

MEMORANDUM

TO: Judi Roland, Chair, Planning Commission
Ron Copple, Vice-Chair, Planning Commission
Planning Commission Members

FROM: Jeff Tate, Assistant Director of Community Development

DATE: February 28, 2017

RE: Ordinance 6642 – Marijuana Regulations
Follow Up to February 22, 2017 Planning Commission Request

During the February 22, 2017 Planning Commission meeting staff provided a presentation on draft Ordinance No. 6642 which outlines several potential code amendments that regulate marijuana related activities. During the meeting Planning Commission requested that staff provide several additional items to help better inform the regulatory update and Planning Commission's recommendation to City Council. The requested items included:

1. The Vulnerability Issues for South King County "Heat Map" that Assistant Chief of Police Bill Pierson referenced. See Exhibit 1
2. Sales tax information for marijuana retail stores. This information is currently being assembled.
3. School district property issues inclusion in geographic separation options. Staff has identified 5 properties owned by the Auburn School District that are not presently operating as a school:
 - a. Administrative offices on 4th Street NE.
 - b. Bus barn on 15th Street SW.
 - c. A maintenance facility located immediately northeast of the SR 167 and Hwy 18 interchange.
 - d. A property on M Street SE that is developed with a church.
 - e. A vacant property located on I Street NE that is adjacent to The River Mobile Home Park.
4. Potential inclusion of future school district sites in geographic separation options. Staff has submitted a request to the School Districts to identify any known future school sites. We are awaiting a reply.
5. Social impact data – national or regional or local depending upon availability. This information is currently being assembled.
6. Draft polling questions and polling outreach strategies. See Exhibit 2.

EXHIBIT 1

Vulnerability Issues for South King County “Heat Map”

Introduction

Continued

King County Health, Housing and Economic Opportunity Measures

LEGEND

Freeways

RANKING

Census Tracts ranked by an Index of health, housing and economic opportunity measures.



POPULATION MEASURES

Dark red areas populations most impacted

Dark blue areas populations least impacted

Life expectancy

74 years

87 years

Health, broadly defined:

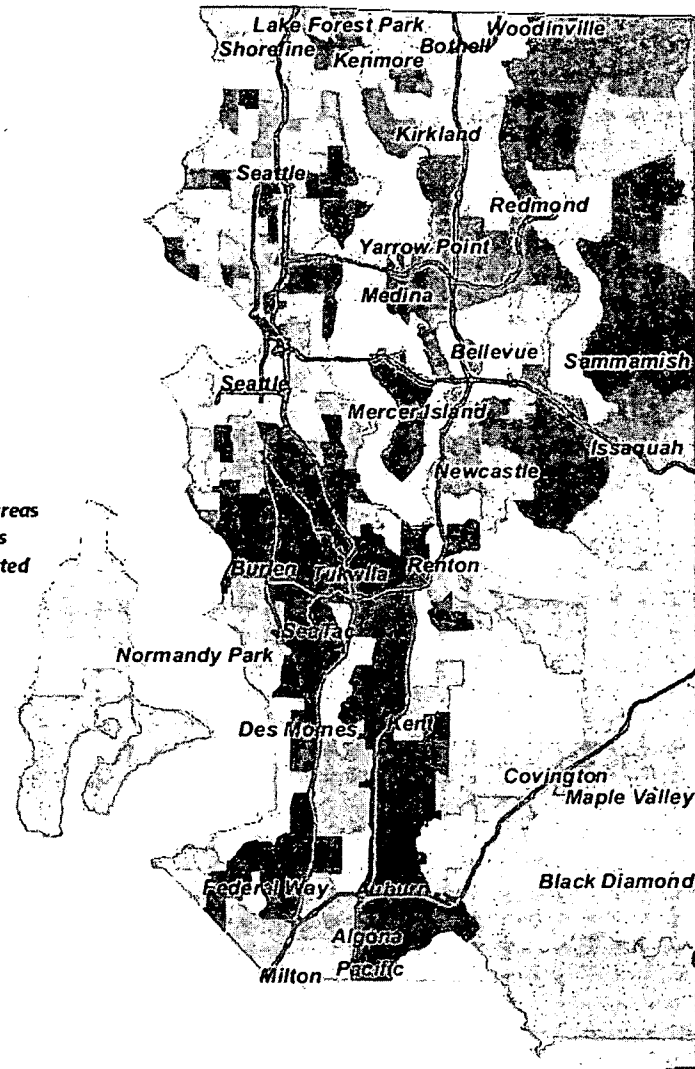
Adverse childhood experiences	20%	9%
Frequent mental distress	14%	4%
Smoking	20%	5%
Obesity	33%	14%
Diabetes	13%	5%
Preventable hospitalizations	1.0%	0.4%

Housing:

Poor housing condition	8%	0%
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Economic opportunity:

