



August 15, 2016

Honorable Herb Wesson  
City Council President  
200 North Spring Street  
Room 430  
Los Angeles, CA 90017

RE: Support CF# 15-0002-S160 (Koretz/Wesson)

Council President Wesson,

On behalf of the members of the UCBA and UFCW local 770, we submit to you our support of CF# 15-0002-S160, which asks the City to SUPPORT AB 2385 (Jones-Sawyer), as amended.

As the leading cannabis trade association for Proposition D compliant dispensaries in Los Angeles, we recognize that AB 2385 is a backstop that will only function until a more permanent permitting system is put in place. While Proposition D is substantially better than the laws of other jurisdictions, the City now has an opportunity to embrace an industry that for so long operated on the fringes of legality.

Indeed, the cannabis industry and the public's perception of the industry has changed significantly. Proposition D, is no longer sufficient to meet patient demands, public safety realities and City revenue opportunities that existed when the voters approved Proposition D in 2013.

We look forward to our continued efforts with the City, including Council offices, the City Attorney and the Office of Finance to create a new licensing system that recognizes legal operations as well as anticipates expanding cannabis activity in a manner supported by neighborhoods and their Councilmembers. We strongly support efforts to give Los Angeles the tools necessary to determine if it will eventually allow cannabis cultivation, manufacturing, transportation, dispensing, distribution, testing and even delivery.

At this time, with so many changes to State and local laws affecting the cannabis industry, we support AB2385 because it will provide temporary relief to cannabis activity, until a local permitting system is adopted.

Thank you,

A handwritten signature in black ink that reads "Jerred Kiloh". The signature is written in a cursive, flowing style.

Jerred Kiloh,  
President  
UCBA Trade Association