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With the 2016 statewide adoption of Proposition 64 (the Adult Use of Marijuana Act) and implementing legislation and regulations, and the 2017 citywide adoption of Proposition M and the subsequent Council adoption of ordinances regulating both the medical and recreational cannabis industries in Los Angeles, the regulatory landscape is evolving dramatically.

Additionally, the City Council has established the Department of Cannabis Regulation to oversee the City's implementation of cannabis-related laws and regulations, and adopted Council File 14-0366-56 to clarify that it has not been the Council's intent that the City pursue arguably harmless technical violations of the old Measure D regulations (temporarily extended in December 2017 to provide existing businesses the opportunity to continue operating until they obtain temporary licenses under Ordinances 185343, 185344 and 185345, as applicable).

However, in this environment of flux, the City continues to prosecute cases brought during 2016 and 2017 based on now-outdated regulations while new regulations were being developed. To obtain information and seek clarity with regard to how the City should proceed with regard to these cases and to using its resources efficiently and providing fairness for the industry while protecting the residents of the Los Angeles from demonstrable and legitimate abuses, the City Council should review the legal issues relating to ongoing cases.

I THEREFORE MOVE that the City Attorney report in Closed Session to the City Council at the earliest possible opportunity on the status of ongoing cannabis related legal cases, and the overt and underlying issues relating thereto, so that the Council may provide guidance and direction based on regulations and policies it has promulgated with regard to the regulation of cannabis and related businesses in the City of Los Angeles.

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