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MEMORANDUM

TO: Marijuana Control Board

DATE: June 24, 2022

FROM: Jane P. Sawyer,
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RE: Regulations Project – Public Notice of License Applications

The purpose of this project is to make it easier for applicants to find a newspaper of general circulation, by defining "newspaper of general circulation", to announce their marijuana license application to the public as required by regulation.

At the June 29-30, 2022 meeting, the board was presented with an initial draft for this project. The initial draft defined "newspaper of general circulation" and it also removed the option of announcing a marijuana license application by radio. The board amended the initial draft by putting the radio option back in.

The amended initial draft was out for public comment for about 45 days and it received two comments. In considering public comments, please pay special attention to the cost to private persons of the regulatory action being taken.

The amendments include

- defining "newspaper of general circulation" which by defining it, it should be easier for an applicant to find such newspaper even in rural areas,
- the radio announcement is now made an option as opposed to a last resort to announce a license application

Potential board actions after considering public comments:

- move to adopt
- move to amend and adopt as amended (or send back out for public comment if amendments are substantive)
- move to send back to staff for more work
- close project if not moving forward with it