



*City of
Encinitas*

Office of
The Mayor

February 25, 2015

The Honorable Ken Cooley
California State Assembly
State Capitol, Room 3146
Sacramento, CA 95814

Kristin Gaspar
Mayor

**RE: AB 266 (Cooley) Medical Marijuana
NOTICE OF SUPPORT**

Dear Assemblyman Cooley:

Catherine S. Blakespear
Deputy Mayor

The City of Encinitas supports your efforts to provide a safe regulatory framework for medical marijuana, concurrently addressing associated health, safety and local land use issues. Assembly Bill 266 is co-sponsored by the California Police Chiefs Association and the League of California Cities. There is a pressing need for a robust regulatory and enforcement framework in the wake of clear signals from the U.S. Department of Justice that such a framework be established in any state allowing medical marijuana.

Tony Krunc
Council Member

With respect to public safety, retail outlets and cultivation sites often become magnets for criminal activity. Local jurisdictions must retain control over such land use issues. Many of these jurisdictions, including Encinitas, have had or will have ballot measures to determine whether the communities even want retail outlets, and such local decisions must not be overridden by State law for an issue that could potentially change the character of a community. One troublesome issue with medical marijuana is the non-existent quality controls for consumers with respect to potency and the presence of carcinogenic pesticides or other contaminants. Another issue is the ability of virtually anyone to obtain a medical marijuana recommendation from a compliant doctor.

Mark Muir
Council Member

Assembly Bill 266 establishes an improved regulatory structure to ensure that Proposition 215 works as originally envisioned, assisting patients with legitimate medical needs in a manner that comports with the needs of law enforcement, local governments, patient advocates, local community organizations, and medical professionals.

Lisa Shaffer
Council Member

AB 266 (Cooley) is consistent with the Encinitas legislative priority of protecting local land-use decision-making. For that and the above listed reasons, the City of Encinitas supports your bill.

Larry Watt
Interim City Manager

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read "Kristin Gaspar".

Kristin Gaspar
Mayor

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