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**OFFICIAL ACTION OF THE LOS ANGELES CITY COUNCIL**

March 2, 2018

**Council File No.:** [14-0366-S14](#)

**Council Meeting Date:** February 28, 2018

**Agenda Item No.:** 24

**Agenda Description:** RULES, ELECTIONS, AND INTERGOVERNMENTAL RELATIONS COMMITTEE REPORT relative to additional staffing for the regulation of commercial cannabis activity in the City of Los Angeles.

**Council Action:** RULES, ELECTIONS, AND INTERGOVERNMENTAL RELATIONS COMMITTEE REPORT - ADOPTED

**Council Vote:**

YES	BLUMENFIELD	YES	HARRIS-DAWSON	YES	O'FARRELL
YES	BONIN	ABSENT	HUIZAR	YES	PRICE
YES	BUSCAINO	ABSENT	KORETZ	YES	RODRIGUEZ
ABSENT	CEDILLO	YES	KREKORIAN	YES	RYU
YES	ENGLANDER	ABSENT	MARTINEZ	YES	WESSON

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**Pursuant to Charter/Los Angeles Administrative Code Section(s): 4.133**

**FILE SENT TO MAYOR:**

**LAST DAY FOR MAYOR TO ACT:**

**APPROVED**

**\*DISAPPROVED**

**\*VETO**

03/09/2018

Mayor

**DATE SIGNED**

RULES, ELECTIONS, AND INTERGOVERNMENTAL RELATIONS COMMITTEE REPORT relative to additional staffing for the regulation of commercial cannabis activity in the City of Los Angeles.

Recommendations for Council action, SUBJECT TO THE APPROVAL OF THE MAYOR:

1. RESOLVE that the following positions in the Department of Cannabis Regulation (DCR) are APPROVED and CONFIRMED through June 30, 2018, to support the Department's licensing, inspection, and compliance programs, implement recently adopted ordinances, and improve delivery of services consistent with the City's adopted policies and procedures, subject to position allocation by the Personnel Department and pay grade determination by the City Administrative Officer (CAO):

<u>Class Code</u>	<u>Title</u>	<u>No.</u>
9428-0	Assistant Executive Director - Cannabis Regulation	1
9171-2	Senior Management Analyst II	1
9171-1	Senior Management Analyst I	2
9184-0	Management Analyst	4
1539-0	Management Assistant	5
1523-1	Senior Accountant I	1
1800-1	Public Information Director I	1
1785-1	Public Relations Specialist I	2
1223-0	Accounting Clerk	1
1117-2	Executive Administrative Assistant II	1
1358-0	Administrative Clerk	<u>2</u>

Total: 21

2. RESOLVE that the following as-needed positions in the DCR are APPROVED and CONFIRMED through June 30, 2018 to support the Department's licensing, inspection, and compliance programs, implement recently adopted ordinances, and improve delivery of services consistent with the adopted policies and procedures, subject to position allocation by the Personnel Department and pay grade determination by the CAO:

<u>Class Code</u>	<u>Title</u>
1223-0	Accounting Clerk
1358	Administrative Clerk
1502-0	Student Professional Worker

3. RESOLVE that the following position in the Los Angeles Police Department (LAPD) is APPROVED and CONFIRMED through June 30, 2018 to research, compile, analyze, and disseminate information associated with the City's regulation of licensed cannabis businesses, subject to position allocation by the Personnel Department:

Class Code Title

2236-1 Crime and Intelligence Analyst I

4. RESOLVE that the following positions in the Los Angeles Fire Department (LAFD) are APPROVED and CONFIRMED through June 30, 2018 to conduct pre-application and on-going inspections associated with the regulation of hazardous materials, hazardous waste, and the Fire Code, subject to position allocation by the Personnel Department:

<u>Class Code Title</u>	<u>No.</u>
2128-1 Fire Inspector I	2

5. RESOLVE that the following positions in the Los Angeles Department of Building and Safety (LADBS) are APPROVED and CONFIRMED through June 30, 2018 to expand case management services to support DCR, subject to position allocation by the Personnel Department and pay grade determination by the CAO:
- | <u>Class Code Title</u>                     | <u>No.</u> |
|---|------------|
| 7957-4 Structural Engineering Associate IV1 | 1          |
| 7957-2 Structural Engineering Associate II  | 1          |
| Total:                                      | 2          |

<u>Class Code Title</u>	<u>No.</u>
7957-4 Structural Engineering Associate IV	1
7957-2 Structural Engineering Associate II	1
Total:	2

6. APPROPRIATE \$1,000,000 from Fund No. 100/13, Revenue Source Code No. 3295, Licenses and Permits - Others to Cannabis Regulation Fund No. 100/13, Account No. 3040, Contractual Services, to support licensing and inspection system development, social equity program development, mailing services, and general administration contract activities.
7. APPROPRIATE \$300,000 from Fund No. 100/13, Revenue Source Code No. 3295, Licenses and Permits - Others to Cannabis Regulation Fund No. 100/13, Account No. 1010, Salaries General, to support interim salary costs for licensing, inspection, and compliance related activities.
8. AUTHORIZE the CAO and the Controller to make any necessary technical modifications to implement these recommendations.

Fiscal Impact Statement: None submitted. Neither the CAO nor the Chief Legislative Analyst has completed a financial analysis of this report.

Community Impact Statement: None submitted.

### SUMMARY

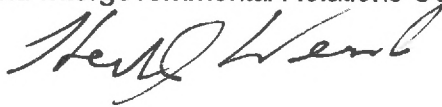
On December 14, 2017, Council approved reports from the Budget and Finance Committee and the Rules, Elections, and Intergovernmental Relations Committee which recommended, among other things, that the CAO identify the staff resources needed and funding for pre-licensing inspections and enforcement of regulations pertaining to commercial cannabis activity in the City of Los Angeles.

At its meeting held February 16, 2018, the Rules, Elections, and Intergovernmental Relations Committee discussed this matter with a representative of the DCR. The DCR representative stated that license revenue has exceeded expectations. The three staff positions allocated to the Department are not enough to process license applications, carry out enforcement duties, and to respond to public inquiries. It was stated that the enforcement of commercial cannabis regulations will also impact other Departments such as LAPD, LAFD, and LADBS. During the public comment period, speakers expressed support for approving additional staffing for DCR. Speakers also urged the City to investigate non-licensed businesses.

The Rules, Elections, and Intergovernmental Relations Committee Chair introduced proposals for staffing and funding for additional positions in the DCR, LAPD, LAFD, and LADBS. Committee approved the proposed recommendations as shown above.

Respectfully Submitted,

Rules, Elections, and Intergovernmental Relations Committee



<u>MEMBER</u>	<u>VOTE</u>
WESSON:	YES
HUIZAR:	YES
HARRIS-DAWSON:	YES

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