

# Cannabis Town Hall Meeting

## Board of Supervisors

July/August 2016



# Cannabis Ad Hoc Committee

## Supervisors Carrillo and Gorin

- Formed to provide policy direction compatible with the Medical Cannabis Regulation and Safety Act
- Goals:
  - Preserve our environmental resources
  - Protect the public health and safety
  - Enable beneficial economic participation



# Constituent Feedback

- Public safety concerns in residential areas
- Desire for a path for current cultivators to come into compliance
- Manage odor/nuisance issues
- Consider patient access/personal grows
- Reduce environmental impacts
- Protect public health and welfare
- Limit overly burdensome, expensive compliance



# Collaboration

- North Coast Counties
  - Sonoma, Mendocino, Humboldt, Lake, Del Norte and Trinity
  - California State Association of Counties Challenge Award
- Building city partnerships



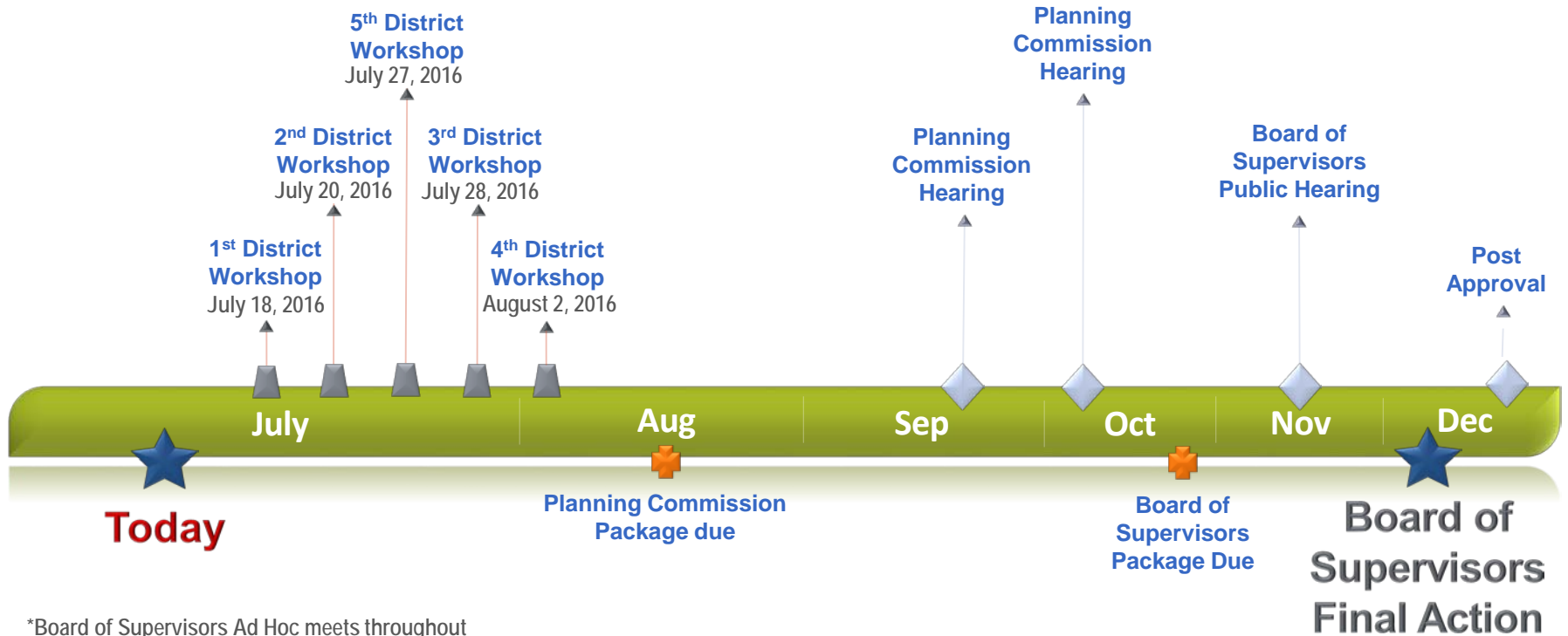
# New State Law

- Medical Cannabis Regulation and Safety Act (MCRSA) provides framework for regulation of commercial cannabis
- Regulations expected January 1, 2018

