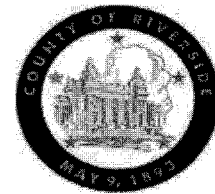


**SUBMITTAL TO THE BOARD OF SUPERVISORS
COUNTY OF RIVERSIDE, STATE OF CALIFORNIA**



ITEM
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(ID # 2968)

MEETING DATE:
Tuesday, November 15, 2016

FROM : EXECUTIVE OFFICE:

SUBJECT: EXECUTIVE OFFICE: Continuation of the "Adult Use of Marijuana" Ballot Initiative Impact Analysis Report to December 6, 2016. [\$0]

RECOMMENDED MOTION: That the Board of Supervisors: Continue to December 6th, 2016 the request to report back on the range of options Riverside County has available to respond to the potential passage of Proposition 64, as well as the MMRSA established Agenda Item 3-53 on September 13th, 2016.

Brian Nestande
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FINANCIAL DATA	Current Fiscal Year:	Next Fiscal Year:	Total Cost:	Ongoing Cost
COST	\$ N/A	\$ N/A	\$ N/A	\$ N/A
NET COUNTY COST	\$ N/A	\$ N/A	\$ N/A	\$ N/A
SOURCE OF FUNDS: N/A			Budget Adjustment:	N/A
			For Fiscal Year:	N/A

C.E.O. RECOMMENDATION: [CEO use]

MINUTES OF THE BOARD OF SUPERVISORS

On motion of Supervisor Ashley, seconded by Supervisor Jeffries and duly carried, IT WAS ORDERED that the above matter is approved as recommended to continue the report back to December 6, 2016.

Ayes: Jeffries, Benoit and Ashley
Nays: None
Absent: Tavaglione and Washington
Date: November 15, 2016
xc: EO, COB

Kecia Harper-Ihem
Clerk of the Board
By *[Signature]*
Deputy

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BACKGROUND:

Summary

On June 28th, the California Secretary of State certified that the "Adult Use of Marijuana Act" (AUMA) had collected sufficient valid signatures to qualify for the November 2016 General Election in California. Recent polling of Proposition 64 shows as much support as 60% for the legalization of marijuana in the state.

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 its 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 certain key provisions will not 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 may 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.

Impact on Residents and Businesses

Continuation of this item to December 6, 2016 will allow for a more accurate description of the impacts that will come as a result of a possible passing of proposition 64 and the MMRSA.