

**SUBMITTAL TO THE BOARD OF SUPERVISORS
COUNTY OF RIVERSIDE, STATE OF CALIFORNIA**



FROM: Supervisor Kevin Jeffries

SUBMITTAL DATE:
September 8, 2016

SUBJECT: "Adult Use of Marijuana" Ballot Initiative Impact Analysis Request

RECOMMENDED MOTION: That the Board of Supervisors direct the Executive Office to:

- 1) Coordinate a multi-agency evaluation of the "Adult Use of Marijuana Act," which is now qualified for the November 2016 General Election, as well as the "Medical Marijuana Regulation and Safety Act (MMRSA)", which became law in 2015, including potential positive and negative impacts on the County
- 2) Report back in 60 days on a range of options Riverside County has available to respond to the potential passage of the initiative, as well as the MMRSA

BACKGROUND:

Summary

On June 28th, the California Secretary of State certified that the "Adult Use of Marijuana Act" (AUMA full text: http://www.oag.ca.gov/system/files/initiatives/pdfs/15-0103%20%28Marijuana%29_1.pdf) had collected sufficient valid signatures to qualify for the November 2016 General Election in California, and recent polling shows as much as 60% support for the legalization of marijuana in the state.
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Departmental Concurrence

Supervisor Kevin Jeffries
District 1

FINANCIAL DATA		Current Fiscal Year:	Next Fiscal Year:	Total Cost:	Ongoing Cost:	POLICY/CONSENT (per Exec. Office)
COST	\$	N/A	N/A	N/A	N/A	Consent <input type="checkbox"/> Policy <input type="checkbox"/>
NET COUNTY COST	\$	N/A	N/A	N/A	N/A	
SOURCE OF FUNDS:					Budget Adjustment: No	
					For Fiscal Year:	

C.E.O. RECOMMENDATION:

County Executive Office Signature

MINUTES OF THE BOARD OF SUPERVISORS

- A-30
- 4/5 Vote
- Positions Added
- Change Order

Prev. Agn. Ref.:

District: All

Agenda Number:

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FORM 11: Financial Evaluation of Supervisor-Generated Form 11s

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BACKGROUND:

Summary (continued)

Historically, Riverside County has strictly prohibited the growing and sale (including dispensaries) of marijuana entirely. Last year, the Board of Supervisors amended Ordinance 925 (<http://rctlma.org/Portals/3/content/Announcements/Ord.925.pdf>) to crack down on large commercial marijuana grows in the county, while exempting smaller grows for personal medicinal use for the first time under Prop 215. Last Summer, the Legislature passed a package of bills ("Medical Marijuana Regulation and Safety Act" or MMRSA) to better regulate and provide a framework for legal dispensaries and medical marijuana cultivation in California. To protect Riverside County's right to local control until it had the time to more fully evaluate our options, the Board approved Ordinance 928, re-affirming the county's previous bans on dispensaries and marijuana delivery services, in order to prevent the new state rules from taking effect automatically (<http://www.rivcocob.org/ords/900/928.pdf>).

Given the potential for passage of the AUMA, it is important that the Board of Supervisors is prepared for the possibility of marijuana legalization in California as well as the likelihood that there will be a great amount of public confusion about what will or will not become legal immediately in Riverside County, even though much of it won't take effect until 2018. To accomplish this goal, this proposal would direct the Executive Office to coordinate a multi-agency evaluation of the "Adult Use of Marijuana Act", as well as the previously passed "Medical Marijuana Regulation and Safety Act," so that the Board can evaluate any changes in ordinances or land use that might be necessary or advantageous to either continue existing restrictions, add new regulations, or take advantage of new revenue opportunities through the taxation of either the cultivation or sale of marijuana (medical or otherwise) under the new state laws.

This evaluation should include (together or separately) Code Enforcement, County Counsel, District Attorney, Economic Development Agency, Public Health, County Sheriff's Office, Planning and the Finance Director with each discussing how AUMA and MMRSA might best be responded to, implemented, or overseen by their agency.

Impact on Citizens and Businesses

These reports will help inform the public on how the passage of MMRSA and the potential passage of AUMA may impact the County of Riverside.