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Item 18

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Dear Honorable Los Angeles City Council Members,

I'm Michael Larsen from Angelenos for Reasonable Marijuana Regulation, but today (even though I am not one) I'd like to speak to you on behalf of the Drug Dealers of Los Angeles.

And on their behalf, I'd like to **congratulate you and thank you.**

Thank you for your compassion.

Without your progressive policies and amazingly brave approach, we would not be able to do the work that we do and contribute so much to the financial and cultural character of this great City.

Who would have thought that the City Council of Los Angeles would not only encourage and facilitate our enterprise, but to also diligently protects us from the unfair interference of local and federal law enforcement? We can't thank you enough.

We are seeing an incredible surge in sales of weed in this city, our retail outlets continue to grow and flourish -(we are opening a new outlet in Eagle Rock as I write!), and we could not have done it without you, especially CM Reyes.

Thank you.

With your forward thinking stimulus program, we have been unfettered by draconian permits, inspections, fees, taxes, audits, hearings, pesky Neighborhood Councils, unfettered by all the bureaucratic nightmares that hinder **other** businesses in the City.

We have been, and it looks like we will continue to be, free to attend to the business that we do best: selling quality bud and making mad profits. Our customer base has expanded exponentially and is getting younger thanks to the access and legitimacy you have given us.

We don't take this special status that you have given us lightly. We know how important it is to you and to the people of this great city that we provide affordable, convenient weed and edibles to discriminating and compassionate Angelenos.

Thanks to your efforts everyone across the country and indeed throughout the world knows that LA is **the** place to come to buy, sell, grow, eat and smoke pot without any governmental interference whatsoever.

Now with your clear endorsement and sanction at yesterday's *joint* committee meeting, we can go on to create an even more successful business in Los Angeles (non-profit of course, wink wink) thereby solving the City's budget woes, curing most medical ailments, and keeping everyone super high and happy!

Thanks to all of your hard work, LA IS and hopefully will continue **TO BE The Marijuana Mecca of America!** (We are already crafting and will work closely with the City on a billion dollar advertising campaign to get the word out and give L.A. the boost it needs!)

Remember, stay uniformed and confused and you'll do great!

Thank you again.

Michael Larsen

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