan requirements and proposed removal of the requirement for cannabis operators to provide a Metrc Application Programming Interface (API) key to the County;

b) Read the title and waive further reading of the Ordinance in full; and

c) Set a hearing on the Administrative Agenda of June 10, 2025 to consider recommendations, as follows:

i) Consider adoption (Second Reading) of an Ordinance of the Board of Supervisors of the County of Santa Barbara amending Chapter 50 to the Santa Barbara County Code, Licensing of Commercial Cannabis Operations pertaining to existing criminal background check and live scan requirements and proposed removal of the requirement for cannabis operators to provide a Metrc API key to the County; and

ii) Determine for the purposes of the California Environmental Quality Act (CEQA) that:

1) Pursuant to CEQA Guidelines Section 15168(c), these actions are within the scope of the Cannabis Land Use Ordinance and Licensing Program, and the Cannabis Land Use Ordinance and Licensing Program Final Programmatic Environmental Impact Report (PEIR) (17EIR-00000-00003, State Clearinghouse No. 2017071016) adequately describes this activity for the purposes of CEQA; and

2) Pursuant to CEQA Guidelines Section 15162(a), after considering the PEIR certified by the Board of Supervisors on February 6, 2018, that no subsequent EIR or Negative Declaration is required because: i) no substantial changes are proposed which require major revisions of the PEIR due to the involvement of new significant environmental impacts or a substantial increase in the severity of previously identified significant effects; ii) no substantial changes have occurred with



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respect to the circumstances under which the ordinance is undertaken which require major revisions of the PEIR due to the involvement of new significant environmental impacts or a substantial increase in the severity of previously identified significant effects; and iii) no new information of substantial importance concerning the ordinance's significant effects or mitigation measures, which was not known and could not have been known with the exercise of reasonable diligence at the time that the PEIR was certified, has been received that shows any of the elements of CEQA Guidelines Section 15162(a)(3) apply.

A motion was made by Supervisor Hartmann, seconded by Supervisor Lee, that this matter be set for a hearing, as follows: June 3, 2025 in Santa Barbara (EST. TIME 1 HR.). The motion carried by the following vote:

Ayes: 4 - Supervisor Lee, Supervisor Capps, Supervisor Hartmann, and Supervisor Nelson

Absent: 1 - Supervisor Lavagnino