



# Memorandum

**TO:** HONORABLE MAYOR AND  
CITY COUNCIL

**FROM:** Councilmember Rose Herrera  
Councilmember Johnny Khamis

**SUBJECT:** SEE BELOW

**DATE:** December 12, 2014

**APPROVE**

*Rose Herrera DB.*  
*Councilmember Johnny Khamis D.F.*

**DATE**

*12/12/14*

**SUBJECT: Actions Related to the Medical Marijuana Regulatory Program: Enforcement Report**

## RECOMMENDATION

Direct staff to:

- 1) Return to Council with the resources required to provide due process while expediting the shut down of medical marijuana facilities that violate our Medical Marijuana Regulatory Program.
- 2) Return to Council with ways in which the City can streamline the hearing process.
- 3) Schedule a study session on medical marijuana issues.

## BACKGROUND

On June 17, 2014 Council approved the Medical Marijuana Regulatory Program that regulates medical marijuana facilities. While the staffing plan before Council on December 16 provides a way to regulate facilities that complies with the program, enforcement for facilities that refuse or attempt to evade regulation must have a staffing plan as well. A plan that comes back to council specifying how many dispensaries are targeted to close and how long it will take to accomplish the closure will go a long way to understanding what resources we would require to achieve an expedited process.

We don't need duplicate hearing processes. Streamlining will expedite the process and save resources.

Looking forward we must also recognize that new Councilmembers will be joining us in January. With the potential of state and city wide ballot measures dealing with medical marijuana on the horizon for 2016 it is important that our new colleagues get up to speed on the nuances of both our current program and the state and federal framework it was created within as soon as possible. A study session that would allow the Council to sit down and discuss the various moving parts of the issue would be the most efficient way to accomplish this.