



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. 1
Creation of a DCR Special Revenue Trust Fund
Council Files: 14-0366-S21 & 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 the creation of a Special Revenue Trust Fund for the Department of Cannabis Regulation (the DCR).

The creation of such a fund would mark an important step forward for the City's Cannabis Program which must be able to receive funds to function. Beyond that, the keen amount of interest in the City's proposed Social Equity Program may generate financial contributions and the Department must have a mechanism to receive and house these contributions.

We are extremely pleased to see our earlier recommendation, that the Director of the DCR be given discretion over these funds is included in the proposed ordinance. We urge the honorable committee to extend this discretion to its applicable limit and allow the Director to not only have control over the fund, but have the option to be able to freely transfer funds between allocations to ensure the most efficient use of whatever monies come into the fund.

For the reasons stated above, we urge the honorable committee to approve the creation of the Special Revenue Trust Fund when it comes before them.

Sincerely,

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Director of Industry Affairs
Americans for Safe Access

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