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TO: Jayden's Journey Patients
FROM: Keith D. Boggs, Assistant Executive Officer
SUBJECT: RESPONSE TO JAYDEN'S JOURNEY COMMUNITY CONCERNS

Thank you for contacting the Stanislaus County Chief Executive Office to express your support and concern for the cannabis licensing process for Jayden's Journey. The County had over 100 businesses express interest in obtaining a permit for cannabis operations in Stanislaus County, and received a total of 61 permit applications by the March 1, 2018 application deadline.

In order to evaluate all interested businesses in this new industry, we formulated an objective process to implement a standard set of rules for the independent evaluation of each application. We clearly communicated this process for all potential applicants to follow in order to receive consideration for a limited number of licenses available. On January 24, 2018, the County held a town hall meeting with all applicants regarding the application process and discussed at length the requirements necessary to be eligible for a permit. Documents outlining the application process and all requirements were posted on our website at www.stancounty.com/cannabis and include the "Application Procedure for Commercial Cannabis Businesses," "Application Definitions & Evaluation Criteria Descriptions," and "Application Checklist."

Each application (including Jayden's Journey) was evaluated in comparison to the County's published criteria. To pass this phase of the process, applicants had to demonstrate that they met a minimum of 80% of the published criteria through the application materials they submitted. While we provided all information necessary to submit a complete application, we do not control the decisions Jayden's Journey made in the preparation of their application and the areas in which they submitted inadequate information in order to meet the minimum requirements for licensing as a cannabis business in Stanislaus County.

Overall Jayden's Journey received an evaluation score of 63%, falling short of the minimum 80% threshold necessary to continue in the process. The following areas were identified as deficiencies and concerns regarding their application and which reduced their overall score:

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- **Proposed Property Location**
- **Business Plan**
- **Neighborhood Compatibility Plan**
- **Safety Plan**
- **Security Plan**
- **Air Quality Plan**
- **Labor and Employment Plan**

The County is dedicated to maintaining the integrity of its cannabis business activity permitting process. That process was clearly communicated to all applicants and we are committed to ensuring all applicants are treated fairly and equally in this process. Of the 61 businesses who submitted applications for a commercial cannabis business permit in Stanislaus County, 30 applicants submitted materials that demonstrate at least 80% of the established criteria and passed a thorough background check. These applications are currently moving forward in the permit process. We are continuing to work with approved applicants to bring forward a legal cannabis industry in Stanislaus County to serve our community.

Thank you again for taking the time to contact our office and expressing your concerns regarding this matter. If you would like to learn more about the specific process we have put forward for permitting the cannabis industry in Stanislaus County, please visit www.stancounty.com/cannabis.