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Subject: Cannabis Education and Outreach Workshops

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MARTINEZ – On November 8, 2016, California voters passed Proposition 64, also known as the Control, Regulate and Tax Adult Use of Marijuana Act (AUMA). Proposition 64 legalized the nonmedical use of cannabis by persons 21 years of age and over, with certain restrictions, and provides for industry licensing and establishes standards for marijuana products. It allows for state and local regulation and taxation of marijuana businesses. Most of the revenue from such taxes would support youth programs, environmental protection, and law enforcement.

The City of Martinez will be holding two informational Cannabis Policy Question & Answer Workshops in the Council Chambers at 525 Henrietta Street in Martinez, CA, on **April 11, 2018 and April 19, 2018 at 7:00 pm**. The workshops will answer questions such as:

- What are the pros and cons of the cannabis industry in the City of Martinez?
- If implemented, what limits do we want to set?
- How can we keep cannabis out of the hands of our youth?
- Will cannabis business bring unwanted activity to our community?
- Will the cannabis industry affect health and safety?
- What environmental concerns are there?
- How much revenue can the City expect to generate from cannabis taxes and fees?
- For what will the revenues be used?
- Can we stipulate minimum funding allocation to youth drug education and other projects?

The purpose of these workshops is to seek resident feedback in order for the City to determine the reasonable local regulations that our jurisdiction should consider if we decide to permit cannabis businesses in our city. If you have any questions regarding the workshops, please contact the City of Martinez Community Development Department at (925) 372-3500.

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