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To: Board of Supervisors

From: Chris Conrad, SAN director

Re: Medical marijuana, SB 420, HS 11362.5 and HS 11362.7 et seq.

Dear Supervisor,

As you may be aware, a new bill to clarify Proposition 215, HS 11362.5 — the State medical marijuana law, passed the legislature as SB 420 and has now been signed by the Governor. It will go into effect on January 1, 2004 and includes important provisions such as preventing arrests of patients and caregivers, allowing them to transport and share medical marijuana, to work as collectives and setting up a voluntary ID card program.

While we at Safe Access Now support this law in general principal, it contains at least one serious flaw — the unreasonable dosages and garden sizes as described in section 11362.77(a). Fortunately, there is a remedy included in the bill, which requires your attention. Section 11362.77 subdivision (c) states that “Counties and cities may retain or enact medical marijuana guidelines allowing qualified patients or primary caregivers to exceed the state limits set forth in subdivision (a).”

I am contacting you to request that you take immediate action to hold public hearings and enact an ordinance that provides patients in this county with a realistic safe harbor. It should be consistent with the scientifically determined amounts set forth in the Safe Access Now garden guidelines, per the attached explanatory documents.

Thank you and please contact me to help arrange testimony for those hearings.

Chris Conrad