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To: Rules, Elections, Intergovernmental Relations, and Neighborhoods Committee  
COUNCILMEMBER HERB J. WESSON, JR., CHAIR  
COUNCILMEMBER JOSE HUIZAR  
COUNCILMEMBER MARQUEECE HARRIS-DAWSON

RE: Council File 14-0366-S5

Dear Chairman Herb Wesson and Council Members:

First we wish to thank you and your office again for your leadership and work to fairly regulate Los Angeles' medical cannabis industry. We support the Council's efforts to create practical and robust regulations consistent with state law i.e. MMRSA.

Our organization represents a diverse coalition of stakeholders from the Los Angeles cannabis industry. We hereby request the following amendments be added to motion 14-0366-S5 being heard on Friday, June 17:

- Call for licensing of medical marijuana businesses in all categories contemplated by MMRSA, including specifically licensing of delivery services that are not associated with storefront dispensaries.
- Report on the potential creation of an LA Office of Medical Cannabis Regulation, with an Executive Director, to develop and oversee local licensing and permits.
- Report on the viability of transferring to this new agency, the principal responsibility and enforcement duties regarding regulatory compliance, away from the City Attorney's Office and the LAPD.



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- Report on the viability of establishing a City Commission composed of law enforcement, public health, and stakeholders to resolve disputes and appeals of license revocations/denials.
- Require public transparency of sales and production by licensed facilities and operators to provide an audit trail for regulators.
- Develop a merit based licensing system in all categories compliant with the MMRSA.
- Examination of licensing storefront dispensaries without limitation to Pre-ICO dispensaries, based on the needs of the marketplace and zoning considerations, rather than arbitrary numbers.
- Creating diversity in the marketplace including opportunity for employment and smaller businesses.
- Establishing a process for the public to participate in the development of the required staff report to the Council, with a public hearing(s) so that key stakeholders may be heard.

Thank you again and we look forward to working with you and your office to achieve a fair and well regulated Los Angeles medical cannabis industry.

Sincerely,

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