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Members of the Los Angeles City Council Planning and Land Use Management Committee
Councilmember Jose Huizar, Chair
Councilmember Marqueece Harris-Dawson
Councilmember Gilbert A. Cedillo
Councilmember Mitchell Englander
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RE: Land Use Consideration for Medical Cannabis Delivery

Honorable Chairman and Members,

As you consider the next steps in rulemaking for dispensaries and medical cannabis business permitting in Los Angeles, we wanted to weigh in on an important area for your consideration that other cities are including in their rule-making process.

State law allows delivery from a licensed dispensary to a patient. We hope Los Angeles will do the same, adopting regulations and controls that will make the city streets, its residents, and patients safer by allowing medical cannabis delivery. To that end, we respectfully request that the City allow non-storefront dispensaries to become licensed for the purpose of storage and delivery.

Many cities struggle with the traffic to retail storefronts. People must drive long distances and parking can be difficult. One way to manage this is to allow any licensed dispensary to register an additional non-storefront location for delivery and storage purposes.

Any non-storefront dispensary must:

- Be part of the operation, ownership, and control of a Los Angeles licensed dispensary (whether storefront or non-storefront)
- Meet all dispensary criteria (operating out of a home garage or other non-commercial areas or a operate with another business type - the back of an auto repair shop or restaurant as examples, are not acceptable).
- Have a CUP and meet the zoning requirements for this type of business.
- Meet all other requirements of a dispensary/retailer licensee:
- Use track and trace software that shows the source of every item (this cannot be homegrown cannabis or sourced from illegal grows as so much of the inventory circulated by illegal delivery services is)
- Maintain security requirements (personnel, cameras, gates, bars, etc)
- Operate with full transparency as to ownership (as required by the State)
- Have personnel pass any required background checks
- Deploy only Enclosed Motorized Vehicles used for deliveries (not bicycle couriers)

In your planning and zoning conversations, please keep these important elements in mind to help Los Angeles neighborhoods manage and minimize storefronts.

If you have any question or require additional information, please feel free to contact **Jose Cornejo** of Cornejo Strategies at (213) 444-6502 or email him at jose@cornejost.com.

Sincerely,

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