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The Honorable Evan Low
Chair, Assembly Committee on Business and Professions
State Capitol Building, Room 5150
Sacramento, CA 95814

RE: AB 1530 (Cooley): Local Jurisdiction Restrictions on Cannabis Delivery
Notice of SUPPORT (As Introduced)

Dear Assembly Member Low:

The City of Vista supports Assembly Bill 1530 (Cooley). This legislation would clarify that a local jurisdiction may adopt an ordinance or resolution that permits, restricts, limits, or bans the delivery of cannabis or cannabis products to a location within its jurisdictional boundaries, thereby restoring the local regulatory authority that was guaranteed to cities through the passage of Proposition 64. Importantly, the bill would also require the Board of State and Community Corrections to create and administer a grant program for the purpose of assisting local governments in their enforcement efforts against illicit cannabis operators.

Last year, the City sent a letter to Lori Ajax, Chief of the BCC on July 23, 2018, to express its opposition to the BCC's then-proposed regulations, which removed limitations on cannabis deliveries. Specifically, the regulations, amongst other things, authorized the statewide delivery of cannabis, despite any prohibition or limiting ordinance by a local jurisdiction, and created an unrealistic timeline for adequate local government review, ultimately eroding cities' ability to reasonably regulate cannabis in a manner that reflects the needs and desires of local communities. The City of Vista opposes efforts which reduce local control and erodes our local authority to protect our residents' safety and preserve the character of their communities.

By removing local governments' ability to regulate cannabis deliveries, this provision undermines the very foundation of local regulatory authority and imposes a 'one size fits all' form of cannabis regulation. Moreover, it should be noted that the regulation authorizing statewide delivery of cannabis went far beyond the BCC's regulatory authority to propose in the first place, and actually created a new cannabis policy outside of the legislative process.

This bill would restore the ability for cities to locally regulate cannabis deliveries, which was given to them by the voters of Proposition 64. The City of Vista applauds Assembly Member Cooley for his leadership on this issue. For these reasons, the City is in support of AB 1530.

Sincerely,

Judy Ritter
Mayor

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