

Communication from Public

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Comments for Public Posting: Dear Councilmember Wesson et Al: I am equally disturbed, disappointed and devastated by the letter you sent to Cat Packer dated October 28th in which you advocate for the suspension of the Phase 3 licensing process. I participated in the phase 3 process in good faith and was logged in as position #45. We have paid our fees and been placed on the map. I am a black female cannabis entrepreneur who had worked in the industry for the past 5 years. I am a single mother who has high hopes for both my future, and that of my 5 year old son with the possibility of finding success in the rapidly growing cannabis space. I'm also an advocate for social equity, and the participation of black and brown people in the the industry across the board. My location is in a diverse area on MLK and I'm excited to provide quality medicine to my community. While I agree that there are better ways to distribute social equity licenses — merit based distribution as a start instead of a first come first serve model — It's absurdly unfair to those of us who participated in this process in good faith to then turn around and unwind the process that city council itself put in place. It places applicants in an even worse position than before as many of us have moved toward building out spaces with eyes towards opening and finally becoming financially solvent. There are many black and brown owned business on the Phase 3 map currently that deserve our consideration for the licenses we applied for. The 2 irregularities that have been cited could easily be removed from the process in it's entirety if the council is not satisfied with the time adjusted placements that Cat indicated. In short, I don't want a refund - I WANT MY LICENSE. To roll back all of the licensing positioning that has been done thus far is an affront to those of us who did everything as asked and an embarrassment to the city as a whole which has dragged this process out for far too long already to the detriment of the SEP applicants. If the city council wants to revise the process moving forward with round 2 licensing of the next 150 licenses I would be in support of that move — but to punish the full group of applicants is punitive, unfair and feels like it's catering to other outside interests. As our representatives you owe it to the current Phase 3 paid applicants to consider our interests as well. We worked hard, applied fairly, waited more than patiently and deserve the consideration that was promised to us. Anything less is disservice to your constituency. I

would appreciate the opportunity to address you prior to a vote in favor of your proposal — so you can hear from BOTH sides of the story and see the damage your actions could cause. I appreciate your consideration in this matter. Best, Leona W Beatty SEP Tier 1&2 Qualified LA-C-19310047-R-APP