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News Release

Mayor Bob Filner Halts Prosecution of Zoning Code Violations For Medical Marijuana Dispensaries

(San Diego) – Mayor Bob Filner issued the following statement today regarding medical marijuana dispensaries:

“Until we have a new set of regulations for medical marijuana distribution, I have asked the Neighborhood Code Compliance Department and the Police Department to temporarily halt all prosecutions of city zoning code violations when it comes to medical marijuana dispensaries (letters attached).

As I made very clear during my campaign for Mayor, I support the use of marijuana for medicinal purposes and am committed to ensuring the people who legitimately need it for relief of pain are not kept from accessing it.

I also want to assure the residents of San Diego that there will be the utmost safeguards surrounding these dispensaries. They will not be near schools, playgrounds or any areas where children might gather. Nor will they be allowed to infringe on the quality of life in any neighborhood.

I believe that, in order to be a great city, we must also be a humane city and show compassion toward those who need help in dealing with chronic pain.

I plan to bring a proposed ordinance to regulate medical marijuana dispensaries to the San Diego City Council soon.”

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