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## Los Angeles County Democratic Party Statement Regarding Potential Recreational Cannabis Regulations in Los Angeles

**LOS ANGELES** – Los Angeles County Democratic Party Controller Thomas Patrick O'Shaughnessy released the following statement regarding potential regulations from the city of Los Angeles on recreational and medicinal marijuana dispensaries:

"As was stated when the Los Angeles County Democratic Party endorsed the Adult Use of Marijuana Act, legalization of cannabis allows for adults to be adults. Now that Measure M has passed, making sure businesses are treated equally under local laws for providing the goods and services to make these recreational choices is of integral importance to the Democratic Party.

"Los Angeles is in a position to be the leader in practical regulations of this new industry and we must accept our responsibility in that role. The citizens of this great city voted unprecedently to legalize the recreational use of cannabis, and as their elected representatives, the City Council has a duty to fully recognize this fact and grant businesses their licenses to operate lawfully, under accordance with city guidelines, and with the voters' collective support."

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