



**Office of Cannabis Management
Chief Executive Office**

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Office of Cannabis Management

- Coordinating 14 County departments that will be implementing the Board of Supervisors policies related to cannabis
- Conducts public listening sessions on cannabis regulation
- Established several work groups
- Maintain website: cannabis.lacounty.gov

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Departments Involved in Regulation and Enforcement

- Agricultural Commissioner/Weights and Measures
- Consumer and Business Affairs
- Assessor
- Department of Human Resources
- Treasurer and Tax Collector
- Regional Planning
- Public Works
- Fire Department
- Sheriff's Department
- District Attorney's Office
- County Counsel
- Public Defender
- Alternate Public Defender
- Public Health

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Board's Priorities

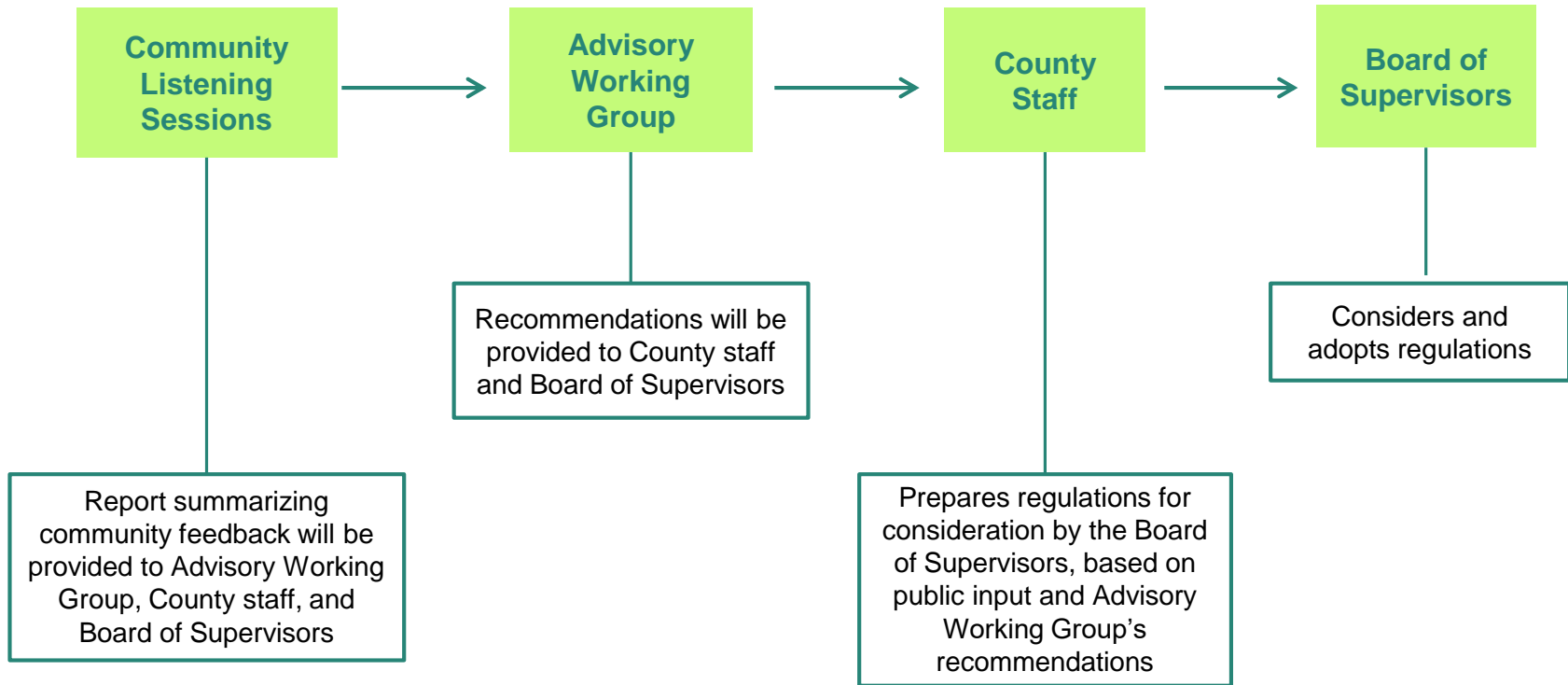
- Robust stakeholder outreach.
- Meaningful opportunities for expert, community, and industry participation.
- Comprehensive regulatory framework

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Regulations must:

- Maximize the **transition from unlicensed business activity** to a regulated marketplace
- **Avoid blight** and **prevent overconcentration**
- Address principles of **equitable development**
- Implement **environmental sustainability** measures
- Address the issue of **youth access and exposure** to cannabis
- ...along with meeting other objectives

Background: Process for Community Engagement & Preparation Of Regulations



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Cannabis Advisory Work Group

- Consists of 17 members:
 - Board appointees
 - Academia
 - Health and drug policy experts
 - Industry
- Discuss topics such as youth access and exposure, standards for cannabis businesses, and cultivation of cannabis for personal use.
- Developing recommendations to provide guidance on the County's regulatory framework.

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Community Listening Sessions

- Held 18 throughout the County
- Topics discussed include:
 - Youth access and exposure
 - Where should cannabis businesses locate?
 - Personal cultivation
 - Taxation and revenue
 - Equity and economic development
 - General Concerns
- Feedback received will be incorporated into a report for the Board of Supervisors

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Lessons Learned from Colorado

- Educate the public on what is legal versus what is not legal
- Monitor edibles and impacts from overconsumption
- Monitor advertising
- Monitor the black/grey market
- Address overconcentration

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Lessons Learned from Colorado cont.

- Educate tourists
- Collect data
- Advocate for banking solutions
- Whether it is banned or not, jurisdictions will still have to manage impacts of other jurisdictions that allow it.

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Rocky Mountain High Intensity Drug Trafficking Area Report (Sept. 2016)

- 2013/2014 results show Colorado youth and adults ranked #1 in the nation for past month marijuana use.
- Marijuana-related traffic deaths increased 62% from 71 to 115 persons after recreational marijuana was legalized in 2013.

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Engaging Cities

- We want to engage our city partners, especially those that are considering or would like to regulate cannabis activity.
- Working with City of Long Beach and City of Los Angeles.
- If you contract with County Sheriff, Fire, or Public Health and are going to regulate cannabis activity-maintain regular communication.

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Next Steps

- Cannabis Advisory Work Group-end of August
- Incorporate feedback from the public in the drafting of the regulatory framework
- Present the draft regulatory framework to the Board of Supervisors