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## **League Educates its Members on the Adult Use of Marijuana Act**

The League of California Cities® on Sept. 12 released two documents to its members explaining key elements of Proposition 64 (the Adult Use of Marijuana Act or AUMA). These documents examine how local authority over recreational marijuana would be affected should this proposition to legalize non-medical marijuana pass on Nov. 8. *For more, see Page 2.*



## **California Cities Lead Small Business Innovation; Launch Open Source Startup in a Day Solutions** *Los Angeles, San Francisco Launch Business Portals*

State and local governments nationwide are actively harnessing the power of technology to simplify and streamline the path for entrepreneurs to start a business. Recognizing that small businesses are critical to economic infrastructure and community vitality, local governments are searching for ways to attract and retain innovators and investors. A new generation of entrepreneurs and city officials are looking to the 'internet of things' for solutions. *For more, see Page 2.*



## **U.S. Communities Announces New Athletic Supplies and Physical Education Equipment Contract**

U.S. Communities, the League of California Cities® and the California State Association of Counties sponsored government purchasing alliance, is excited to announce that Gopher has been awarded a multi-year contract for athletic supplies and physical education equipment. *For more, see Page 3.*

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This information, which is primarily directed at city managers and city attorneys, but will be informative for everyone in local government, takes the form of a [Frequently Asked Questions](#) document and a more [detailed memo](#). The memo explains key differences between the AUMA and the Medical Marijuana Regulation and Safety Act, signed into law last year, and details aspects of the AUMA that will effect local regulation, including deliveries, permissive zoning, and taxes.

The memo has been updated twice in response to feedback from local governments, first to clarify that the AUMA provides that local governments can reasonably regulate, but cannot ban, indoor cultivation for personal use of up to six plants per adult, and second to clarify that local ordinances enacted to ban indoor cultivation for personal use prior the November election will have no legal effect if the AUMA is approved by voters. The AUMA will supersede such local prohibitions.

In sum, cities should take note of four key points:

- 1) The AUMA, if it passes, will NOT pre-empt local control, except with respect to indoor cultivation of up to six plants for personal use.
- 2) If voters approve the AUMA, local bans on indoor cultivation for personal use will automatically be invalid on their face. Local governments have no incentive to enact bans on indoor cultivation before the November election, unless the cultivation being targeted is commercial in nature. Reasonable local regulations on indoor cultivation for personal use will remain valid, and can be enacted even after the November election (examples are residential cultivation permits, inspection requirements, etc.).
- 3) If voters approve the AUMA, local bans or other regulations on outdoor cultivation will remain valid.
- 4) If voters approve the AUMA, local regulations, including bans, of non-medical marijuana businesses/commercial operations will remain valid.

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Making it easier to start a business is a state and local priority that is shared by the Obama Administration. Last week, the city of Los Angeles debuted its online business portal, created with the help of a \$250,000 grant from the U.S. Small Business Administration Startup in a Day competition. The [LA Business Portal](#) is an online resource that streamlines the process of starting a business in Los Angeles and assists businesses that are hoping to grow their operations.

With the portal, everything an entrepreneur and business owner needs to start, grow, and manage their business is available at one online location. The tools provided include a Resource Library, a Startup Guide, as well as Starter Kit how-to guides that map out best practices for starting and managing businesses. In contrast to several different locations and websites, the portal is a one-stop shop for new and current business owners. The website is simple and user-friendly and is available in ten major languages, representing and facilitating the city's diversity.

Los Angeles learned from San Francisco, which in 2011 launched the inaugural [San Francisco Business Portal](#). San Francisco worked with local business owners, city agencies, and promising entrepreneurs to craft a comprehensive one-stop shop setting the stage for cities like Los Angeles, Boston, Salt Lake City, and many others to develop similar solutions.

### Sharing the Codes

Setting California apart, Los Angeles took it one-step further by making the website codes [free and available for download](#) — a practice known as Open Sourcing. By providing open source information, the portal is accessible for state and local governments to replicate and customize the design and purpose of the tool, making this powerful online tool a potential reality for cities of all sizes and resources.

[Seven additional California cities](#) have already made the pledge to create Startup in a Day online tools and develop streamlined, business-friendly, online permitting systems.

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This contract was awarded through a competitive solicitation process and detailed evaluation conducted by lead public agency, Harford County Public Schools, Maryland. The contract term is for three years with a start date of Oct. 1, with the option to extend the contract for two additional two-year periods. To learn more about this new contract, register for one of the [complimentary 30-minute webinars](#).

From athletics to fitness to physical education, Gopher offers over 7,000 products from 75 product categories, including 3,500 products that are unique to Gopher and you won't find anywhere else. Gopher's passion is to help professionals achieve better results in the gym, on the playground, and on the field by providing them the equipment they need and the service and support they deserve.

To learn more about this new contract with Gopher join one the 30-minute webinars. If you are unable to attend one of the webinar dates [contact U.S. Communities](#) for additional information.

### **Webinars**

Tuesday, Oct. 4, 8 a.m.

Register [online](#).

Wednesday, Oct.5, 11 a.m.

Register [online](#).

For additional information on Gopher or the U.S. Communities Government Purchasing Alliance visit [www.uscommunities.org](http://www.uscommunities.org) or you may contact [Amanda Cadelago](#) with the League at (916) 658-8226.

### **About U.S. Communities**

The U.S. Communities Government Purchasing Alliance, a strategic partner of the League of California Cities, is a government purchasing cooperative that reduces the cost of goods and services by aggregating the purchasing power of public agencies nationwide. U.S. Communities provides world class procurement resources and solutions to local and state government agencies, school districts (K-12), higher education, and nonprofits. State and local governments have access to a broad line of competitively solicited contracts with best in class national suppliers.

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## **U.S. Communities Holding Summit on Oct. 26 in Anaheim to Educate Local Government Agency Officials on Program's Cost-Saving Benefits**

*Additional Summit to be held in Marysville*

U.S. Communities, the League of California Cities<sup>®</sup> and the California State Association of Counties sponsored government purchasing alliance, is hosting a free regional event on Oct. 26 at the Downtown Anaheim Community Center to help public agencies learn how to save time and money through the U.S. Communities program.

During this four hour event, you will be able to network, ask questions and share feedback:

- Learn when to use cooperative contracts;
- Connect with other local agencies currently using cooperative purchasing and find out what is working for their organization;
- Learn about the online e-commerce marketplace;
- Meet your local U.S. Communities program manager; and
- Connect with U.S. Communities suppliers to learn about and receive their lowest overall government pricing for these products and services:
  - Facilities
  - Office and school solutions
  - Technology

- Parks and recreation
- Specialty

This educational event will be of special interest to:

- Assistant city managers
- Public safety officials
- Parks and recreation officials
- Public works directors
- Facilities managers
- Fleet managers
- IT managers
- Procurement officers

### **Event Details**

Wednesday, Oct. 26, 10 a.m. to 1:30 p.m.

Meeting will be held at the Downtown Anaheim Community Center, 250 E. Center Street in Anaheim.

[Register online](#). Lunch will be provided.

### **Future Summits**

U.S. Communities will be holding a summit in Northern California:

- November 16: Marysville. [Register online](#).

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Learn more about U.S. Communities at [www.uscommunities.org/lcc](http://www.uscommunities.org/lcc).

For more information about the summits, please contact [Rob Fiorilli](#) from U.S. Communities at (925) 588-5054 or [Norman Coppinger](#) from the League of California Cities at (916) 658-8277.

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