

Communication from Public

Name: David Guizar

Date Submitted: 06/23/2020 11:15 PM

Council File No: 20-0446-S1

Comments for Public Posting: Allow businesses to relocate As you seek to reach a successful resolution for the Round 1 application process, the team at Natures Divine stand ready to support you in any capacity necessary. We are from communities in Los Angeles most impacted by The War on Drugs and seek the positive impact that a successful cannabis industry can have for the people of our communities. Due to the several months in delaying this process, my current landlord, and partner, is threatening to go back on our agreement. He is now threatening to terminate our agreement in favor of a more viable tenant and business opportunity for the space where I planned to operate retail out of. As such, I am seeking DCR's and LA City Councils immediate assistance with relocating business premises, otherwise I will lose my opportunity to acquire a cannabis retail license despite complying with all of DCR's requirements in a timely manner. I believe when you learn about my background, I am the type of applicant the Social Equity Program was intended for, having been raised and currently living in South LA and employed as a criminal justice reform advocate. Thank you in advance for your help with this matter.

Communication from Public

Name: Danny Abdelmalak

Date Submitted: 06/23/2020 10:47 AM

Council File No: 20-0446-S1

Comments for Public Posting: Hello, my name is, Danny Abdelmalak I live in district, Mid-Wilshire and I am a social equity applicant. I am in support of the lawsuit filed by Social Equity Owners & Workers Association against the DCR and the city of L.A. The application process was unfair and disadvantaged hundreds of applicants. In the TRO ex parte hearing between SEOWA and the City of Los Angeles, Honorable Judge Mary H Strobel found the matter to be so urgent that she scheduled an expedited preliminary injunction hearing to make a ruling on this matter on July 9th, 2020. We DO NOT SUPPORT agenda Item No. 2 20-0446-S1, the motion brought by Councilman Harris-Dawson, to allow the issuance temporary approval for 100 invoiced applicants. We SUPPORT the DCR's recommendations to grant temporary approval to ALL APPLICANTS. We urge you to be on the right side of justice!

Communication from Public

Name: Gerardo Pineda

Date Submitted: 06/23/2020 11:05 AM

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Comments for Public Posting: Hello, my name is, Gerardo Pineda I live in district, Los Angeles DISTRICT 9 and I am a social equity applicant. I am in support of the lawsuit filed by Social Equity Owners & Workers Association against the DCR and the city of L.A. The application process was unfair and disadvantaged hundreds of applicants. In the TRO ex parte hearing between SEOWA and the City of Los Angeles on June 19th, 2020 Honorable Judge Mary H Strobel found the matter to be so urgent that she scheduled an expedited preliminary injunction hearing to make a ruling on this matter on July 9th, 2020. Please review all of the facts at hand and refrain from ruling on agenda Item No. 2 20-0446-S1, the motion brought by Krekorian for Harris-Dawson - Buscaino, to allow the issuance temporary approval. We urge you to be on the right side of justice and allow due process to take its course on July 9th, 2020.

Communication from Public

Name: Anibal Mejia

Date Submitted: 06/23/2020 10:54 AM

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Comments for Public Posting: Hello, my name is, Anibal Mejia I live in district, Los Angeles DISTRICT 9 and I am a social equity applicant. I am in support of the lawsuit filed by Social Equity Owners & Workers Association against the DCR and the city of L.A. The application process was unfair and disadvantaged hundreds of applicants. In the TRO ex parte hearing between SEOWA and the City of Los Angeles on June 19th, 2020 Honorable Judge Mary H Strobel found the matter to be so urgent that she scheduled an expedited preliminary injunction hearing to make a ruling on this matter on July 9th, 2020. Please review all of the facts at hand and refrain from ruling on agenda Item No. 2 20-0446-S1, the motion brought by Krekorian for Harris-Dawson - Buscaino, to allow the issuance temporary approval. We urge you to be on the right side of justice and allow due process to take its course on July 9th, 2020.

