

MOTION

“Before you Fly, Surrender your Supply”

As of January 1st, 2018, under California law, adults 21 and older can use, purchase, possess and grow certain amounts of cannabis for recreational use. Although the possession of certain amounts of cannabis is legal under California Law, and legal in the City of Los Angeles, it remains illegal in any amount under federal law which has jurisdiction over air travel.

Los Angeles International Airport (LAX) services over 84 million travelers each year. Those that may mistakenly carry with them any amount of cannabis into the airport can be subject to a verbal warning, a fine, or arrest. To mitigate the chance of a traveler being cited or arrested for possession of cannabis, several airports across the nation have installed “amnesty boxes” which allow individuals an opportunity to surrender cannabis without punishment before boarding flights. These boxes serve as a convenient way for travelers to comply with federal law which prohibits cannabis during air travel. As California is the most recent state to legalize the recreational use of cannabis, it is important to take necessary steps to inform and protect law abiding citizens of the existing federal law by installing amnesty boxes at LAX.

I THEREFORE MOVE that Los Angeles World Airports (LAWA) be requested to report back on a plan to install cannabis amnesty boxes at LAX airport as well as a plan to implement a policy for discarding of items deposited into the amnesty boxes.

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