



COUNTY OF HUMBOLDT

AGENDA ITEM NO.

C-7

For the meeting of: February 7, 2017

Date: February 2, 2017

To: Board of Supervisors

From: Rex Bohn, 1st District Supervisor

Subject: Letter of Support for Confirmation of Lori Ajax as Chief of the Bureau of Medical Cannabis Regulation

RECOMMENDATION(S):

That the Board of Supervisors:

1. Approve the attached letter with any modifications; and
2. Authorize the Chair of the Board to sign the letter and send it to the Chair of the Senate Rules Committee.

SOURCE OF FUNDING:

N/A

DISCUSSION:

Since recent legislation was passed allowing medical and recreational commercial cannabis within

Prepared by 

CAO Approval _____

REVIEW:

Auditor _____ County Counsel _____ Human Resources _____ Other _____

TYPE OF ITEM:

☒ Consent
☐ Departmental
☐ Public Hearing
☐ Other _____

PREVIOUS ACTION/REFERRAL:

Board Order No. _____


Meeting of: _____

BOARD OF SUPERVISORS, COUNTY OF HUMBOLDT

Upon motion of Supervisor Sundberg Seconded by Supervisor Fennell
Ayes Sundberg, Fennell, Bass, Bohn, Wilson
Nays _____
Abstain _____
Absent _____

and carried by those members present, the Board hereby approves the recommended action contained in this Board report.

Dated: Feb. 7, 2017

By: 
Kathy Hayes, Clerk of the Board

the state, Lori Ajax has been operating as the acting chief of the Bureau of Medical Cannabis Regulation, an agency that was created by that legislation. Ms. Ajax has done outstanding work leading the agency, reaching out to Humboldt County and other rural counties to hear the concerns of those communities and providing clarity where possible. Her experience makes her a perfect fit to be the head of this agency on a permanent basis.

FINANCIAL IMPACT:

None, though regulation of the legal cannabis industry as a whole is likely to have a profound impact on the local economy, sales tax and property taxes.

OTHER AGENCY INVOLVEMENT:

ALTERNATIVES TO STAFF RECOMMENDATIONS:

ATTACHMENTS:

Letter of support regarding confirmation of Lori Ajax



BOARD OF SUPERVISORS

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February 7, 2017

Kevin De Leon
Senate President Pro Tempore
Senate Rules Committee
State Capitol, Room 205
Sacramento, CA 95814

Re: Confirmation of Lori Ajax as Chief of the Bureau of Medical Cannabis Regulation

Dear Senator De Leon:

I am writing on behalf of the Humboldt County Board of Supervisors to express our support the confirmation of Lori Ajax as to the position of Chief of the Bureau of Medical Cannabis Regulation at the Department of Consumer Affairs.

Ms. Ajax has done outstanding work since legislation was passed in 2015 and 2016 allowing medical and recreational commercial cannabis within the state. She has reached out to Humboldt County and made several trips to our area as well as other rural counties, engaging local agencies and members of the public to discuss the myriad issues involved with these complex laws. These are the communities where much of the state's cultivation will take place, and she made it a point to take questions and return as many calls as possible.

Not since prohibition has there been a move toward legalization of a product this controversial, and Ms. Ajax has answered the call every time.

With Ms. Ajax's knowledge of licensing and regulation due to her experience with the Department of Alcoholic Beverage Control, and her time running the Bureau, Humboldt County feels the confirmation of her position is critical.

Sincerely,

Virginia Bass

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Chair, Humboldt County Board of Supervisors

cc: Assemblymember Jim Wood
Senator Mike McGuire
Shaw/Yoder/Antwih, Inc.
California State Association of Counties
Rural County Representatives of California