

**PACIFIC GROVE UNIFIED SCHOOL DISTRICT  
BOARD OF EDUCATION  
SPECIAL MEETING**

Trustees  
*Debbie Crandell, President*  
*Cristy Dawson, Clerk*  
*John Paff*  
*Brian Swanson*  
*Jon Walton*

**DATE:** Tuesday, September 15, 2020

**TIME:** 6:00 p.m. Open Session

**LOCATION: VIRTUAL MEETING**

Join Zoom Meeting

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Meeting ID: 830 3849 7585

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Pacific Grove Unified School District Office  
435 Hillcrest Avenue  
Pacific Grove, CA 93950

**AGENDA AND ORDER OF BUSINESS**

**I. OPENING BUSINESS**

A. Call to Order

B. Roll Call

C. Adoption of Agenda

Move: \_\_\_\_\_ Second: \_\_\_\_\_ Roll Call Vote: \_\_\_\_\_

Trustees: Crandell \_\_\_ Dawson \_\_\_ Paff \_\_\_ Swanson \_\_\_ Walton \_\_\_

D. Pledge of Allegiance

**II. ACTION/DISCUSSION**

A. Resolution #1060 Opposing Rescission of the Pacific Grove Moratorium on Marijuana Sale and Distribution

Recommendation: (Ralph Gómez Porras, Superintendent) The District Administration recommends the Board review and approve Resolution #1060 opposing rescission of the Pacific Grove Moratorium on marijuana sale and distribution.

Move: \_\_\_\_\_ Second: \_\_\_\_\_ Roll Call Vote: \_\_\_\_\_

Trustees: Crandell \_\_\_ Dawson \_\_\_ Paff \_\_\_ Swanson \_\_\_ Walton \_\_\_

**II. ADJOURNMENT** Next regular meeting: Thursday, September 17, 2020 – VIRTUAL

- Consent
- Action/Discussion
- Information/Discussion
- Public Hearing

**SUBJECT:** Resolution #1060 Opposing Rescission of the Pacific Grove Moratorium on Marijuana Sale and Distribution

**DATE:** September 15, 2020

**PERSON(S) RESPONSIBLE:** Ralph Gómez Porras, Superintendent

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**RECOMMENDATION:**

The District Administration recommends the Board review and approve Resolution #1060 opposing rescission of the Pacific Grove Moratorium on marijuana sale and distribution.

**BACKGROUND:**

On September 2, 2020 the City of Pacific Grove City Council approved rescission of its prohibition against marijuana dispensaries within city limits and allow one cannabis store. The City Council has previously found that marijuana dispensaries within the City adversely affect the health, safety and well-being of City residents, the City Council now ignores the health, safety, and well-being of the City during the worst pandemic the City has seen in over 100-years. The City Council must convene for a final vote on September 16 to approve its September 2<sup>nd</sup> actions.

**INFORMATION:**

Trustees for the Pacific Grove Unified School District provides for the education and security of 1,963 students over 6 campuses, most of which sits inside the City limits of Pacific Grove. Trustees for the Pacific Grove Unified School District do not believe a cannabis dispensary is in the best interest of the District or the City of Pacific Grove. The Board declares its opposition to the City Council’s September 2<sup>nd</sup> decision to allow a cannabis dispensary and respectfully asks it to change course. The Board objects to the disregard for the health, safety, and well-being of Pacific Grove citizens, especially students, during a pandemic. The Board calls upon the Pacific Grove City Counsel to reevaluate this decision, and, at the very least, delay the implementation until the people of Pacific Grove may vote upon its merits or until this pandemic is behind our community.

**BOARD OF TRUSTEES  
OF THE  
PACIFIC GROVE UNIFIED SCHOOL DISTRICT  
COUNTY OF MONTEREY, CALIFORNIA**

Resolution No. 1060

**RESOLUTION OPPOSING RESCISSION OF THE PACIFIC GROVE MORATORIUM  
ON MARIJUANA SALE AND DISTRIBUTION**

**WHEREAS**, ten years, the City of Pacific Grove wisely adopted an ordinance which expressly prohibited the establishment, operation, or use of marijuana dispensaries within city limits under Municipal Code section 11.100.040 pursuant to the powers of the California Constitution, Article 4 of the City Charter, and General Plan;

**WHEREAS**, in its first ordinance of 2016, the City Council unanimously amended Ordinance 16-001;

**WHEREAS**, pursuant to Ordinance 16-001, made the following unanimous findings:

- Marijuana sale and distribution did not maintain the economic integrity and character of the City;
- Marijuana dispensaries within the City can adversely affect the health, safety and well-being of City residents;
- Marijuana dispensaries within the City will expose the City to costs related to regulation, enforcement, and secondary effects of dispensaries, such as litter and security;

**WHEREAS**, on November 15, 2017, the City Council unanimously reaffirmed its commitment the City of Pacific Grove, voting to maintain the prohibitions against commercial cannabis activities and medicinal cannabis dispensaries;

**WHEREAS**, on September 2, 2020, the City Council, by a bare majority, voted to approve rescission of its prohibition against marijuana dispensaries within city limits and allow one cannabis store;

**WHEREAS**, although the City Council has previously found that marijuana sale and distribution did not maintain the economic integrity and character of the City, the City Council now ignores the character of the City;

**WHEREAS**, although the City Council has previously found that marijuana dispensaries within the City adversely affect the health, safety and well-being of City residents, the City Council now ignores the health, safety, and well-being of the City during the worst pandemic the City has seen in over 100-years;

**WHEREAS**, the American Lung Association warns against smoking cannabis during the pandemic because it can exacerbate the effects of COVID-19;

**WHEREAS**, although City Council found that marijuana dispensaries within the City would expose the City to costs related to regulation, enforcement, and secondary effects of dispensaries, such as litter and security, the City Council now wishes to place those financial burdens on the already cash-strapped City budget;

**WHEREAS**, the City Council must convene for a final vote on September 16 to approve its September 2nd actions;

**WHEREAS**, the Trustees for the Pacific Grove Unified School District provides for the education and security of 1,963 students over 6 campuses, most of which sits inside the City limits of Pacific Grove;

**WHEREAS**, the Trustees for the Pacific Grove Unified School District do not believe a cannabis dispensary is in the best interest of the District or the City of Pacific Grove.

**NOW THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED AND ORDERED** that the Board declares its opposition to the City Council’s September 2nd decision to allow a cannabis dispensary and respectfully asks it to change course.

**BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED AND ORDERED** that The Board objects to the disregard for the health, safety, and well-being of Pacific Grove citizens, especially students, during a pandemic.

**BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED AND ORDERED** that the Board calls upon the Pacific Grove City Counsel to reevaluate this decision, and, at the very least, delay the implementation until the people of Pacific Grove may vote upon its merits or until this pandemic is behind our community.

PASSED AND ADOPTED THIS \_\_\_\_\_ day of \_\_\_\_\_, 2020 at a meeting of the Governing Board, by the following vote:

AYES: \_\_\_\_\_

NOES: \_\_\_\_\_

ABSENT: \_\_\_\_\_

ABSTAIN: \_\_\_\_\_

**PACIFIC GROVE UNIFIED SCHOOL DISTRICT  
GOVERNING BOARD**

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Debbie Crandell  
President of the Governing Board  
Pacific Grove Unified School District