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from Councilmember  
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October 13, 2017

Honorable Herb Wesson, Jr., Chair  
Rules, Elections, and Intergovernmental Relations  
200 N Spring Street, Room 430  
Los Angeles, CA 90012

**RE: OPPOSITION TO COMMERCIAL CANNABIS CULTIVATION IN  
AGRICULTURAL ZONES**

Dear Chairman Wesson and Committee Members:

On September 14, 2017 the City Planning Commission recommended that the City Council adopt a proposed ordinance to establish location restrictions for commercial cannabis activity. The proposed ordinance does not provide proper protections for the residents of Agriculturally Zoned areas.

The ordinance identifies eligible zones for commercial cannabis activity. Included in the zones eligible for Mixed-Light Commercial Cannabis Cultivation Activity are A1 and A2 Agricultural Zones. As defined, Mixed-Light Commercial Cannabis Cultivation Activity conducted in a greenhouse does not offer the same protections found in an enclosed structure. Mixed-Light Commercial Cannabis Cultivation Activity is a commercial use, and due to the crop's lucrative nature, elicits illegal activity such as trespassing, breaking and entry, and theft.

The Agricultural Zones located in the 7<sup>th</sup> Council District are nestled between single-family residential and equestrian uses. Given the A1 and A2 zone's proximity to these sensitive uses, there are no conditions that can be applied to adequately mitigate the negative spillover effects associated with commercial cannabis activity. This intense commercial activity would be taking place adjacent to low-intensity residential uses. These activities include the packaging of cannabis product, and increased vehicle trips related to distribution and workforce circulation.

I propose that A1 and A2 Agricultural Zones be removed from the eligible zones list for Mixed-Light Commercial Cannabis Cultivation.

I look forward to working with my colleagues to establish policy that provides safeguards for its residents while preserving its unique communities.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in black ink that reads "Monica Rodriguez". The signature is written in a cursive, flowing style.

Monica Rodríguez  
Councilwoman, 7<sup>th</sup> District

cc: Members of the Los Angeles City Council