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Chairman Ed Reyes—LA City Council
Planning & Land Use Management Committee (PLUM)
200 N. Spring Street, Room 395
Los Angeles, CA 90012

Date: 9-22-09
Submitted in PLUM Committee
Council File No: 08-0923
Item No.: 3
Deputy: B. GREENE

RE: CF 08-0923 City's Proposed Medical Marijuana Ordinance

Dear Chairman Reyes:

I am submitting for the PLUM committee agenda on September 22, 2009 my recommended changes to the proposed Medical Marijuana ordinance, with the last revision date of 7/22/09. These changes will help to ensure the ordinance maintains consistent access for legal patients, while addressing community concerns. I would like to discuss these changes with you or your staff at your convenience.

SEC. 46.61. DEFINITIONS

Drug Paraphernalia:

Dispensaries should operate "**exclusively**" as "Not for Profit" and any combined use of retail and/or wholesale of **drug paraphernalia should be not be permitted.**

Sensitive Uses:

Churches should be added to this list

The word "**licensed**" should precede "substance abuse facility"

Distances from sensitive uses:

The **1000 foot distance** requirement seems to have been overlooked and left out of this proposed ordinance

SEC. 46.62. (b)

A separate MMCC Permit is required for each location of a Medical Marijuana Cooperative/Collective, and no person or entity can hold more than one MMCC Permit at any given time **or have an interest, be officer, member... of more than one entity with a MMCC Permit.**

SEC. 46.64. (b) (3)

b) The Cooperative/Collective may only be open between the hours of 9:00 am and 8:00 pm, Monday through Sunday. **Cooperative/Collectives that can establish that they have been operating until 2am prior to September 14, 2007 and are located within an M, M1 and M2 zone will be exempt and may continue to operate until 2am.**


d) change "six months" to "**year**"

h) Cooperative/Collective staff shall submit to, **within 90 days of their employment**, and pass a background investigation by the Los Angeles Police Department

j) ~~No Automatic Teller Machines (ATM) are permitted on site.~~

n) ~~The names of all registered members of the Cooperative/Collective who will be contributing Medical Marijuana to the Cooperative/Collective must be disclosed in writing and in advance to the Los Angeles Police Department.~~

Cordially yours,



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CC: Hanh D. Dao, Office of the Chief Legislative Analyst