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The Honorable Linda Penner
Chairwoman
Board of State and Community Corrections
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**BSCC FEBRUARY 12TH MEETING PUBLIC COMMENT – REQUEST TO
INCORPORATE MORE THAN ONE AWARDEE FROM SAME LOCAL
GOVERNMENT INTO GRANT SUBMISSIONS FOR PROPOSITION 64 PUBLIC
HEALTH AND SAFETY GRANT PROGRAM**

Dear Chairwoman Penner and Committee Members,

I am writing to express my wholehearted support of the Board and State Community Corrections (BSCC) Proposition 64 Public Health & Safety Grant Program and the positive impact it makes on our communities. As you are aware, Proposition 64's dedicated cannabis tax revenue to local governments for initiatives helps promote public health, safety, youth development, environmental stewardship, and law enforcement related to cannabis legalization.

With the release of Cohort 4, I respectfully request for the incorporation of the BSCC grant application to allow for more than one submission and awardee from the same local government.

While County of San Diego departments collaborate on cannabis enforcement and education, our work requires a level of independence. Our team operates independently on a comprehensive strategy that addresses both enforcement and education. Certain enforcement activities—particularly those targeting illicit cannabis operations—are exclusively law enforcement responsibilities and cannot be shared across departments. To complement these enforcement efforts, we aim to expand evidence-based youth programs that promote substance use prevention, resilience-building, and healthy decision-making. These initiatives align with the grant's core focus on youth development, prevention, and intervention, and require dedicated resources to engage community partners effectively. Independent grant funding is essential to maintain this dual approach—strengthening enforcement while simultaneously investing in prevention programs that reduce future risks.

Our enforcement strategy has demonstrated measurable success in eradicating illicit cannabis operations, reinforcing the importance of maintaining a focused and independent approach. For this reason, we believe the ability to apply for our own grants is critical to sustaining and expanding these efforts. At the same time, we recognize the value of collaboration and support our partnering County departments in pursuing funding opportunities that advance their missions and complement our shared objectives. This dual approach ensures that each department can maximize its impact while continuing to work together toward a safer, healthier community.

Thank you for your consideration of allowing for more than one awardee from the same local government as part of the grant development process. Should my team be of any further assistance please contact Sergeant Thomas Hendricks, Sheriff's Marijuana Enforcement Team, at (858) 495-5607 or thomas.hendricks@sdsheriff.org.

Respectfully,



Kelly A. Martinez, Sheriff