<b>Cultivation</b>	<b>Delivery</b>	<b>Transportation</b>	<b>Manufacturing</b>
<b>Environmental issues</b>	<b>Enforcement and penalties</b>	<b>Advertising and labeling</b>	<b>Workplace restrictions</b>
<b>Appellation and organic</b>	<b>Fees and taxation</b>	<b>Safety</b>	<b>Tracking and tracing</b>



# Process & Timeline



\*Board of Supervisors Ad Hoc meets throughout

\*Cannabis Technical Advisory Committee meets throughout



# Your Input

Community input has been provided at the January 25<sup>th</sup> Town Hall meeting, through individual meetings, and via emails to [cannabis@Sonoma-county.org](mailto:cannabis@Sonoma-county.org).

Provide feedback and input tonight

Take our online survey

All input will inform upcoming cannabis regulations.



# Technical Advisory Committee

## County Department Representatives

- Agriculture & Environment
- Enforcement
- Health & Human Services
- Jobs & Economic Development
- Taxation & Revenue





# Agriculture & Environment

Focus on cultivation regulation.

- Considerations
  - Location of grows
  - Environmental impacts
  - Conversion of industrial and agricultural land
  - Environmental review
- Deliverables
  - Zoning and permit requirements for all industry activities
  - Best management practices (BMPs)



# Agriculture & Environment

## Questions

- Where should commercial cannabis cultivation be permitted?
- What environmental impacts most concern you?
- What best practices address impacts and concerns?



# Enforcement

Advise on safety and enforceability of regulations.

- Issues and Considerations
  - Neighborhood safety
  - Enforcement processes
  - Inspections
  - Incentivizing compliance



# Enforcement

## Questions

- What are your greatest public safety concerns?
- What security measures and enforcement efforts would most effectively address safety concerns?
- What policies (incentives/penalties) would most effectively encourage compliance?



# Health & Human Services

- Advise on public health and safety impacts of potential regulations.
- Assess impacts to health and human services.
- Develop mitigation measures for anticipated impacts.
- Develop and implement education and outreach programs.



# Health & Human Services

## Questions

- What concerns do you have regarding impacts to health and human services?
- How do we prevent youth use?
- How do we prevent accidental exposure or consumption?



# Jobs & Economic Development

- Economic Impact Task Force
- Economic Impact Report
- Education of business community
- Workforce capacity and impact assessment



# Jobs & Economic Development

## Questions

- What are the potential economic opportunities and impacts of commercial cannabis?
- What can local government do to protect existing industries and maintain a diverse economy?
- What is needed to help existing cultivators become compliant?
- What types of job training programs are most needed?





# Taxation & Revenue

- Taxes

- Tax options
- Resources to address impacts

- Fees

- Permits / licenses
- Monitoring / enforcement
- Impact fees



# Taxation & Revenue

## Questions

- Do you support a tax on medical cannabis?
- How should potential tax revenues be expended?
- If recreational cannabis is legalized in California, should it be taxed differently than medical cannabis?



# Next Steps

- Complete Town Hall meetings throughout the County to gather input to inform drafting of regulations for the cannabis industry
  - Other ways to provide input:
    - Survey: <https://www.surveymonkey.com/r/6YBKMSR>
    - Email: [cannabis@sonoma-county.org](mailto:cannabis@sonoma-county.org)
    - Attend a public hearing: <http://sonomacounty.ca.gov/cannabis/>
- Planning Commission Public Hearing Process
- Board of Supervisors Public Hearing Process



# Thank You!

