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Background

- ▶ **November 8, 2016** - Prop 65 / Medicinal and Adult-Use Cannabis Regulation and Safety Act (MAUCRSA)
 - ▶ Passed by a vote of 57% to 43%
 - ▶ Legalizing the sale and distribution of cannabis in both a dry and concentrated form.
 - ▶ Adults are allowed to possess up to one ounce of cannabis for recreational use and can grow up to six live plants individually or more commercially with a license.
- ▶ **March 15, 2017** - Board of Supervisors enacted a local ban on medical and non-medical cannabis facilities, blocking access to recreational and medical cannabis within unincorporated areas of the County.
- ▶ **January 27, 2021** - Board of Supervisors directed staff to develop Measures To Provide Economic Access And Equity In The Cannabis Industry

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Program Goal - Outreach

- ▶ Conduct robust stakeholder outreach to help develop all recommendations, and explore program components such as the
 - ▶ Social Equity Program,
 - ▶ Onsite Consumption, and the
 - ▶ Permitting Program,
- ▶ Engage with social and racial justice advocates, farmers, and potential cannabis permit holders



Transparency with the community



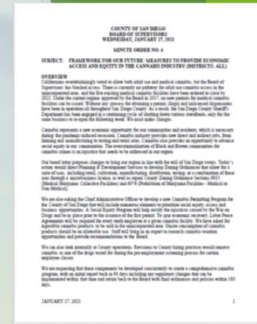
Conduct robust stakeholder outreach



Receive community feedback



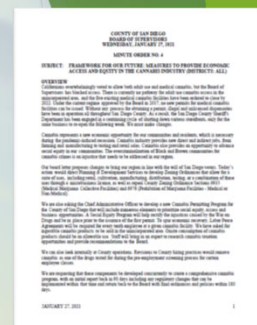
Identify issues, concerns, opportunities and solutions



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Program Goal - Zoning Ordinance

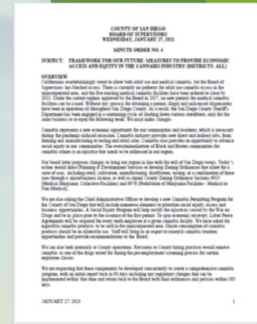
- ▶ Develop Zoning Ordinances that would allow for Cannabis:
 - ▶ Retail in areas zoned commercial and industrial.
 - ▶ Cultivation in areas zoned for agriculture.
 - ▶ Manufacturing in areas zoned for industrial.
 - ▶ Distribution in areas zoned for industrial.
 - ▶ Testing allowed in areas zoned for industrial.
 - ▶ Microbusiness in areas zoned for agriculture, commercial or industrial.



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Program Goal - Permitting System

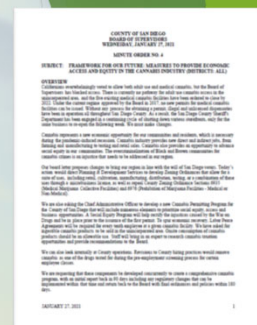
- ▶ Develop a new cannabis permitting system that:
 - ▶ Creates County Operating Permits for Retail (Storefront and/or Non-Storefront), Cultivation, Manufacturing, Distribution, and Testing; or a County operating permit for a Microbusiness license.
 - ▶ Requires the issuance of Local Peace Agreements after the tenth employee.
 - ▶ Allows for the sale of ingestible cannabis products, including edible and drinkable products
 - ▶ Allows for onsite consumption of cannabis products at specific cannabis facilities and at permitted events.



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Program Goal - Enforcement

- ▶ Existing Enforcement
- ▶ Board Action / Program Goals
- ▶ Future Enforcement



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Program Goal - Social Equity

- ▶ Develop a new cannabis permitting system that contains a “Social Equity Program”

“...provide individuals with past cannabis arrests and/or convictions, and those that were low income and lived in high arrest communities or “Disproportionately Impacted Area” by providing such individuals with greater opportunities to secure a County operating permit, and is in place prior to the issuance of a County operating permit.”

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Stakeholder Outreach

- ▶ CPG/CSG Chairs
- ▶ Cities/Elected Leaders
- ▶ Residents, Public (at large) & CPG Members
- ▶ Law Enforcement (Federal & Local)
- ▶ Equity, Advocates & Social Justice
- ▶ Business / Economic / Cannabis Industry / Growers (legal & personal)
- ▶ Safety / Opposition
- ▶ Farm Bureau / Ag
- ▶ Community Organizations
- ▶ Environmental / Land Management

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Feedback from Other Jurisdictions

- ▶ CEQA review up-front by County versus on the applicant
- ▶ Sensitive Site Setbacks
- ▶ Retailer to Retailer Setbacks
- ▶ Agricultural to Residential Setback
- ▶ License Limits
- ▶ Acreage Limits for Cultivation

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A hand holding a cannabis leaf against a sunset background. The sun is low on the horizon, creating a bright glow and lens flare. The background shows a field of crops under a clear sky. The text "Open Discussion" is overlaid in green on the left side of the image.

Open Discussion

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State Resources

- ▶ **Medicinal and Adult-Use Cannabis Regulation and Safety Act (MAUCRSA)**
 - ▶ CalCannabis Cultivation Licensing (CA Dept of Food and Agriculture)
 - ▶ Bureau of Cannabis Control (CA Dept of Consumer Affairs)
 - ▶ Manufactured Cannabis Safety Branch (CA Dept of Public Health)
- ▶ **CA Cultivation Law**
 - ▶ By-right (personal use) - 6 plants
 - ▶ Medical Marijuana - 6 mature plants, 12 immature plants
- ▶ **California Cannabis Track-and-Trace (CCTT) system - Metrc System**
 - ▶ Unique Identifier Tags (UID) for plant, packages, products
 - ▶ Identifies taxable events

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County Resources

- ▶ **Website**
<https://www.sandiegocounty.gov/content/sdc/pds/Cannabis.html>
 - ▶ Updates - Key Dates & Information
 - ▶ Access to Stakeholder Input Summaries / Perspectives
 - ▶ GovDelivery (Mass Email) sign-up link
 - ▶ Infographics
 - ▶ FAQs
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