



Memorandum

TO: CITY COUNCIL
FROM: MAYOR CHUCK REED
SUBJECT: MEDICAL MARIJUANA
DATE: APRIL 11, 2011

APPROVED:

Chuck Reed

DATE:

4/11/11

RECOMMENDATIONS:

With regards to proposed amendments to Title 20, I recommend the following for City Council review and deliberation:

- a. Limit the location of Medical Marijuana collectives to parcels zoned Commercial General, Downtown Primary Commercial and Combined Industrial Commercial;
- b. Comply with AB 2650 distance requirements for schools and require the same distance requirements as are currently required for liquor stores for all other sensitive uses.

BACKGROUND:

I have a strong interest in preserving the integrity of our prime employment centers. The economic recovery is underway and every effort ought to be made to protect our Industrial Park, Light Industrial and Heavy Industrial areas to attract driving industry corporations, suppliers and service providers. The City Council has done well to set up programs that allow San Jose to capture our share of the Silicon Valley job growth. We must not put constraints on our economic development goals and set ourselves up to be non-competitive with other neighboring cities. Allowing sensitive receptors (people with serious health problems) to congregate in industrial areas will create conflicts with companies that use hazardous materials and generate additional noticing, reporting and handling requirements for such businesses.