RECOMMENDATIONS

1. REQUEST the City Attorney, with the assistance of the Department of Cannabis Regulation (DCR), the City Administrative Officer (CAO), and the Chair of the Rules, Elections, and Intergovernmental Relations Committee, to prepare and present a draft ordinance addressing the procedural components of procuring licenses and rules and regulations for commercial cannabis activity based on the Council’s latest proposed draft regulations on commercial cannabis activity entitled “Revised Draft for Commercial Cannabis Activity in the City of Los Angeles” and dated September 22, 2017. This draft ordinance should also include changing the name of the Department to the “Department of Cannabis Regulation” and changing the name of the Commission to the “Cannabis Regulatory Commission”.

2. REQUEST the City Attorney, with the assistance of the Bureau of Contract Administration, to prepare and present a draft ordinance which provides for worker retention at legally licensed cannabis businesses in order to ensure that standards related to security, social equity, and other training standards already in place are maintained when commercial cannabis businesses change ownership. In doing so, the City Attorney should look to existing worker retention ordinances in the Los Angeles Municipal Code, such as the Grocery Workers Retention Ordinance.

3. REQUEST the City Attorney, with the assistance of the Los Angeles World Airports, to prepare and present a draft ordinance imposing requirements for auto rental agencies, particularly at airports, to advise visitors to the City about prohibitions against driving while under the influence of cannabis and other limitations.

4. REQUEST the City Attorney to prepare and present an ordinance that includes anti-retaliation provisions and protections for employees of commercial cannabis businesses who raise concerns with the employer or the City regarding compliance with the City of Los Angeles rules, regulations, and ordinances concerning commercial cannabis activity.

5. INSTRUCT the Chief Legislative Analyst, with the assistance of the CAO and the DCR, to report back on the issue of social consumption, providing an analysis of what the State of California allows, the ongoing processes of the States of Colorado, Nevada, Washington and Alaska, as well as the cities of Denver, Seattle, Washington D.C., and San Francisco. This report should also include an analysis of how other jurisdictions are addressing the issue of impaired driving or driving under the influence of cannabis and cannabis-related products.

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