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## **CANNABIS POLICY COMMUNITY MEETINGS - JULY 18**

### ***City holding listening sessions to consider local policies for adult use***

STOCKTON, Calif. – The City of Stockton Community Development Department will host two community meetings to gather ideas, needs and concerns about local policies and ordinances to address state law that allows adults to legally purchase and use cannabis in California.

#### **Community Cannabis Listening Sessions, Wednesday, July 18, 2018**

**2:00 – 4:00 p.m., Weston Ranch Library, 1453 W. French Camp Rd., or**

**5:30 – 7:30 p.m., Cesar Chavez Central Library, 605 N. El Dorado St.**

“Since California voters approved legalizing marijuana in 2016, we have been looking at how the state would move forward with implementation and what that means for our community,” said Community Development Director David Kwong. “Local governments can adopt policies and laws about the way land is used and business licensing decisions, and we want to hear from the community about what makes sense for Stockton.”

Stockton voters first approved the business license tax on medical marijuana sales in November 2010, and the City approved the licensing of up to three dispensaries. In November 2016, Stockton voters expressed support for increasing the number of medical

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cannabis dispensaries to four with an equal number of separate cultivation business locations. Both medical cannabis sales and cultivation sites have regulations covering operations and location limitations, based on zoning and distance from other sensitive uses, business licensing, and other parameters identified in Stockton Municipal Code (SMC) Section 5. Also in November 2016, California voters approved Proposition 64, the Adult Use of Marijuana Act. City Council can amend and adopt changes to the existing City ordinances to accommodate what was approved under state law.

All members of the community are encouraged to participate in the meetings on July 18. At the meetings, those with smart devices, cell phones and tablets will be able to contribute to the discussion using technology for data collection. Traditional methods of participation will be made available for those without technology devices.

The same information will be discussed at both meetings. Representatives from the City's Community Development Department will share status and information about Stockton's current ordinances, state law, and community discussion and sharing of ideas about best to update local policies and ordinances.

For additional information, please visit [www.stocktonca.gov/cannabis](http://www.stocktonca.gov/cannabis) or call 209-937-8270.

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