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ballot measure Y (Letter) at the November 3, 2020 General Election (Name of Election) election for the City of Sonoma (Jurisdiction) being held on 11/3 (Date of Election), 20 20

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1. [redacted] 8/14/2020
Signature/Date (Principal Officer signing of behalf of an Association? ☒ Yes ☐ No)
Dolph Harvey
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Mayor
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2. [redacted] 8-16-20
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3. [redacted] 8/14/20
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Madolyn Agrimonti
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City Council Member
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4. [redacted] 8-14-2020
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David Cook
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City Council Member
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5. [redacted] 8/14/2020
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Measure Y - Personal Cannabis Cultivation Initiative
Ballot Argument Against – Submitted on Behalf of the City of Sonoma

Last year, the Sonoma City Council created detailed regulations and an exhaustive process to select seasoned cannabis (marijuana) businesses to open one cannabis retail dispensary and one delivery-only dispensary in city limits. One experienced cannabis business was chosen in August 2020 to open a retail dispensary. This business is expected to open next year after completing a rigorous review process by the Sonoma Planning Commission to ensure safe operations as a good neighbor. In the future, the City's cannabis policies will allow one delivery-only dispensary, one testing facility, and one culinary manufacturer.

Measure Y reaches too far. Its "one size fits all" approach places no limits on the number of commercial cannabis businesses that may be opened in Sonoma. Measure Y would allow cultivation, manufacturing, distribution, testing, and retail all on one site and/or next door to one another, creating the potential for a "cannabis row" Sonoma.

Measure Y prohibits the City of Sonoma from reviewing the operations of any cannabis business and how it would operate or fit within a neighborhood. Measure Y extensively removes all public review and input. It requires only a staff level review on basic zoning parameters. There would be no public hearings, no environmental review, and no ability for public input on building design, noise, security, fencing, parking, and other operational issues.

Measure Y is poorly written. It is internally inconsistent and ambiguous. For example, the measure appears to prohibit outdoor personal cultivation, but would permit indoor cultivation of up to 30 plants on any residential property by caregivers for patients.

As City Council Members, we have different opinions about cannabis in Sonoma, but we are all unanimously against Measure Y. The initiative is overly broad, confusing, and problematic. With limited restrictions and no opportunities for local input and oversight, Measure Y puts our community and future cannabis businesses at risk. Vote "No" on Measure Y.

Logan Harvey, Mayor
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David Cook, Councilmember
Amy Harrington, Councilmember