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Honorable Members of the City Council
c/o Office of the City Clerk
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SUBJECT: Fourth Revised Draft Ordinance Establishing Regulations Regarding Medical Marijuana Collectives in the City – CF 08-0923

Honorable Members:

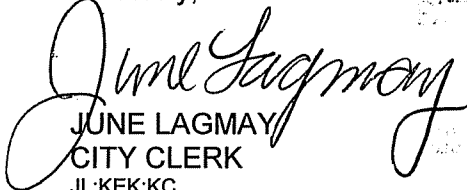
On October 20, 2009, the City Attorney transmitted to Council a Fourth Revised Draft Ordinance establishing regulations regarding Medical Marijuana Collectives. The City Clerk has responded to previous drafts of this ordinance, specifically as it pertains to registration procedures.

At the Planning and Land Use Management (PLUM) Committee meeting held on September 29, 2009, the Committee provided numerous instructions to amend the Third Revised Draft Ordinance. Among these recommendations was to incorporate alternative registration procedures (i.e., to identify alternatives to use of the City Clerk's Office as the registration point) which are now integrated in the Fourth Revised Draft Ordinance.

This Office supports the shift in registration responsibility, as instructed by the PLUM Committee, to an office other than the City Clerk. Registration of this type should appropriately be handled by a department which has existing registration responsibilities or which has an ongoing inspection or licensing function. The City Clerk has neither, as this Office is neither an enforcement agency nor has the capability to perform a registration function as complicated as that outlined in the proposed ordinance.

In conclusion, the City Clerk supports the material changes as contained in the Fourth Revised Draft Ordinance dated October 20, 2009 and the non-substantive changes that were made to improve clarity, such as the reorganization of the registration provisions under Section 45.19.6.2.

Sincerely,


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