

JOEL ANDERSON SUPERVISOR, SECOND DISTRICT SAN DIEGO COUNTY BOARD OF SUPERVISORS

For Immediate Release: June 30, 2021 Contact: Scott Barnett (619) 531-5931

scott.barnett@sdcounty.ca.gov

Paige Bounds (858) 264-9257 paige.bounds@sdcounty.ca.gov

SUPERVISORS SUPPORT ANDERSON'S PLAN TO SHUT DOWN ILLEGAL POT SHOPS

\$2.8 Million Approved for Next Two Years for Six New Positions in Sheriff's Department

(EL CAJON, CA) – Stating that "the scourge of illegal pot shops has been out of control in East County," Supervisor Joel Anderson announced today that the San Diego County Board of Supervisors unanimously approved his plan to spend \$2.8 million in the next two years, starting July 1. This is in addition to the \$500,000 approved at his behest earlier this year.

Four new deputies, one sergeant and a crime analyst will be funded.

Up to now, closed illegal shops would quickly re-open in new locations. "Unfortunately, it's been like a 'whack a mole' game," said Anderson, who noted that many of these illegal pot shops are near schools or churches and are run by gangs and organized crime.

"I want to praise my colleagues in understanding that before considering licensing any new legal pot shops, we must ensure illegal shops are shut down for good," said Anderson. Later this summer, Supervisor Anderson—who represents almost 300,000 residents in in unincorporated parts of San Diego County—will be bringing forward an ordinance to implement stricter guidelines for enforcement.

FY 21-23 CAO Recommended

Cannabis Enforcement Team - Costs for D2

				FY 21-22	FY 22-23
ongoing	5746	Deputy	4	658,972	677,625
ongoing	5790	Sheriff's Sergeant	1	230,355	224,694
ongoing	2575	Crime & Intel Analyst	1	144,926	127,905
ongoing		OT (sworn)		50,000	50,000
1x		Start-up S&S		127,192	
ongoing		Ongoing S&S		16,544	32,710
1x		Marked SUV (Patrol)	1	61,979	
ongoing		Fuel/Maint/Dep/Asst Mgt		23,870	24,586
1x		Rural Patrol radio & MDC		13,466	
ongoing		Rural Patrol NOC		720	720
1x		Unmarked Sedans (full size, spec use)	4	158,068	
ongoing		Fuel/Maint/Dep/Asst Mgt		57,164	58,880
1x		Rural Detective car radio		53,864	
ongoing		Rural Detective NOC		2,880	2,880
		Total		1,600,000	1,200,000
				0	0
		Start-up		414,569	0
		Ongoing		1,185,431	1,200,000
		PSG FB for startup (8964)		400,000	0
		GPR for ongoing (net cost)		1,200,000	1,200,000
		Total Funding Sources		1,600,000	1,200,000

###



Supervisor Joel Anderson
District 2 Supervisor
Joel.anderson@sdcounty.ca.gov