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Name: Brenda Villanueva

Date Submitted: 06/23/2020 11:15 AM

Council File No: 20-0446-S1

Comments for Public Posting: Good morning, my name is Brenda Villanueva and I am a resident of the City of Los Angeles (District 3), a public health advocate, and also Chair of Rethinking Access to Marijuana Workgroup. We are a workgroup of public health professionals and substance use prevention providers whose mission is to prevent access and availability that leads to marijuana use by youth in communities all throughout LA County including the City of LA. Although we are encouraged by the fact that the Department of Cannabis Regulation is seeking to change some of their rules and regulations for a more regulated industry, we are disappointed that they are trying to fast track the process in the midst of a pandemic where community voices are minimal due to the circumstances. The reports are full of inconsistencies and proposals that can cause the public health and safety of Los Angeles residents to be in danger. I am concerned with the increase of the availability of cannabis retail licenses due to the fact that the Department of Cannabis Regulation still doesn't quite have a handle on the industry itself. Increasing the availability prior to having a solution that has shown to solve not only the unregulated market but controlling the now regulated market, it can cause the City of LA to be infiltrated with more cannabis retail locations than it can keep track of. We are concerned over the fact that DCR is unclear on how many cannabis delivery licenses will be issued, and this will cause further harm to communities due to the fact that cannabis delivery systems are often unregulated. This can do a lot of harm in particular to our youth, who can bypass very easy "age check screenings" by simply pressing that they are over the age of 21 in order to place orders for marijuana products. Therefore, we are asking that you reconsider the amendments regarding delivery licenses and consider the health and safety of the youth of Los Angeles. We recommend that more regulations are put in place to ensure that there will be a verification process or ID checks to comply with current state law that protects minors. Many other cities throughout the country will look to the City of Los Angeles for guidance on how to regulate the cannabis industry in their own town; therefore it is crucial that the city listens to its residents and public health advocates on how dangerous these new proposals can be for their own residents. With the proposed cuts and confusing language regarding delivery licenses and the possibility

of increasing cannabis retail licenses by almost double the amount LA has, we are here to ask that these proposed amendments be reconsidered due to the fact that many communities throughout LA will be affected by its consequences not only environmentally but physically as well. Thank you for your thoughtful consideration!

Communication from Public

Name: Alan Fakheri

Date Submitted: 06/23/2020 11:49 AM

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Comments for Public Posting: Please move forward the phase 3, round 1 licenses to help drive prices down for consumers by allowing 100 more shops to compete with the existing licensed shops. This will lead to less black market shops and more tax revenue. We are deeply appreciative that the Rules Committee (City council can be used for Wednesday meeting) is considering a motion to enable successful Round 1 applicants to obtain temporary approval within an efficient timeframe. We are optimistic that any amendments to the definition of “Equity Share” will be addressed with priority in this process, which we believe will help ensure that further delays in the process are minimized. I am looking forward to supporting fellow social equity individuals who are expecting round 2 to be their opportunity to give back to their community. As you seek to reach a successful resolution for the Round 1 application process, we stand ready to support you in any capacity necessary. We hail from the communities in Los Angeles most impacted by The War on Drugs and understand the positive impact that a successful cannabis industry can have for the people of our city.

Communication from Public

Name: Laura Potter

Date Submitted: 06/23/2020 10:12 AM

Council File No: 20-0446-S1

Comments for Public Posting: Hello, my name is, Laura Potter. I am a social equity applicant and my proposed business location is in district 8. I am in support of the lawsuit filed by Social Equity Owners & Workers Association against the DCR and the city of L.A. The application process was unfair and disadvantaged hundreds of applicants. In the TRO ex parte hearing between SEOWA and the City of Los Angeles on June 19th, 2020 Honorable Judge Mary H Strobel found the matter to be so urgent that she scheduled an expedited preliminary injunction hearing to make a ruling on this matter on July 9th, 2020. Please review all of the facts at hand and refrain from ruling on agenda Item No. 2 20-0446-S1, the motion brought by Krekorian for Harris-Dawson - Buscaino, to allow the issuance temporary approval. We urge you to be on the right side of justice and allow due process to take its course on July 9th, 2020.

Communication from Public

Name: Devoral Safford
Date Submitted: 06/23/2020 09:34 AM
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Name: Anthony Trujillo

Date Submitted: 06/23/2020 05:02 AM

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Comments for Public Posting: At the social equity workshop, a slideshow and other written documents represented to the minority social equity applicants that if they applied for round 3 phase 1 but did not receive a license in phase 1, these previous applicants would be given preference in round 2 and the following rounds, given their significant investment? How will that be addressed?