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Summary: Request for action on medical marijuana regulation.



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**P.I.C.O. Neighborhood Council
Community Impact Statement for
[Council File 14-0366-S5](#)
related to Proposition D /
Medical Marijuana Dispensaries /
Adult Use of Medical Marijuana Act**



At its meeting on August 10, 2016, the P.I.C.O. Neighborhood Council board passed motion 2016.08.10.14b:

The oversaturation, proliferation and illegal operation of medical marijuana dispensaries is a major concern to many P.I.C.O. Neighborhood Council stakeholders.

We are grateful to Councilmembers Koretz, Martinez and Wesson for sponsoring a motion to instruct the Chief Legislative Analyst (CLA) and the City Administrative Officer (CAO) to report back with options for a March 2017 ballot measure that will allow Proposition D compliant dispensaries to conform to the newly-created medical marijuana state licensing system, increase penalties and enforcement to close down all illegal marijuana-related businesses, create a regulatory framework for the City to implement the Adult Use of Marijuana Act (AUMA) if approved in November, and extend Proposition D's gross receipts tax to all marijuana related businesses

We support an enhanced regulatory framework for medical marijuana dispensaries, and in particular, wish to relay our stakeholders' requests for stronger enforcement mechanisms to curb the operation and proliferation of illegal dispensaries.

Related to potential revisions to Prop D, some of the requests by our stakeholders include:

1. Continue regulation of limited immunity to 135 medical marijuana businesses (MMBs)
2. Stop new tax registration certificates for all new MMB requests (capping total MMB tax certificates at 135)
3. Fine landlords a non-disputed amount per day (i.e. \$1,000) if they rent/lease to an illegal MMB
4. Increase the operational distance:
 - a) between MMBs from 600 to 1000 feet
 - b) between MMBs and parks, childcare facilities and other designated places from 600 to 1000 feet
 - c) between MMB and schools from 1000 to 1500 feet
5. Establish a public hearing process for any new MMBs.

We support a strong ballot initiative/ordinance, reflective of the goals as outlined in Councilmembers Koretz, Martinez and Wesson's motion, and look forward to the release of the CLA/CAO's report.

This motion should be submitted as a Community Impact Statement to Council File 14-0366-S5.

Sincerely yours,

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