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COUNTY OF SANTA BARBARA

August 27, 2018

The Honorable Assemblymember Evan Low
Chair, Assembly Committee on Business and Professions
State Capitol, Room 4126
Sacramento, CA 95814

RE: SB 1459 (Cannella) – SUPPORT

Dear Assemblymember Low:

I am writing on behalf of the Santa Barbara County Board of Supervisors to state our support for SB 1459 (Cannella) which would allow for temporary cannabis cultivation licensees to apply for a provisional annual license to provide critical additional time for local governments and the state to process significant numbers of cannabis cultivation applications.

In line with CSAC's letter dated on August 24th, the County of Santa Barbara partners with the state in implementing Proposition 64 and the Medicinal and Adult-Use Cannabis Regulation and Safety Act (MAUCRSA). Due to an incredibly high volume of applicants, the County is left with limited staff and resources and needs more time to process commercial cannabis cultivation license applications. Temporary state licenses for commercial cannabis are set to expire in January 2019. If additional time is not granted under the process in SB 1459, it could result in a major disruption to the supply chain in the commercial cannabis cultivation market. SB 1459 would help address this issue by allowing temporary cannabis cultivation licensees to apply for provisional annual licenses so long as certain conditions are met. The time frame for this provisional annual license would only last for one year until January 2020.

The County's 2018 Legislative Principles state that the County can and will collaborate with other institutions such as CSAC to work on mutually beneficial issues. For these reasons, the County is in support of SB 1459 (Cannella). If you have questions about the Board's position,

please contact the County's Legislative Coordinator, Dennis Bozanich at 805-568-3403 or dbozanich@countyofsb.org.

Sincerely,



*Cliff Berg, Legislative Advocate
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cc:

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