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HONORABLE MAYOR AND CITY COUNCIL
City of Long Beach
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RECOMMENDATION:

Recommendation to declare ordinance amending the Long Beach Municipal Code by adding Chapter 5.89 prohibiting the establishment and operation of medical marijuana dispensaries within the City of Long Beach and by repealing Chapter 5.87 relating to medical marijuana collectives, read the first time and laid over to the next regular meeting of the City Council for final reading; declaring the urgency thereof and declaring that this ordinance shall take effect immediately. (Citywide)

DISCUSSION:

Pursuant to the direction of the City Council at the closed session held on October 11, 2011, attached for your consideration is an ordinance that would repeal the City's existing medical marijuana regulations (Chapter 5.87) and would at the same time enact a ban on medical marijuana collectives and dispensaries citywide (Chapter 5.89).

The attached ordinance is brought as an urgency measure that would go into effect immediately if enacted. The recent Court of Appeal decision in the case of *Pack v. City of Long Beach* has essentially eliminated the City's ability to effectively regulate dispensaries and collectives. Immediate action is required in order to curtail the further proliferation of the uses that the City no longer has the ability to regulate or control.


SUGGESTED ACTION:

Approve recommendation.

Very truly yours,

ROBERT E. SHANNON, City Attorney

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