

RECOMMENDATION

PLANNING AND LAND USE MANAGEMENT (PLUM) COMMITTEE REPORT relative to a finding of public convenience or necessity for a proposed retail commercial cannabis business submitted by Requestor LA 11th Market LLC at the proposed business premises address of 1058 S. Main St., Los Angeles, CA 90015, in the Central City Community Plan Area. Pursuant to Los Angeles Municipal Code (LAMC) Section 104.06(a), Retail Storefront (Type 10) licenses are limited to only Social Equity Applicants, as defined in LAMC Section 104.20(a) and (b), until January 1, 2025.

Recommendations for Council action:

1. FIND that the potential issuance of a retail commercial cannabis license, subject to Department of Cannabis Regulation (DCR) application and licensing processes and compliance with Articles 4 and 5 of Chapter X of the Los Angeles Municipal Code, to Crystal Ryan for LA 11th Market LLC at 1058 S. Main St., Los Angeles, CA 90015, will serve the public convenience or necessity for the following reason(s):
 - a. The proposed business premises would be located in an area with a high number of unlicensed commercial cannabis retail establishments, such that an additional licensed location would serve the public convenience or necessity by satisfying a higher demand for retail locations and reduce patronage of unlicensed establishments; and
 - b. The Requestor's business would include clear specified public safety related features, such that the operation of the Requestor's business would serve the public convenience or necessity by likely reducing crime or nuisance activity in the surrounding area.
2. GRANT the Request for a finding of public convenience or necessity for the proposed retail commercial cannabis business submitted by Requestor LA 11th Market LLC at the proposed business premises address of 1058 S. Main St., Los Angeles, CA 90015.
3. INSTRUCT the City Clerk to transmit this finding to DCR.

Council File: 21-0420-S26

Requestor: LA 11th Market LLC

Address: 1058 S. Main St., Los Angeles, CA 90015

The proposed business premises would be located in an area with a high number of unlicensed commercial cannabis retail establishments, such that an additional licensed location would serve the public convenience or necessity by satisfying a higher demand for retail locations and reduce patronage of unlicensed establishments.

The proposed business location is located in the Fashion District corridor of Downtown Los Angeles, which has historically had high numbers of unlicensed commercial cannabis establishments. This area has experienced significant commercial and residential development and growth in recent years and the addition of a licensed location may serve increasing consumer demand in an area with unlicensed establishments. Therefore, the addition of this proposed business location would serve the public convenience or necessity by expanding access to safe cannabis products, and encouraging patronage at licensed cannabis locations.

The Requestor's business would include clear specified public safety related features, such that the operation of the Requestor's business would serve the public convenience or necessity by likely reducing crime or nuisance activity in the surrounding area.

The proposed business location would include clear public safety related features, including increased lighting and 24/7 onsite security and monitoring. Additionally, LA 11th Market LLC states that its proposed business location is a currently vacant commercial space; thus, the operation of a business in that location may improve public safety by reducing opportunities for crime or nuisance activity associated with the vacant premises. Therefore, the operation of this proposed business would serve the public convenience or necessity by likely reducing crime or nuisance activity in the surrounding area.