

**MEETING DATE: 11/8/2017**

**TITLE:**  
**Special Use Provisions for Cannabis Events**

**FROM:**  
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**RECOMMENDATION:**  
This item is provided for information, discussion and direction only.

**BACKGROUND:**

Board members from the Cathedral City Senior Center have inquired about the possibility of holding a Cannabis Expo in April 2018 as a fundraiser for the Senior Center. CM Kaplan requested a study session item to gauge interest in making the necessary code revisions and in allowing such an event on City-owned property.

**DISCUSSION:**

The event, as envisioned by the promoters, would allow for the display and sale of cannabis products by licensed retailers from the area. It would also feature exhibits by other vendors in the field of wellness and holistic approaches to health and wellness. On-site consumption would not be permitted.

The Cathedral City code does not presently have any provisions to allow licensees to sell their products at an off-site special event. It is questionable whether provisions in the state law related to County Fairs and Agricultural District events could be applied to an event like the one under consideration. Otherwise there do not appear to be any provisions in state law allowing such an event, although final regulations have not yet been released.

Council should consider and provide direction to staff regarding their willingness to amend the Cathedral City code to allow special events such as this and also whether such events should be allowed on City property. The promoters of the event should probably check with potential vendors to see if they are willing to use their licenses for such an event given the uncertainty surrounding the state position relative to the event.

**FISCAL IMPACT:**

None at this discussion stage.

**ATTACHMENTS:**

None