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**ANDERSON DIRECTS \$500,000 TO CLOSE DOWN
ILLEGAL POT SHOPS**

***Action Ensures Transparency and Community Involvement in
Placement of Cannabis Dispensaries***

(SAN DIEGO) – The San Diego County Board of Supervisors today approved measures introduced by District 2 Supervisor Joel Anderson to increase funding for the closing down of illegal cannabis dispensaries which will be enforced immediately. Anderson’s action was part of the Board’s approval to establish parameters for County staff to put in place and develop future cannabis ordinances.

“I’ve heard the community’s concerns regarding illegal pot shops, and I agree that aggressive enforcement must be implemented,” said Anderson. “Today’s Board action is just a framework of what our cannabis ordinances should do, and I am working to ensure that any changes include full transparency and community input.”

Anderson successfully added \$500,000 to the San Diego County Sheriff for immediate and aggressive enforcement on unlicensed, illegal dispensaries, labs or related facilities. Anderson’s efforts also included expanding buffer zones up-to 1,000 feet from critical neighborhood areas such as parks, churches, and daycare centers.

Additional Law Enforcement Provisions:

- Oppose ownership and operation of new dispensaries to anyone with record of violent felonies and/or ties to organized crime;
- Direct County staff to also analyze and recommend ongoing, long-term enforcement options;
- Direct County staff to propose limiting number of legal dispensaries within communities and geographical areas;
- Ensure increased transparency and community and stakeholder input from the unincorporated areas of the County, including community members, business owners, and the agriculture industry.

The Board of Supervisors approved today's action by a vote of 4-1. The Chief Administrative Office (CAO) of the County will report back to the Board in 90 days with a plan to implement these provisions after receiving input from public Planning Commissions and other community stakeholders.

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