

**REPORT FROM THE CITY COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF COTATI  
PURSUANT TO CALIFORNIA GOVERNMENT CODE SECTION 65858(d)**

On December 12, 2017, following a report from City staff and opportunity for public comment, the City Council of the City of Cotati adopted an interim ordinance as an urgency measure pursuant to California Government Code Section 65858. Ordinance 880 established a 45-day moratorium on commercial activities related to cannabis, and permitted the continued legal operation of the existing cannabis dispensary. A City Council public hearing is scheduled for November 23, 2018, to consider extension of the ordinance for a period of 10 months and 15 days, or until they are replaced by the permanent regulations.

California Government Code Section 65858(d) provides that at least ten days before expiration of an interim ordinance or any extension, the legislative body shall issue a written report describing the measures taken to alleviate the condition which led to adoption of the interim ordinance(s).

The subject interim ordinances were adopted in order to allow sufficient time for the City of Cotati to receive community input and for the City Council to study whether to permanently regulate commercial marijuana activities in the wake of voter adoption on November 8, 2016 of Proposition 64, the Adult Use of Marijuana Act (“AUMA”), which was further amended by Senate Bill 92.

Earlier in 2017, the City held several public workshops to better understand the community priorities around cannabis. Based on information received at these public workshops, the City Council placed a cannabis business tax ordinance on the ballot for November 7, 2017. The cannabis business tax was ultimately authorized by the voters of Cotati. The City also held public hearings on draft cannabis regulations at the Planning Commission on October 2, 2017 as well as the City Council, on October 24, 2017. Since December 12, 2017, City staff have continued to work diligently on finalizing the permanent marijuana regulations and targeting final adoption in January or February of 2018.