

**CITY OF SANTA PAULA  
MEMORANDUM**

To: Honorable Mayor and Members of the City Council

From: John Cotti, City Attorney  
Michael Rock, City Manager

Subject: Establishing an Ad Hoc Committee to Recommend Regulations on the Consumption, Sales, Transportation, Cultivation, Manufacturing, Testing, Distribution, and Dispensing of Cannabis

Date: July 17, 2017

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**Recommendation:** It is recommended that the City Council: (1) Adopt Resolution No. 7068 establishing the Ad Hoc Committee to Recommend Regulations on the Consumption, Sales, Transportation, Cultivation, Manufacturing, Testing, Distribution, and Dispensing of Cannabis; (2) Appoint two members of the Council to serve on the Committee; and (3) take such additional, related action that may be desirable.

**Report by:** John Cotti, City Attorney and Michael Rock, City Manager

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**Fiscal Impacts:** There are no direct fiscal impacts associated with this action.

**Personnel Impacts:** Staff liaison for the Committee would be Michael Rock, City Manager, Steve McLean, Police Chief and John Cotti, City Attorney

**General Discussion:** In November, 2016, voters in the State of California passed the Control, Regulate, and Tax Adult Use of Marijuana Act (“AUMA”). The AUMA legalizes the use of nonmedical cannabis by persons 21 years of age or older and the personal cultivation of up to six cannabis plants.

Beginning on January 1, 2018, the AUMA makes it legal to sell and distribute cannabis through a regulated and licensed business. The AUMA contains provisions allowing for local regulation and taxation of commercial cannabis activities and outdoor cultivation.

The City currently has in place a prohibition on both medical and recreational cannabis cultivation, distribution and dispensing within the City.

Although no formal action has been taken, the City Council desires to discuss the exploration of regulations authorizing the sales, transportation, cultivation, on-site consumption, manufacturing, testing, and distribution and/or dispensing of medical and recreational cannabis within the City.

Attached Resolution No. 7068 establishes the Ad Hoc Committee and sets forth its responsibilities.

**Alternatives:**

1. Approve the Proposed Action;
2. Deny the Proposed Action;
3. Provide Staff with direction

**Attachments:**

Resolution 7068 Creating an Ad Hoc Cannabis Committee 07.17.19