

RESOLUTION

RULES, ELECTIONS, INTERGOVERNMENTAL RELATIONS

WHEREAS, any official position of the City of Los Angeles with respect to legislation, rules, regulations or policies proposed to or pending before a local, state or federal governmental body or agency must have first been adopted in the form of a Resolution by the City Council with the concurrence of the Mayor; and

WHEREAS, the Adult Use of Marijuana Act of 2016 (AUMA) and the Medicinal and Adult-Use Cannabis Regulation and Safety Act (MAUCRSA) authorizes a person who obtains a state license to engage in commercial medicinal and adult-use cannabis activities pursuant to the state license and applicable local ordinances; and

WHEREAS, despite the legalization of adult-use cannabis, unlicensed cannabis businesses continue to proliferate, posing a threat to public health and safety; and

WHEREAS, the MAUCRSA requires the State Department of Food and Agriculture, in consultation with the Bureau of Cannabis Control (BCC), to establish a Track and Trace Program for reporting the movement of cannabis and cannabis products through the distribution chain; and

WHEREAS, currently pending before the State Legislature, SB 658 (Bradford) would require cannabis-related licensing authorities to expand access of the Track and Trace Program's database to local jurisdictions; and

WHEREAS, SB 658 would also require the BCC to establish a statewide retail cannabis business emblem program for licensed retail cannabis businesses in order to communicate to the public that the business is legal and offers safe, laboratory tested cannabis goods for sale; and

WHEREAS, SB 658 would require that the emblem be posted in a specified location that is visible to the general public and to patrons entering the facility; and

WHEREAS, data informed enforcement through comprehensive data collection allows for efficient enforcement and regulation of cannabis-related businesses;

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED, with the concurrence of the Mayor, that by the adoption of this Resolution, the City of Los Angeles hereby includes in its 2019-2020 State Legislative Program SUPPORT for SB 658 (Bradford) which would expand the access of the Track and Trace Program's database to local jurisdictions and establish a statewide retail cannabis emblem program to identify safe and legal cannabis businesses.

PRESENTED BY:


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SECONDED BY:





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