



# PROPOSED ORDINANCE ESTABLISHING A NON- PERSONAL CANNABIS CULTIVATION AND RELATED OPERATIONS REGISTRY PROGRAM

Santa Barbara County Board of Supervisors  
April 4, 2017



# Background

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- January 2016 – Board approved a ban on cultivation of medical cannabis with an exemption for limited qualified personal grows and state compliant grow sites in existence prior to January 19, 2016
- February 2017 – Board directed staff to return with an Urgency Ordinance prohibiting non-medical cannabis operations and a registry system for past, current and intended future medical and non-medical cannabis operations
- Staff worked with Ad Hoc Subcommittee



# Goals of the Registry Program

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- Collect data on cannabis cultivation or related operations in the unincorporated area of the County,
- Inform studies including CEQA analysis & economic impact analysis, and
- Establish a pool of registrants that may receive priority review for possible County cannabis licenses if the County adopts cannabis regulations



# Implementation of the Registry

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- Not for individuals cultivating for personal use
- Online, data stored
- Two threshold questions:
  - ▣ Have you been cultivating?
  - ▣ Do you intend to engage in medical or non-medical cultivation or related operations after January 2018?
- If approved today with limited changes, Registry program will be open until June 30, 2017
- Each registrant will receive a registration number No cost to register. Cost of development of online registration was less than \$800 in staff time

# Information Collected in Registry



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## Past or Current Operations

- Personal contact info
- Unincorporated area
- Size of operation
- Indoor/Outdoor
- Water
- Neighboring uses
- Environmental considerations

## Intended Future Operations

- Personal contact info
- Intended license types
- Unincorporated area
- Size of operation
- Indoor/Outdoor
- Water
- Neighboring uses
- Environmental considerations



# Options for the Board

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- Accept registration form and registry program as presented
- Amend the cannabis registry form or program:
  - ▣ Goals
  - ▣ Implementation plan
  - ▣ Data being collected
- Direct staff to return with a different type of cannabis registry program



# Recommended Actions

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- Consider the introduction (first reading) of an “Ordinance of the County of Santa Barbara and waive further reading of the Ordinance; and
- Set a hearing on the Administrative Agenda of April 11, 2017, to consider adoption (second reading) of the ordinance;” and
- Receive and provide comments on the Registration Form to implement the Registry Program; and
- Find that the proposed actions are not a “project” as defined for the purposes of the CEQA under state Guidelines section 15378(b)(5).



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# Questions?