



NEVADA COUNTY BOARD OF SUPERVISORS

Board Agenda Memo

MEETING DATE: January 12, 2016

TO: Board of Supervisors

FROM: Keith Royal, Sheriff-Coroner-Public Administrator

SUBJECT: Resolution calling an Election for, and Authorizing the Submission to the Voters of, an Ordinance Amending Subsections G-IV 5.4(C) and G-IV 5.4(E) of Article 5 of Chapter IV of the Nevada County General Code regarding Restrictions on Marijuana Cultivation, and Consolidating the Election with the June 7, 2016 Election

RECOMMENDATION: Adopt Resolution

FUNDING: The costs of a special election would be paid from the General Fund. Based on estimates previously provided by the Registrar of Voters, the cost of consolidating a countywide election on the proposed ballot measure with the statewide general election in June would be approximately \$72,000.

BACKGROUND:

On January 12, 2016, the Board of Supervisors considered an Ordinance amending Article 5 to Chapter IV of the Nevada County General Code, which relates to the cultivation of marijuana within the unincorporated area of Nevada County, which was presented as an urgency Ordinance in light of the March 1, 2016 deadline established by AB 243 for the adoption of local regulation to prevent the State of California from becoming the sole licensing authority for the County of Nevada.

Should one or more ballot initiatives make it to the November 2016 election, the voters of the State of California will vote to potentially legalize, regulate and tax recreational marijuana, largely for the benefit of the State as a whole. However, the voters of the County of Nevada should have input on under what circumstances the cultivation of marijuana takes place within our County and it is recommended the Board of Supervisors pass this Resolution for a Ballot Measure so that the issue is submitted to the voters for consideration during the June 7, 2016 election;

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Initiated and Approved by: Keith Royal