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Summary: There is a pressing issue concerning the Cannabis Social Equity (SE) program in Los Angeles. Even after multiple hearings with the Department of Cannabis Regulations and meetings held by concerned community members, no progress has been made. Some of what we are facing is delineated below. The least financially secure applicants face uncertainty, which is contradictory to the purpose of the Social Equity program: 1. The application process isn't open any for social equity applicants in Los Angeles- even those with full funding 2. The program itself has not been funded 3. Applicants can't plan insofar as no dates have been announced 4. Investors previously willing to back SE applicants are backing out because of the uncertainty of the process in Los Angeles. At least one class action lawsuit has already been filed in Los Angeles County and others are pending. This is a pressing matter that has the potential to gravely impact the city of Los Angeles as well as the State of California. Comprehensive solutions need to be created, immediately.