

RULES, ELECTIONS, INTERGOVERNMENTAL RELATIONS, AND NEIGHBORHOODS COMMITTEE REPORT relative to a social equity analysis of cannabis regulations aimed at promoting equitable ownership and employment opportunities in the cannabis industry.

Recommendation for Council action, pursuant to Motion (Wesson - Koretz - Price - et al.):

INSTRUCT the Chief Legislative Analyst (CLA), with the assistance of the City Administrative Officer (CAO), the Department of City Planning (DCP), the City Attorney, the Los Angeles Police Department (LAPD), and any other department as needed, to solicit a social equity analysis of cannabis regulations aimed at promoting equitable ownership and employment opportunities in the cannabis industry in order to decrease disparities in life outcomes for marginalized communities and to address the disproportionate impacts of the war on drugs in those communities. This analysis should include poverty and LAPD statistics for the last 20 years by police beat, census tract, or census block and be mapped as part of the analysis; and it should provide options to create a Social Equity Program intended to specifically and intentionally serve those individuals and communities that were disproportionately harmed by cannabis prohibition based on the social equity analysis. This should include prioritizing individuals who live or have lived in communities that were subject to high drug arrest rates. Options should also be provided to ensure that communities identified in the social equity analysis have access to ownership training programs, employee training programs, technical assistance, capital, and any other program necessary to reduce and remove barriers to ownership of Commercial Cannabis Activity businesses. Furthermore, options for a multicultural community outreach strategy should be developed targeting communities identified in the social equity analysis to ensure that they are intentionally engaged in all aspects of cannabis policy development and implementation.

Fiscal Impact Statement: Neither the CAO nor the CLA has completed a financial analysis of this report.

Community Impact Statement: None submitted.

SUMMARY

At a special meeting held on June 14, 2017, the Rules, Elections, Intergovernmental Relations, and Neighborhoods Committee considered Motion (Wesson - Koretz - Price - Harris-Dawson - Huizar) relative to an instruction to the CLA, with the assistance of the CAO, DCP, LAPD, and other City departments, to conduct a social equity analysis of cannabis regulations aimed at promoting equitable ownership and employment opportunities in the cannabis industry.

After providing an opportunity for public comment, the Committee approved the recommendation in the Motion. This matter is now forwarded to the Council for its consideration.

Respectfully Submitted,

RULES, ELECTIONS, INTERGOVERNMENTAL RELATIONS, AND NEIGHBORHOODS COMMITTEE



<u>MEMBER</u>	<u>VOTE</u>
WESSON:	YES
HUIZAR:	YES
HARRIS-DAWSON:	YES

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