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Fwd: Replacement Endorsement Letter for Rules Agenda Item No 2 - Attached Letter is Signed

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Staci Roberts <staci.roberts@lacity.org>
To: Edwin Grover <edwin.grover@lacity.org>

Thu, May 24, 2018 at 7:49 AM

Ed,

Please attach to CF's 14-0366-s18 and 14-0366-s5
Thanks

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From: Richard Williams <richard.williams@lacity.org>
Date: Wed, May 23, 2018 at 11:01 PM
Subject: Fwd: Replacement Endorsement Letter for Rules Agenda Item No 2 - Attached Letter is Signed
To: staci.roberts@lacity.orgHi Staci,
Can someone pls post attached to the council files? Thx.

Richard

Sent from my iPhone

Begin forwarded message:

From: Sarah Armstrong <industry@safeaccessnow.org>
Date: May 22, 2018 at 4:22:04 PM PDT
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Attached please find a joint letter from the Southern California Coalition and Americans for Safe Access endorsing the proposal of a report-back as the first step in establishing a Neighborhood Health Fund. Please disregard the letter sent earlier, the attached letter is signed.

Respectfully submitted,
Sarah Armstrong JD
Director of Industry Affairs
Americans for Safe Access
And
Policy Chair
The Southern California Coalition



May 21, 2018

The Honorable Herb J. Wesson, Jr.
The Honorable Members of the Rules Committee
Los Angeles City Council
200 N. Spring Street
Los Angeles, CA 90012

Re: Rules Committee Meeting May 23, 2018 – Agenda Item No. 2
Request for a Report Back on Creation of a Neighborhood Health Fund
Council Files: 14-0366-S18 & 14-0366-S5

Dear President Wesson and Honorable Members of the Rules Committee:

The Southern California Coalition, the Southland's largest trade association and Americans for Safe Access, the oldest and largest national organization for medical cannabis patients are pleased to support efforts to establish a Neighborhood Health Plan. Our organizations urge the Honorable Committee to take a vital first step towards the creation of such a plan and pass the motion for a report-back on the issue.

We hope that the makers of the motion will investigate all potential avenues of revenue streams for this important project, rather than limiting its funding to City cannabis taxes or surcharges. Consumers of cannabis are already fleeing to the black market as the result of excessive taxation. Any further taxation or surcharges which must be passed on to the patient or consumer will simply exacerbate the situation. The City has a number of other options for raising funds, including state grants and private donations.

The proposed Neighborhood Health Fund is an important and necessary step forward for the City as it grapples with problems arising from the War on Drugs. Our organizations believe that Councilman Harris-Dawson's proposal could be a meaningful solution to the on-going injuries those impacted by unjust laws have suffered.

For the reasons stated above, we urge the honorable committee to approve the crucial first step in the process and pass the motion for a report-back when it comes before them.

Sincerely,

Handwritten signature of Adam Spiker in cursive.

Adam Spiker
Executive Director
Southern California Coalition

Handwritten signature of Sarah Armstrong in cursive.

Sarah Armstrong JD
Director of Industry Affairs
Americans for Safe Access

Cc: Los Angeles City Council Staff Attached to the Cannabis Issue