Low-income, below 200% poverty	54%	6%
Unemployment	13%	3%



Data Sources: U.S. Census Bureau, BRFSS, CHRS
Produced by: Public Health - Seattle & King County

EXHIBIT 2

Draft polling questions and outreach strategies

Polling Outreach Strategies

1. **Social Media** – Boosted posts to Facebook and Twitter. This will allow us to target the news feeds of Auburn residents, both those that already follow the City on social media as well as those that do not but who still fit our demographic criteria. Approximate reach is 18,000.
2. **Aggregated email lists** – This will involve sending an email directing readers to the online survey. These are lists that residents have opted in to as well as all utility customers that have email records. Approximate reach is 16,000.
3. **Press Release** – A press release detailing the purpose of the survey and information about how to participate sent to all regional news organizations including print, radio and TV. Unknown reach.
4. **Website** – We will place an announcement and link to the survey on the front of the City of Auburn's website. Approximate reach is 31,500 per week.
5. **Paid Advertising** – We will place an ad in the Auburn Reporter regarding the survey and informing readers how they can participate. Approximate reach is 23,000.

Draft Polling Questions

The Auburn Planning Commission is seeking your input! The Planning Commission recently began looking at draft city code that would regulate marijuana related businesses in the City. Marijuana related businesses include retail stores, producers, processors, researchers and transporters. Previously, the City did not regulate these businesses, but rather relied upon the state licensing process. However, changes in Washington State law and actions by the Washington State Liquor and Cannabis Board prompted the Auburn City Council to enact a temporary 1-year ban on most of these businesses in August 2016. The City Council also asked the Planning Commission and City staff to develop potential regulations for these businesses for its consideration.

The Planning Commission believes it is important to hear from the citizens of Auburn on what they think about regulating these businesses. Please take a few minutes to complete the survey below. Your survey responses will be provided to the Planning Commission and will be used by the Commission as it develops its recommendations to the City Council. Please complete and submit the survey by no later than DATE if you want your thoughts to be shared with the Planning Commission.

1. What is your age group?
 - a. 18-21
 - b. 22-29
 - c. 30-40
 - d. 41-50
 - e. 51-60
 - f. 61+
2. Association with Auburn (Check all that apply)

- a. I live in Auburn
 - b. I work in Auburn
 - c. Neither
3. The State of Washington has already established licensing requirements for marijuana related businesses? Should the City consider establishing additional requirements that recognize local concerns?
- a. Yes
 - b. No
4. A "Producer" is a type of business activity that grows marijuana.
- a. Should Producer's be allowed in Auburn?
 - i. Yes
 - ii. No
 - b. If yes, should there be a limit on the amount or numbers of producers in Auburn?
 - i. Yes
 - ii. No
5. A "Processor" is a type of business activity prepares or modifies marijuana so that it is a sellable product.
- a. Should Processor's be allowed in Auburn?
 - i. Yes
 - ii. No
 - b. If yes, should there be a limit on the amount or number of processors in Auburn?
 - i. Yes
 - ii. No
6. A "Retailer" is a type of business activity that sells marijuana to the consumer.
- a. Should Retailer's be allowed in Auburn?
 - i. Yes
 - ii. No
 - b. If yes, should there be a limit on the number of stores in Auburn?
 - i. Yes
 - ii. No
7. A "Transporter" is a type of business activity that moves marijuana from one location to another.
- a. Should Transporter's be allowed in Auburn?
 - i. Yes
 - ii. No
 - b. If yes, should there be a limit on the amount or number of transporters in Auburn?
 - i. Yes
 - ii. No
8. A "Researcher" conducts research about the use and effect of marijuana.
- a. Should Researcher's be allowed in Auburn?
 - i. Yes
 - ii. No

- b. If yes, should there be a limit on the amount or number of research that takes place in Auburn?
 - i. Yes
 - ii. No
- 9. Do you believe that the City of Auburn should establish rules that require marijuana businesses be separated from other types of uses such as schools, churches, day care center, parks, etc.?
 - a. Yes
 - b. No
 - c. If yes, how far away should marijuana businesses be separated _____ (insert distance). Please specify if your answer is in feet or miles.
- 10. Do you believe that the City of Auburn should establish rules that require marijuana businesses be separated from residential neighborhoods?
 - a. Yes
 - b. No
 - c. If yes, how far away should marijuana businesses be separated _____ (insert distance). Please specify your answer is in feet or miles.
- 11. The City is divided into many different zoning designations. What zoning designations do you believe are appropriate for marijuana related activities?
Check all that apply.
 - a. Residential zones
 - b. Downtown Auburn (near Sound Transit center)
 - c. Industrial zones
 - d. Heavy commercial zones (e.g. Auburn Way North and South)
 - e. Light/neighborhood commercial zones