



Memorandum

TO: CITY COUNCIL

FROM: Mayor Chuck Reed
Councilmember Sam Liccardo
Councilmember Pierluigi Oliverio
Councilmember Rose Herrera

SUBJECT: MEDICAL MARIJUANA
DISPENSARIES

DATE: February 3, 2012

Approved

Date

2/3/12

RECOMMENDATIONS

Direct staff to deploy our enforcement resources on the highest priorities, which are:

1. Dispensaries that are creating nuisance activity for their neighbors including, but not limited to, conduct regulated by Municipal Code Chapter 1.13 Administrative Nuisance Abatement, and Chapter 9.44 Regulation of Smoking;
2. Dispensaries that are not paying taxes; and
3. Dispensaries too close to schools under state law.

If our current efforts and funding are not sufficient to address the problems associated with medical marijuana dispensaries, bring a recommendation to add funding to the City Council during the budget process with a modification of MBA #30.

BACKGROUND

In January 2011, our Finance Department estimated the number of marijuana dispensaries at more than 100. We acknowledge that our current resources will not allow us to take enforcement actions against all of them. For this reason, we must focus on the dispensaries causing the most problems and generating complaints.