

EXHIBIT A
GOVERNMENT CODE SECTION 65858(d) REPORT

**Public Report Regarding the Status of the City of Desert Hot Springs
Interim Urgency Ordinance on the Establishment of any Marijuana Facilities located in
the downtown area, specifically on Pierson Boulevard between Cactus Drive and
Mesquite Avenue, on Palm Drive between Acoma and 1st Street, on 1st Street between
Cactus Drive and Mesquite Avenue, and on Acoma Avenue between Cactus Drive and
Palm Drive, during the Pendency of the City's Review and Adoption of Permanent Zoning
Regulations and the City-Wide 2019 Comprehensive General Plan Update.
October 8, 2019**

On September 3, 2019, the City Council of the City of Desert Hot Springs adopted Interim Urgency Ordinance No. 618 ("Underlying Ordinance"). That Underlying Ordinance initiated a 45-day moratorium on marijuana facilities and uses for properties located on Pierson Boulevard between Cactus Drive and Mesquite Avenue, on Palm Drive between Acoma and 1st Street, on 1st Street between Cactus Drive and Mesquite Avenue, and on Acoma Avenue between Cactus Drive and Palm Drive, directly adjacent or within close proximity to City Hall, ("Subject Area"), during the pendency of the City's review and adoption of permanent zoning regulations and review and adoption of the City-Wide 2019 Comprehensive General Plan Update ("2019 Update"). City Council amended the Underlying Ordinance to including language that it shall not affect current existing approved entitlements or existing operations located in the Subject Area from expanding their businesses to adjacent properties, and excepting APN 639-293-029 (Bodde's project).

The City has recently started work on the Zoning regulations as it relates to the ongoing work as part of the 2019 General Plan Update. This Update may establish new Zoning and General Plan designations for the Subject Area. The Underlying Ordinance was enacted to ensure protection of the public health, safety and welfare related to the use and long-term goals of the City in reference to the Subject Area. Pursuant to Government Code Section 65858(d), the City prepared this report to describe the measures taken to alleviate the conditions that led to the adoption of the Underlying Ordinance.

RESEARCH

Staff has been engaged in preparation of the Zoning Update, including research and analysis related to potential commercial and mixed-use uses in the Subject Area. City Council expressed a desire to limit Marijuana Facilities, preserving the Subject Area for future downtown, mixed-use, and general commercial uses. During the research associated with the Update, staff and the environmental consulting firm will be evaluating the environmental impacts that changes in land-use designation(s) will have and the mitigation measures that will serve to reduce those impacts. Environmental studies are being prepared as part of the 2019 Update. During this time, Marijuana Facilities are not being approved within the Subject Area, until such time that the City Council can review, deliberate, and consider the long-term goals, policies, outlook for the downtown area (area in question) and adopt the City-Wide Comprehensive General Plan Update along with applicable zoning regulations.

The Underlying Ordinance was adopted to allow staff and the City's environmental consulting firm sufficient time to conduct research, prepare environmental studies and reports, conduct zoning analysis, traffics analysis, etc. in review and preparation of the 2019 Plan Update. The interim prohibition adopted by the City Council on September 3, 2019 will expire on October 18, 2019 unless further extended. Since it is infeasible for the studies and decisions to take place prior to October 18, 2019, it is recommended that the City Council extend the Underlying Ordinance for an additional Twenty Two months and Fifteen days.

Consistent with California Government Code Section 65858(c), the City Council finds that there is a current and immediate threat to the public health, safety, or welfare, and the approval of additional permits or entitlements for commercial and medical marijuana uses would increase that threat to public health, safety, or welfare.