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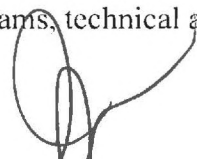
RULES, ELECTIONS & INTERGOVERNMENTAL RELATIONS

In light of changing state policy, the passage of California's Medical Cannabis Regulation and Safety Act in May 2016, and the voter approved passage of Proposition 64, the Adult Use of Marijuana Act, in November 2016, the City Council has been conducting an ongoing open and public dialogue over the last year about how to best regulate all aspects of the cannabis, or marijuana, industry within the City of Los Angeles, including retail, delivery, microbusiness, cultivation, manufacturing, testing, research, distribution, and transport. The proposed draft regulatory framework contrasts with the City's current regulatory system that has been limited to dispensaries under Proposition D due to past federal intervention, absence of clear state law and regulations, and different local interests. The lack of regulation prior to the voter approved passage of Proposition M in March 2017 has negatively impacted the City in a number of ways, including lost revenue and inconsistencies in enforcement of drug laws.

Since May of 2016 however, members of the public as well as Los Angeles City Councilmembers have had several discussions in public meetings regarding the need to create a Social Equity Program, that is, a program that will promote equitable ownership and employment opportunities in the cannabis industry in order to decrease disparities in life outcomes for marginalized communities and to address the disproportionate impacts of the war on drugs in those communities.

With the release of the first draft of the "Proposed Requirements for Commercial Cannabis Activity in the City of Los Angeles", the City of Los Angeles needs to begin work on the creation of a Social Equity Program in earnest, beginning with the development of a social equity analysis and followed by developing options for the Social Equity Program based on the analysis.


WE THEREFORE MOVE that the City Council INSTRUCT the Chief Legislative Analyst (CLA), with the assistance of the City Administrative Officer, the Department of City Planning, the City Attorney's office, the Police Department, and any other department as needed, be directed to solicit a social equity analysis of cannabis regulations aimed at promoting equitable ownership and employment opportunities in the cannabis industry in order to decrease disparities in life outcomes for marginalized communities and to address the disproportionate impacts of the war on drugs in those communities. This analysis should include poverty and Los Angeles Police Department statistics for the last 20 years by police beat, census tract, or census block and be mapped as part of the analysis; and it should provide options to create a Social Equity Program intended to specifically and intentionally serve those individuals and communities that were disproportionately harmed by cannabis prohibition based on the social equity analysis. This should include prioritizing individuals who live or have lived in communities that were subject to high drug arrest rates. Options should also be provided to ensure that communities identified in the social equity analysis have access to ownership training programs, employee training programs, technical assistance, capital, and any other program necessary to reduce and remove



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barriers to ownership of Commercial Cannabis Activity businesses. Furthermore, options for a multicultural community outreach strategy should be developed targeting communities identified in the social equity analysis to ensure that they are intentionally engaged in all aspects of cannabis policy development and implementation.

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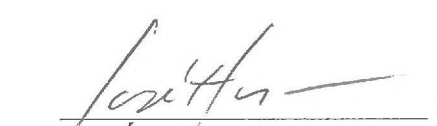

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