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## **San Joaquin County Agrees to Explore Options on Cannabis Regulations**

### ***Current Ban on Cultivation and Commercial Businesses Remains in Effect***

(Stockton, CA) The San Joaquin County Board of Supervisors voted Tuesday to approve a motion directing staff to explore the creation of an ordinance allowing the establishment of commercial cannabis businesses in an industrial-zoned business park setting in the unincorporated County.

As part of this action, staff was directed to examine a business park model where cannabis cultivation, dispensaries, distribution, manufacturing and testing could occur, as well as to explore other additional considerations.

In addition to locating the cannabis businesses in a business park in an industrial zone, County Supervisor Tom Patti's motion included a recommendation that the cannabis businesses should be required to be public benefit corporations that have agreed to donate a portion of their profits to local non-profit organizations.

#### ***The Board also directed staff to:***

- Develop a measure to tax cannabis businesses,
- Develop an ordinance to regulate personal cultivation of cannabis, and to
- Coordinate and develop a proposal for the creation of a County office tasked with regulating all cannabis activities in the unincorporated County.

"It is vitally important," said San Joaquin County Counsel Mark Myles "that those people who want to be part of this industry not get ahead of the Board. The current ban on cultivation and commercial cannabis businesses in the unincorporated county continues to remain in effect. No commercial cannabis business will be permitted in the County until after the Board adopts a new ordinance, which is expected to occur before the end of the year. Anyone operating a commercial cannabis business in San Joaquin County – whether cultivation, dispensary, or other state license type is committing a crime."

For information about the San Joaquin County Cannabis Policy Project, visit [www.sjccannabis.org](http://www.sjccannabis.org).

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