

Council File: 24-0420-S2

Requestor: TBM Management Group Inc.

Address: 2043 Imperial Street, Los Angeles, CA 90021

RECOMMENDATION

RECOMMENDATION relative to a finding of public convenience or necessity for a proposed retail commercial cannabis business submitted by TBM Management Group Inc. at the proposed business premises address of 2043 Imperial Street, Los Angeles, CA 90021, in the Central North 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 Samuel Nieto for TBM Management Group, Inc. at 2043 Imperial Street Los Angeles, CA 90021 will serve the public convenience or necessity because of 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 clearly 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 TBM Management Group, Inc. at the proposed business premises address of 2043 Imperial Street, Los Angeles, CA 90021.

3. INSTRUCT the City Clerk to transmit this finding to DCR.

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The proposed business location is located right outside 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 clearly 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.

DCR's Rules and Regulations contain specific requirements regarding surveillance systems, alarm systems, security cameras, lighting, and onsite security guards. To the extent there has been a licensed cannabis facility for non-retail activity at this location, the addition of a retail license would require the applicant to add enhanced security and business premises monitoring that are imposed only on storefront retailers in DCR's Rules and Regulations under Regulation No. 5(C). Both the Los Angeles Police Department (LAPD) and the applicant note that there has been an increase in crime and unhoused individuals in the area. LAPD strongly encourages the applicant to take a proactive role in protecting the welfare of its patronage and the public. Therefore, the addition of an operational cannabis retailer with these required features in this location may improve public safety by reducing opportunities for crime or nuisance activity.