



June 8, 2017

Residents of the City of Los Angeles  
City of Los Angeles Neighborhood Councils  
City of Los Angeles Neighborhood Council Alliances

**RE: DRAFT COMMERCIAL CANNABIS ACTIVITY REQUIREMENTS**

Dear City Residents:

The City Council has been conducting an ongoing open and public dialogue over the last year about how to best regulate all aspects of the cannabis, or marijuana, industry within the City of Los Angeles. This public process has marked another important opportunity for Neighborhood Councils and City residents to be fully engaged in the City's legislative process and have a seat at the table.

Today marks another important day and step forward in that process, the release of the first draft of the "Proposed Requirements for Commercial Cannabis Activity in the City of Los Angeles" (**see attached**) and the beginning of a 60-day public comment period prior to any further action by the City Council. Furthermore, the Department of City Planning is releasing a draft ordinance which proposes the land use and sensitive use requirements for Commercial Cannabis Activity in the City of Los Angeles as well. That draft ordinance will also be available for a minimum 60-day public comment period prior to any action by the Citywide Planning Commission and the City Council.


As Neighborhood Council board members and participants, once again this is your time to shine and show the City and its residents the importance and value you bring to City government. These are our communities ... our neighborhoods, and together we will continue to have a robust conversation about the regulatory issues concerning the cannabis industry and a healthy debate prior to final recommendations being considered by the full City Council.


As part of our conversation over the next two months, **we are requesting that each Neighborhood Council, Alliance, and citywide committee agendaize this item for discussion.** We want you to take advantage of this opportunity to provide the City Council with Community Impact Statements, white papers, suggestions, public comment, and recommendations. We will consider all the information provided to us prior to the City Council making any final decisions.

Lastly, we also want to ensure that all residents, including homeowner groups, civic organizations, business groups, and others participate in this process, and we look forward to your public comments and discussing this further with many of you. We need your help in coming up with a final version of these requirements and draft ordinance(s) and we are eager to receive your suggestions.


If you have any questions, please contact our offices. We invite everyone to be a part of this discussion, because only together will we make each neighborhood, and our City as a whole, stronger and a better place for all of us.

Sincerely,

  
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The Honorable Michael Feuer, City Attorney, City of Los Angeles  
The Honorable Ron Galperin, City Controller, City of Los Angeles  
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