

# MOTION

In January 2018, the cultivation, manufacturing, distribution, and sale of cannabis and cannabis products became legal in the City of Los Angeles. Unfortunately, unlicensed cannabis businesses continue to operate in the City.

Unlicensed cannabis businesses undermine the ability of legal cannabis businesses to take root in the City. They do not incur the costs to secure licenses and do not pay City business taxes.

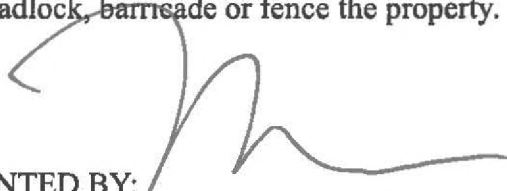
Unlicensed cannabis businesses expose surrounding communities to public safety risks and subject cannabis customers to unregulated cannabis products.

Unlicensed cannabis businesses violate City and state laws. Owners, operators, and landlords of unlicensed cannabis businesses are subject to criminal penalties. Despite increased law enforcement efforts to shut down unlicensed cannabis businesses, they continue to open for business and thereby jeopardize public safety and customer health, along with making it harder for licensed and regulated businesses to survive the competitive cannabis marketplace.

The City must continue its efforts to support the emergence of this new industry and protect the safety and health of the public.

I THEREFORE MOVE that the City Council request the City Attorney, with the assistance of the Los Angeles Police Department, Department of Cannabis Regulation, and Department of Building and Safety, to prepare and present a draft ordinance that would create a new process for the City to padlock, barricade or fence property where unlicensed commercial cannabis business activity occurs. The draft ordinance will task the Los Angeles Police Department and the Department of Cannabis Regulation to identify locations where unlicensed commercial cannabis business activity occurs. With this information, the Los Angeles Police Department will serve notice, the Public Safety Committee will hold administrative hearings, and the Department of Building and Safety will padlock, barricade or fence the property.

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