

Proposed Timeline for Proposition 14 Implementation

Background: In April 2023, Ballot Proposition 14 was approved by Anchorage voters by a nearly 12-point margin. The proposition dedicates funding of retail marijuana sales tax proceeds to childcare and early education and establishes an Accountability Board of Child Care and Early Education. The ballot proposition charges the Anchorage Assembly with establishing, by subsequent ordinance, the board's responsibilities, composition, and operation. Further, the proposition requires the board to deliver a budget to the Administration 120 days prior to the end of the fiscal year (*AO No. 2022-17(S-2), As Amended*). Funds will begin being deposited in the account beginning January 1, 2024.

This proposal considers the difficulty of an accelerated timeline which would require development and approval of an ordinance establishing the board's responsibilities, composition, and operation; seating that board; and delivering a budget proposal for use of 2024 funds to the Administration before September 1, 2023. Instead, the proposed timeline adopts a methodical and intentional approach towards establishing regulations and the Accountability Board. This approach will allow for greater transparency and full stakeholder engagement. Additionally, it aims to furnish the fund with comprehensive and purposeful data regarding community needs, best practices, insights gained from other communities' experiences, and clear recommendations for utilizing the funds effectively.

TIMELINE PROPOSAL

- **Summer to September 2023:** Planning team organizes and develops scope of work.
- **Remainder of 2023:** Community partners work to prepare recommendations, identify best practices, and identify potential areas for strategic leverage of this new funding with existing programs and funding streams.
- **January to April 2024:** Public outreach and engagement with stakeholders to review recommendations, identify community priorities for use of the funds to inform future decisions, and feedback on composition and operations of the new Accountability Board of Child Care and Early Education.
- **April to May 2024:** Develop and introduce enabling ordinance for the new Accountability Board.
- **Summer 2024:** Seat and confirm new Accountability Board members, develop FY25 budget recommendations (including available fund balance collected in FY24), and develop strategic plan for use of funds over multiple years.