

**RULES, ELECTIONS, AND INTERGOVERNMENTAL RELATIONS COMMITTEE REPORT** relative to a proposed Ordinance that would make working in an illegal cannabis business citable under the City's Administrative Citation Enforcement (ACE) Program.

Recommendation for Council action, pursuant to Motion (Harris-Dawson - Huizar):

REQUEST the City Attorney, with the assistance of the Los Angeles Police Department (LAPD), to draft an Ordinance that would make working in an illegal cannabis business citable under the City's ACE Program. The ACE fine amount should be based on the number of citations and increase for every citation, with individuals who are repeatedly caught working in an illegal cannabis-related business subject to misdemeanor charges.

Fiscal Impact Statement: Neither the City Administrative Officer nor the Chief Legislative Analyst has completed a financial analysis of this report.

Community Impact Statement: None submitted.

**SUMMARY**

At a special meeting held on October 19, 2018, the Rules, Elections, and Intergovernmental Relations Committee considered Motion (Harris-Dawson - Huizar) relative to a request to the City Attorney, with the assistance of the LAPD, to prepare and present an ordinance that would make working in an illegal cannabis business citable under the City's ACE Program.

The Motion states that illegal cannabis activity is a continuing concern, and that property and business owners should bear the majority of responsibility for illegal cannabis operations. However, other enforcement options such as the ACE Program should be explored for discouraging employees engaged in such activity. Further, the ACE citation amount should escalate based on the number of times the individual has been cited, with the LAPD still retaining the ability to charge serial offenders with misdemeanors as warranted.

After consideration, and after providing an opportunity for public comment, the Committee approved the recommendation in the Motion. This matter is now forwarded to the Council for its consideration.

Respectfully Submitted,

**RULES, ELECTIONS, AND INTERGOVERNMENTAL RELATIONS COMMITTEE**



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

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