

**REGIONAL PLANNING COMMISSION  
SUMMARY OF PUBLIC HEARING PROCEEDINGS**

**PROPOSED AMNEDMENT TO COUNTY CODE TITLE 22 (PLANNING AND ZONING) TO 1) PROHIBIT ALL CANNABIS BUSINESSES AND ACTIVITIES, AND 2) IMPOSE REASONABLE REGULATIONS ON PERSONAL CANNABIS CULTIVATION**

The Regional Planning Commission (Commission) conducted a public hearing on April 12, 2017 to consider an amendment to Title 22 (Planning and Zoning) of the Los Angeles County Code ("Zoning Code") to include a Cannabis Ban Ordinance that would replace and supersede any prior sections in the Zoning Code referring to marijuana.

During the hearing, staff asked the Commission to consider the proposed Cannabis Ban Ordinance which was created in response to directives issued by the Board of Supervisors (Board) at a public hearing in February 2017. The directives instructed Regional Planning to: 1) Conduct any necessary environmental review subject to CEQA; 2) Develop an ordinance to ban the commercial cultivation, manufacturing, processing, lab testing, and retail sale of cannabis until the County adopts a comprehensive regulatory framework for medical and nonmedical cannabis; and 3) Establish reasonable regulations on personal cannabis cultivation.

Commissioner Smith asked for clarification on why a ban on all cannabis businesses and activities was being requested instead of a moratorium. Staff responded that an interim draft ordinance is in effect (insert ordinance# here) which is scheduled to expire on June 28, 2017. Two extensions were previously granted by the Board, and no additional extensions may be granted. The proposed ordinance, if adopted by the Board, will be in effect in perpetuity until staff can study the uses and develop new regulations.

Staff explained to the Commission that the Cannabis Ban Ordinance is the first phase of a broader coordinated effort. Regional Planning will be working through the summer, in collaboration with other County Departments, to develop zoning regulations for commercial cannabis businesses, or a Cannabis Regulations Ordinance. The Cannabis Regulations Ordinance is expected to be presented later in the year for consideration by the Commission and the Board during a public hearing.

The Commission closed the public hearing and recommended the proposed amendment to the Board for consideration in a public hearing. Commissioners Smith, Louie, Moon, and Modugno voted aye. Commissioner Shell was absent. The motion passed.