



OF SANTA CLARA COUNTY
March 28, 2014

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Honorable Lou Correa
Member of the California Senate
State Capitol Sacramento, CA 95814

RE: SB 1262 (Correa) Medical Marijuana Regulation - SUPPORT

Dear Senator Correa:

On behalf of the Cities Association of Santa Clara County, I am writing you to express support for SB 1262. Thank you for prioritizing regulation of medical marijuana for our communities in a system that provides a responsible, health-based regulation, addresses public safety concerns, and includes important health and safety requirements.

The Cities Association of Santa Clara County is a collaborative organization that represents the mutual interests of the diverse 15 cities of Santa Clara County and advocates for positive action to enhance the quality of life for the people of our county. We recognize the need for inclusive and substantial reform of California's medical marijuana laws as defined by the Compassionate Use Act of 1996 (Proposition 215) and SB 420 (2003).

The Cities Association of Santa Clara County strongly supports Senate Bill 1262 as it establishes an improved regulatory structure to ensure that Prop. 215 works as originally envisioned to assist patients with legitimate medical needs in a manner that works for law enforcement, city and county governments, local community organizations, and medical professionals.

We appreciate the work that went into developing this proposal, including input from city attorneys, law enforcement, and consultation with jurisdictions that have imposed bans, as well as those that allow medical marijuana dispensaries to operate under the control of local ordinances.

In addition, we appreciate the incorporation of health and safety standards into the bill, and stand ready to work with county officials who will enforce these standards to ensure smooth implementation should SB 1262 become law.

Thank you for your invaluable leadership and authorship of this landmark legislation, which would enable the preservation of public safety, local control, and healthy communities for our citizens statewide.

Sincerely,

Steve Tate
President, Cities Association of Santa Clara County
Mayor, City of Morgan Hill

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