



ERIC GARCETTI
MAYOR

August 8, 2017

Honorable Members of the City Council
c/o City Clerk
Room 395, City Hall

Re: Appointment of Permanent Executive Director, Cannabis Department: Cat Packer

Dear Honorable Members:

Pursuant to City Charter Section 508 (b), I appoint Ms. Cat Packer as the permanent Executive Director, Cannabis Department, effective as of the date of your confirmation of this appointment.

Attached please find a copy of her biography which provides greater detail about her experience. I am confident that Ms. Packer will make an outstanding Executive Director of the Cannabis Department. I look forward to your favorable consideration of her appointment.

Sincerely,

ERIC GARCETTI
Mayor

EG:mm

Attachment

cc: Wendy Macy, Personnel Department Sharon Tso, CLA
Rich Llewellyn Interim CAO Maritta Aspen, Office of the CAO
Holly Wolcott, City Clerk Errol Griffin, Office of the CAO
Heather Holt, Ethics Commission General Managers' Association
Nicole Enriquez, Ethics Commission

Most recently, Packer served as California Policy Coordinator for the Drug Policy Alliance, where she worked to ensure the successful & equitable development and implementation of California's evolving cannabis laws and policies. Within her role, Packer championed responsible regulation, industry diversity and reinvestment in communities most harmed by marijuana prohibition.

Prior to joining DPA, Packer served as the Campaign Coordinator for Californians for Responsible Marijuana Reform, Drug Policy Action's social justice driven campaign in support of the Adult Use of Marijuana Act.

Packer is an alumna of The Ohio State University where she received a Bachelor's in Political Science, a Master's in Public Policy & Management and a Juris Doctor. Packer envisions cannabis reform as an opportunity to raise awareness of mass incarceration and advocates an end to the failed war on drugs.