County of San Diego Board of Supervisors
AGENDA ITEM INFORMATION SHEET

AGENDA ITEM SUBJECT/TITLE:
CANNABIS SOCIAL EQUITY PROGRAM

REQUIRES FOUR VOTES:	**Yes** ☐	**No** ☑
WRITTEN DISCLOSURE PER COUNTY CHARTER SECTION §1000.1 REQUIRED:	**Yes** ☐	**No** ☑
NOTICED PUBLIC HEARING REQUIRED:	**Yes** ☐	**No** ☑
PROJECT UNDER CEQA:	**Yes** ☐	**No** ☑
If Yes, approval of CEQA document required?	**Yes** ☐	**No** ☐
DECISION WITHIN GOVERNMENT CODE SECTION 84308:	**Yes** ☐	**No** ☑

PREVIOUS RELEVANT BOARD ACTIONS:
On January 27, 2021 (4), the County of San Diego (County) Board of Supervisors (Board) directed the Chief Administrative Officer to develop a Zoning Ordinance amendment that allows for a variety of cannabis uses. The Board also directed staff to develop a new Social Equity Program and secure grant funding to support implementation that will include numerous elements to prioritize equity, access, and business opportunities to help rectify the injustices caused by the War on Drugs and be in a place prior to the issuance of the first permit. The Board requested that all program components (a Social Equity Program, a Zoning Ordinance amendment, and a permitting system) be developed concurrently to create a comprehensive Socially Equitable Cannabis Permitting System. The following is a timetable of activities that have informed the development of the Social Equitable Cannabis program thus far.

On October 20, 2021 (8), the Board of Supervisors voted to remove the sunset date from the permits of the five operating dispensaries, allowing them to relocate and expand facility size. According to a report conducted by the Office of Business Research and Analysis (OBRA) at California State University San Marcos there are nine (9) cities within San Diego County that do not permit the commercial sale of cannabis in its jurisdiction. Those cities include Coronado, Del Mar, El Cajon, Escondido, Poway, San Marcos, Santee, Solana Beach, and National City. Cities within San Diego County that do permit medicinal-only cannabis businesses include Lemon Grove, Oceanside, and Vista. Cities that permit both medicinal and adult-use cannabis businesses include Chula Vista, Imperial Beach, La Mesa, Encinitas, and San Diego.

BOARD POLICIES APPLICABLE:
N/A

BOARD POLICY STATEMENTS:
N/A

MANDATORY COMPLIANCE:
N/A

ORACLE AWARD NUMBER(S) AND CONTRACT AND/OR REQUISITION NUMBER(S):
N/A

ORIGINATING DEPARTMENT: Office of Equity and Racial Justice

OTHER CONCURRENCE(S): N/A

INTERNAL REVIEW COMPLETED: **YES** ☑ **NO** ☐

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