



Legislation Text

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Recommendation to: 1) request City Attorney to draft an ordinance amending the Long Beach Municipal Code (Chapter 5.89) to extend the exemption for those collectives previously exempt until the California Supreme Court rules on *Pack v. Long Beach*, or unless said collectives are determined to be non-compliant; and 2) request City Manager to direct the police department to work with all appropriate local and state agencies to shut down and prosecute all non-exempt collectives.

On February 14, 2012, the city council voted to ban all medical marijuana collectives in the City of Long Beach. After much debate and discussion by the City Council, staff and public, a temporary exemption was granted to “those applicants of certain dispensaries or cultivation sites that were successful participants in a lottery conducted by the City on September 20, 2010.”

Included in the discussion of the exemptions were three explicit legislative intentions: a) Not to have a total ban that would unduly harm and interfere with patient’s rights to safe access, b) offer an extension of the exemption for those qualified collectives that proved to be good neighbors in compliance with the spirit and intent of the previous ordinance , and c) wait until clarity was offered from the State Supreme Court concerning the *Pack v. Long Beach* case.

The fiscal impact of this item is unknown at this time.

Approve recommendation.

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