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City of Industry Votes to Prohibit Marijuana in City Zones *Council-approved Prohibition Includes Cultivation and Distribution of Cannabis*

City of Industry, CA – Today, City of Industry City Council unanimously approved the second and final reading of an ordinance to prohibit marijuana in the City. This prohibition of cannabis includes all actions associated with cultivation and distribution, including manufacturing, laboratory testing, labeling, storing, and distribution through wholesale or retail.

“Without a system in place at the state level to track the movement of marijuana through the distribution chain, the risk of crime from theft and burglary to manufacturing and distribution facilities is significant. And, until traceable, stolen product will have street value for sale to minors, which is absolutely unacceptable,” said City of Industry Mayor Mark Radecki.

The City’s Municipal Code currently prohibits medical marijuana dispensaries, along with cultivation and delivery in all zones in the City. Since recreational use of marijuana was not permitted in California until recently, the City’s municipal code was silent on the issue. In October 2016, the City Council extended a moratorium on the recreational use of marijuana. That moratorium was set to expire in October of 2017, however, the Council’s actions today will continue that moratorium forward.

Several California cities have experienced negative secondary effects and adverse impacts of marijuana processing and distribution uses, including offensive odors, illegal sales, trespassing, theft, violent robberies and fire hazards. Manufacturing of hash oil from cannabis products can involve the use of chemicals and solvents and as a result, carry a significant risk of explosion. Major burn treatment centers and two hospitals in Northern California reported in 2015 that nearly 10 percent of severe burn cases were attributed to butane hash oil explosions, which was more burn cases than from car accidents and house fires combined.

The 2008 Guidelines on Marijuana Security from the state Attorney General also found that marijuana cultivation without adequate security increases the risk on surrounding homes and businesses that may be negatively impacted by nuisance activities such as loitering or crime.

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