



Facts About Measure PC

On the November 6 Ballot

Addressing the Statewide Legalization of Marijuana

California voters approved Proposition 64 in 2016 to legalize the sale and use of recreational marijuana. Proposition 64 imposed state taxes on the production and sale of marijuana, but virtually all revenue from these taxes goes directly to the State, and nothing is distributed directly to Pomona.

Measure PC: Pomona's Proposed Commercial Cannabis Business Tax

The Pomona City Council recently placed Measure PC, a commercial cannabis business tax measure, on the November 6, 2018 Ballot. Revenue from Measure PC would be used to help protect essential City services in Pomona, including emergency services, and infrastructure maintenance, and support cannabis industry regulation. Many other cities across California have adopted similar measures to ensure cannabis businesses are operating in a safe and legal manner.

Is it Currently Legal to Operate Cannabis Businesses in Pomona?

No, the City's current Municipal Code expressly prohibits all personal cannabis outdoor cultivation, all commercial cannabis cultivation, all cannabis related sales and services, and smoking and ingesting cannabis or cannabis products in public places within the City of Pomona.

Measure PC alone would not permit commercial cannabis activities in the City. The approval of commercial cannabis activity in the City would need to be a separate policy action of the City Council at a future date.

What is the Need for Measure PC if Commercial Cannabis Businesses are not Legal?

It is possible the State will remove cities' authority over local cannabis activities and require cities to allow for cannabis in the community in the near future. In order to prepare for that possibility, Measure PC, should it be passed by voters, would be ready for implementation and have a local tax structure in place.

What Would Measure PC Do?

What Measure PC Would Do:

- Measure PC would apply a tax rate on cannabis businesses operating within Pomona should they become legal
- Provide a local source of funding to support the City's regulation of cannabis businesses without taking money away from existing programs

What Measure PC Would Not Do:

- Measure PC does not legalize commercial cannabis businesses within the City of Pomona
- Measure PC does not increase taxes on homeowners or residents who do not operate cannabis businesses

Local Control Over Measure PC Funds

Measure PC would apply a tax rate of up to 6% on gross receipts of commercial cannabis businesses and \$10 per square foot of cultivation. All funds would stay local to support Pomona's programs, services and regulatory efforts. The State could not take away these funds.

Questions about Measure PC?

For more information, visit our dedicated webpage at www.ci.pomona.ca.us/LocalMeasures or contact the Finance Department at (909) 620-2353.

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