

# City of Santa Rosa



## Legislation Details

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**Title:** REPORT - BALLOT ARGUMENTS FOR CANNABIS INDUSTRY TAX MEASURE

**BACKGROUND:** Under the California Elections Code, the City Council has the first priority to submit ballot arguments in favor of the proposed measure, and if any opposition argument is filed against the measure, to submit a rebuttal argument to that opposition argument. Alternatively, under the Elections Code, the Council may authorize one or more of its members to submit the argument. If the City Council chooses not to submit, or have its members submit, an argument in favor of the measure, then under the Elections Code, the arguments may be authored either by a bona fide association of citizens or by individual voters who are eligible to vote on the measure.

**RECOMMENDATION:** Staff recommends that the Council, by motion, determine whether it wishes to submit a ballot argument and rebuttal argument in favor of a proposed measure for the June 6, 2017 ballot to authorize the Council to impose a local business tax on the cannabis industry at rates high enough to cover the costs to the City of allowing this emerging industry to operate in Santa Rosa; and determine the process by which Council will draft the ballot arguments, should it choose to submit arguments for the measure.

**Sponsors:** City Attorney

**Indexes:** Not a Project

**Code sections:**

**Attachments:** 1. Staff Report, 2. Presentation

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