

C O U N T Y A D M I N I S T R A T O R



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COUNTY ADMINISTRATOR

January 11, 2022

Honorable Board of Supervisors
County of Alameda
1221 Oak Street, Suite 536
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Dear Board Members:

SUBJECT: ADOPT THE FOLLOWING RECOMMENDATION FROM THE PERSONNEL, ADMINISTRATION, AND LEGISLATION (PAL) COMMITTEE

RECOMMENDATION:

Adopt, in accordance with the County's 2021-2022 Legislative Platform, the recommendation of your Personnel, Administration, and Legislation (PAL) Committee from its meeting on January 10, 2022:

- A. Submit Comment Letter in Support of State Cannabis Cultivation Tax Reform

DISCUSSION:

District 4 Supervisor Nate Miley requests a comment letter to be submitted to Governor Newsom and members of the California Legislature in support of State Cannabis Cultivation Tax Reform, urging the elimination of the cultivation tax and establishment of a regulated environment for commercial cannabis activities.

The current regulatory structure for the cannabis industry is overly-complex and imposes high taxation rates. Cultivation tax reform will create access equity for new operators of diverse backgrounds within the cannabis industry and help to reduce barriers that perpetuate an illicit market for cannabis.

FINANCING:

Approval of this recommendation will have no impact on net County cost.

VISION 2026 GOAL:

By working with our legislative delegation, associations, departments and advocates, this recommendation meets the County's shared vision of a **Prosperous & Vibrant Economy**.

Very truly yours,



Susan S. Muranishi
County Administrator

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cc: County Counsel
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