

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

On December 13, 2016, following a report from City staff and opportunity for public comment, the City Council of the City of Cotati adopted two interim ordinances as urgency measures pursuant to California Government Code Section 65858. Ordinances 865 and 866 established a 45-day moratorium on the indoor cultivation of nonmedical marijuana except under specified circumstances, and a 45-day moratorium on outdoor marijuana cultivation. These ordinances were subsequently extended by 10 months and 15 days by the City Council on January 24, 2017. A City Council public hearing is scheduled for November 28, 2017, to consider extension of the ordinances for a period of 1 year, 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 the indoor and outdoor cultivation of nonmedical marijuana 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.

Since December 13, 2016, City staff have conducted 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. Based on direction received at these public hearings, staff is currently drafting the final regulations for adoption in January or February 2018.