## **City Attorney's Impartial Analysis of Measure G**

The City of Perris ("City") currently permits commercial cannabis distribution and manufacturing activities. The Perris City Council voted to place Measure G on the ballot for the November 6, 2018 general municipal election. If passed by the voters, Measure G will impose a tax on commercial cannabis distribution and manufacturing activities in the City. Other cannabis activities are already subject to a similar tax passed by the City's voters in 2016.

Measure G will impose a permanent general tax of up to ten percent (10%) of the proceeds of commercial marijuana distribution and manufacturing activities. This tax is not a sales or use tax and shall not be calculated or assessed as such. The estimated revenue from the tax will depend on several factors, but based on a staff review of taxes imposed by other cities the annual amount of the tax is estimated to be \$2.3 million. The revenue could be higher or lower than the estimate. The actual tax rate may be set by the City Council from time to time, but cannot be higher than the maximum rate unless approved by voters at a future general election.

The revenues generated from the taxes will be deposited into the City's general fund and used for expenditures as determined by the City Council. Typical expenditures include law enforcement, fire protection services, youth and senior programs, street and sidewalk repair, staffing parks, graffiti removal, construction and maintenance of public parks and facilities, City recreational and park programs, and City special events.

Measure G would also establish regulations to administer the tax, including collection, enforcement, penalties and refunds. All of the regulations established by Measure G may be amended or repealed by the City Council from time to time.

A "**Yes**" vote approves taxing commercial marijuana distribution and manufacturing activities in the City. A "**No**" vote disapproves taxing commercial marijuana distribution and manufacturing activities. This Measure will take effect only if a majority of voters vote "**Yes**" at the November 6, 2018, general municipal election.

s/Eric Dunn City Attorney City of Perris

The above statement is an impartial analysis of Measure G. If you desire a copy of the ordinance or measure, please call the Perris City Clerk's Office at (951) 943-6100 and a copy will be mailed at no cost to you.