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October 20, 2017

Los Angeles City Council
c/o Office of the City Clerk
200 N. Spring Street, Room 360
Los Angeles, CA 90012



Re: Community Impact Statement for the proposed ordinance on commercial cannabis activity. City Council Files 14-0366-S4; 14-0366-S5.

President Herb Wesson and Honorable Council Members:

The Board of the Hollywood Studio District Neighborhood Council voted at its October 9, 2017 regular meeting to recommend the following changes to the proposed Los Angeles Ordinance to regulate recreational cannabis activity:

- Increase the distancing requirement for cannabis sales from sensitive uses and other marijuana stores from 800' to up to 2,500'.
- Include day care centers, youth centers, colleges and vocational schools as sensitive uses requiring an 800' minimum distance from any cannabis retail store.
- Require retail operations that sell cannabis only via a delivery service with no storefront retail sales to abide by the requirement for an 800' minimum distance from sensitive uses.
- Remove any grandfathered status for existing marijuana retail operations.
- Allow cannabis retail sales only in M Manufacturing Zones. Prohibit retail sales in commercial and industrial zones. **OR**, alternatively, prohibit retail sales in mixed-use buildings with residential units, and in any building adjacent to a residential building, and within 100 feet of a residential zone by airline from all corners of the parking lot and building.
- Prohibit sales, cultivation, testing and manufacturing at property within Paramount Pictures, LAX, and the Jordon Downs Urban Village.
- Allow anyone to appeal a cannabis license approval. Allow 75 days for City Council to hear such appeals, not 15 council days.

- Maximum retail sales hours limited to 9 a.m. to 9 p.m.
- Require that applicants' personal information and an operation's security plan be public information available for anyone to review.
- Require a Mitigated Negative Declaration as the minimum review under CEQA.
- Prohibit vending devices.
- Prohibit smoking inside retail stores.
- Place a cap on the number of retail stores permitted in Los Angeles.

The vote of the Board was six to five in support of the recommended changes to the draft cannabis ordinance.

Thank you,

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read 'Doug Haines', with a long horizontal flourish extending to the right.

Doug Haines, Chair
Planning and Land Use Management Committee
Hollywood Studio District Neighborhood Council