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The Board approved this CIS by a vote of: Yea(13) Nay(0) Abstain(0) Ineligible(0) Recusal(0)

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- Request for reasonable business density restrictions, to curb oversaturation of dispensaries; and
- Request that cannabis businesses be established and administered through a conditional use permitting process similar to alcohol licensing processes.



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December 15, 2016

**P.I.C.O. Neighborhood Council  
Community Impact Statement for  
[Council File 14-0366-S5](#) related to  
Proposition D / Medical Marijuana  
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**As the oversaturation, proliferation and illegal operation of marijuana businesses is a major concern to many of our stakeholders, we support an enhanced regulatory framework and stronger enforcement mechanisms for marijuana businesses**, and look forward to a strong ballot initiative/ordinance, reflective of the goals outlined in Councilmembers Koretz, Martinez and Wesson's motion.

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Sincerely yours,

  
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Traci Considine  
Chair, PICO Neighborhood Council Land Use Committee

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