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Summary: The Council supports regulation of Marijuana Sales subject to conditions that are enumerated in our attached letter.

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Date August 7, 2017

Re: Council File # 14-0366-S5

Honorable City Council
c/o Office of the City Clerk
Los Angeles City Hall
200 North Spring Street, Room 395
Los Angeles, CA 90012

The Sherman Oaks Neighborhood Council requests that the following Community Impact Statement be attached to Council File 14-0366-S5 regarding the Regulation of Marijuana Sales.

COMMUNITY IMPACT STATEMENT

This Community Impact Statement is based on the action taken at the regularly scheduled Board of Directors meeting on June 12, 2017, when the Sherman Oaks Neighborhood Council adopted the motion by a vote of 15 yes, 0 no, 2 abstaining and directed that a Community Impact Statement be filed reflecting its position. *We are concerned about the oversaturation, proliferation and illegal operation of marijuana businesses, which is a major concern to many of our community members. We support an enhanced regulatory framework and stronger enforcement mechanisms for marijuana-related businesses. We do not support a ban on MRBs altogether because it is unrealistic.*

A regulatory framework should include a permit/licensing system that would:

- 1. require an annual renewal;*
- 2. impose safety-related operating requirements;*

3. *impose operating requirements such as:*

- a. the use of licensed security guards;*
- b. designated hours of operation from 8 a.m. to 8 p.m.*
- c. prohibition against sales of alcohol and/or tobacco;*
- d. prohibition against on-site alcohol and/or tobacco consumption;*
- e. installation of adequate odor control devices and ventilation systems;*
- f. limitations on access to minors; and,*
- g. mandatory inspections by LAPD, Department of Building & Safety, and Office of Finance.*

We support locational restrictions including zoning designation and separation requirements to avoid clustering of MRBs. This would include a robust Conditional Use permitting process to allow community stakeholders the opportunity of oversight and review of all MRB requests.

In particular, we support the limiting of the manufacturing and commercial cultivation of marijuana to M Zones only; and

We support limiting the number of MRBs in Sherman Oaks, restricting these businesses to no more than one per 2,500-foot radius of one another.

Additionally, we support limiting the number and type of MRB permits that are issued throughout the City of Los Angeles.

We request more efficient and effective enforcements mechanisms for closing illegal businesses and sanctioning non-compliant activities.

Further, we ask that City Council provide a 90-day review period for Neighborhood Councils to review and fully respond to the final draft ordinance.

The Sherman Oaks Neighborhood Council requests a Community Impact Statement be added to Council File 14-0366-S5 for consideration by the Rules, Elections, Intergovernmental Relations and Neighborhoods Committee in response to the October 2, 2016 letter from Councilmember Herb Wesson regarding marijuana (cannabis) regulations in Los Angeles.

Sincerely,
Ronald Ziff
President, SONC