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Attn: Honorable Herb Wesson, Honorable Jose Huizar, and Honorable Marqueece Harris-Dawson City Council Rules, Elections, Intergovernmental Relations, and Neighborhoods Committee John Ferraro Council Chamber Room 340, Third Floor 200 North Spring Street
Los Angeles, CA 90012

Honorable Chairman and Members,

As the City Council begins to consider potential reforms to Proposition D and its medical marijuana regulations today, we request that you include considering lifting the ban against delivery from a licensed dispensary to a qualified patient as San Diego, San Francisco, and Oakland have.

The current ban against delivery is extraordinarily burdensome on patients for whom traveling is difficult and often painful. Without legal delivery, chronically ill patients are often forced to travel and endure traffic in order to get their legal medical marijuana for conditions including epilepsy, HIV/AIDS, cancer, and MS.

The current vagaries of Proposition D and the Municipal Code have left the City Attorney no choice but to prosecute delivery companies. However, despite the City's best efforts, more than 50 illegal delivery companies still aggressively advertise their services openly on the internet. This creates substantial risks including:

- o Danger to Patients: Patients get medicine from unknown sources and of unknown quality.
- Danger to Communities: Illegal drug dealers are delivering marijuana with no accountability to the law, no incentive to keep drugs out of the hands of children, and no safeguards to ensure they follow any law.
- o Fostering Criminal Activity: When patients and drivers can't report thefts to the police, they are targets for repeat offenses by dangerous criminals.

My company, Eaze, created a technology that enables the safe delivery of medical marijuana from compliant medical marijuana dispensaries to patients possessing a verified medical marijuana recommendation.

Eaze works in cities throughout California, where delivery is legal. We require that our dispensary partners have safe, inspected vehicles, licensed drivers with background checks, that patient identification and patient medical recommendation is validated prior to initiating any delivery, and use real time vehicle GPS tracking and validated shipping records showing what product was delivered where and when. We have worked with law enforcement in Sacramento and throughout the state to build a software that is responsive to concerns about officer safety and public safety. Best of all, we have the data on what makes a safe delivery. We have algorithms that help every delivery arrive safely, and makes the next delivery safer than the one before. **Technology can be used to ensure delivery is done safely and according to state/local regulations**.

We believe Los Angeles should join the over 200 other California cities that allow their chronically ill patients access to medical marijuana by delivery. Allowing voters to consider deliveries lets them choose to:

- o Receive medical marijuana safely and discretely
- Support chronically ill homebound friends and family
- o Reduce illegal marijuana activity
- Reduce opioid overdoses

 Continue to manage the number of dispensaries because overall patient access to current dispensaries increases via delivery

By regulating deliveries NOW, Los Angeles can be prepared for the sweeping changes contemplated by the passage of the State Medical Marijuana Regulation and Safety Act (MMRSA). Los Angeles can also more thoughtfully approach city-specific marijuana management should the Adult Use of Marijuana (AUMA) voter initiative pass in November.

We are asking that you work with the voters to reform Proposition D and legalize safe delivery of medical marijuana. Regulated delivery is good public policy and supports community safety, the health needs of the most vulnerable citizens, and the fiscal goals of the city.

Thank you. If you require additional information please call our local representative, Jose Cornejo, at (213)

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Respectfully,

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