



Advancing Legal Medical Marijuana Therapeutics and Research

June 15, 2016

To: The Honorable Members of the Rules, Elections, Intergovernmental Relations, and Neighborhoods Committee

From: Sarah Armstrong  
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Americans for Safe Access

Re: Americans for Safe Access Stands in **Support** of the Motion to Revise Proposition D  
Council File 14-0366-S5  
Motion to be Heard in Committee June 17, 2016

Dear Honorable Members of the Committee:

We are writing today to indicate our **support** for the motion to revise Proposition D.

When the initial Council debate took place on Proposition D, it was described as: "a living, breathing, document which would be amended from time to time." Americans for Safe Access is pleased that the City of Los Angeles is honoring this commitment and stands ready to help in any manner we can.

We urge you to encourage the City to consider licensing in all six of the categories for which the State will issue licenses: cultivation, manufacturing, testing, dispensaries, distribution, and commercial transport.

Cultivation is a particularly promising area for licensing. Typically cultivation in Los Angeles would take place in specially fortified warehouses to discourage theft and be done in an ecologically sound manner. Cultivation jobs are a true pathway to the middle-class as the average salary is over \$20.00 an hour. These licensees would have no impact on the general public, as cultivation would most likely take place in industrial environments.

It should be noted that State Bill AB 1575 would amend the Medical Marijuana Regulation and Safety Act to create a specific license for Delivery Services. In San Francisco, 46% of all medical marijuana transactions are deliveries. It may well be that in Los Angeles, which is approximately ten times larger than San Francisco, delivery service revenues would rise to the level where they would bring in more tax revenue than dispensaries serving walk-in patients. This type of service is vital for patients who are too ill or have other reasons preventing them from accessing walk-in dispensaries.

Americans for Safe Access stands in strong support of this motion and urges the Committee to pass it. If you have any questions or concerns, I can be reached at (805) 279-8229 or [industry@safeaccessnow.org](mailto:industry@safeaccessnow.org).

Sincerely,  
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