

In Memoriam

Alexander James Wheelock Zavell

February 19, 1991 – January 11, 2017

Whereas, **Alex Zavell** was born to Stephen Zavell and Angela Dahl on February 19, 1991 in Berkeley, California; and

Whereas, **Alex Zavell** was a nationally-ranked policy debater for his high school Head Royce; and

Whereas, **Alex Zavell** devoted countless hours to making the same opportunities available to other students, and worked closely with the Atlanta and Bay Area Urban Debate Leagues to help provide students with access to debate education as a teacher, volunteer, and fundraiser; and

Whereas, **Alex Zavell** excelled in his policy and regulatory work with cannabis attorney Robert Raich, combining detailed technical knowledge with a strong commitment to values and principles; and

Whereas, **Alex Zavell** believed in a cannabis industry that prioritized social justice, provided access to patients, supported a large number of independent businesses, and he worked tirelessly to achieve those aims; and

Whereas, **Alex Zavell** was committed to building community and his energetic presence and ability to understand different points of view made him an instrumental figure in the cannabis community; and

Whereas **Alex Zavell**, just 25 years old, made an enormous impact on both the people around him and on cannabis policy throughout the state. His presence cannot be replaced, but his memory serves as a reminder to the agency we have to make positive change in our community and in the world; and, now,

Therefore, this Board of Supervisors, County of Alameda, State of California does hereby give the Zavell and Dahl family our deepest sympathy on the untimely and unfortunate passing of **Alex Zavell** and extend our appreciation.

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January 24, 2017

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