

Cannabis State Legalization Task Force
March 9, 2016 – Meeting Minutes
25 Van Ness Avenue, Rm. 610 | 1PM – 4PM | San Francisco, CA 94102

Meeting Start Time: 1:11pm.

1. Welcome/Opening Remarks

Terrance Alan, Task Force Chair/Seat 19, welcomed all Members and delivered opening remarks.

2. Agenda Review and Member Introductions

- Mavis Asiedu-Frimpong, Assistant Director of Policy and Planning for the San Francisco Department of Public Health and Task Force Coordinator, reviewed the agenda.
- Task Force Members 13, 14, and 20 introduced themselves by stating, name, seat, reasons for interest in being part of the Task Force and the expertise and point of view represented by the seat.
- Terrance Alan, Task Force Chair, noted one seat vacancy – Seat 15 (tourism/hospitality) and introduced Kevin Carroll, Executive Director of the Hotel Council of San Francisco, as interim representative for Seat 15 until the vacancy is filled.
- Terrance Alan noted a change to the agenda, stating that the San Francisco Police Department will participate in the spotlight panel at a later time.
- Terrance Alan and Ms. Asiedu-Frimpong introduced Gretchen Paule, Task Force Coordinator (San Francisco Department of Public Health).

3. Task Force Administration Discussion

Mavis Asiedu-Frimpong, Task Force Coordinator, presented the below proposed Task Force structure.

- Task Force Vice Chair
 - Sara Payan, Seat 12, and Daisy Ozim, Seat 22, were confirmed as Task Force vice chairs to assist Terrance Alan with chair duties.
- Workforce topic area
 - The social justice and workforce topic area was noted as an important discussion item. To reflect the topic's intersection with land use issues,

social justice and workforce development will be included in the Land Use meeting agendas on June 8th, July 13th, and August 10th.

- Subcommittee selections review
 - Given appointment of new Task Force members and the recent incorporation of the workforce and social justice topic area, Task Force members reviewed and updated their subcommittee selections.

Members agreed to the aforementioned changes in the proposed Task Force structure.

4. Framing Presentation: Legal and Regulatory Landscape

Ms. Asiedu-Frimpong gave an introductory presentation summarizing the issue brief provided with the meeting materials.

5. Task Force Member Spotlight Panel

Terrance Alan introduced the panel and reiterated the meeting goal of translating the policy discussions into agenda items for future meetings. Each Task Force member on the Spotlight Panel discussed the following topics specific to their expertise.

- Tim Morland (Seat 7) - taxation and banking
- Erich Pearson (Seat 9), Jesse Stout (Seat 10) - transition from medical to adult use: industry perspective
- Sarah Payan (Seat 12) and Michelle Aldrich (Seat 11) - patient perspective
- Tomás Aragón (Seat 1) – medical cannabis program regulatory perspective

6. Group Discussion: Agenda-Setting Strategy

The Task Force identified specific priority issues to be included as agenda items for future Task Force discussions. Discussion themes were as follows:

- Diversion
- Possible local implementation of track and trace mechanism
- Driving Under the Influence
- Education – (1) youth; (2) parents; (3) cannabis dispensary workers
- Zoning
- The effect of the Medical Marijuana Regulation and Safety Act (MMRSA) on the Adult Use of Marijuana Act (AUMA) and adult use legalization
- Public consumption for adult use - regional perspective and other states' experiences
- Effects of legalization for people incarcerated for cannabis-related offenses
- Personal and outdoor cultivation – regulations and neighborhood concerns
- Delivery services

- State and Local Taxes – setting effective tax rates to reduce illicit market and tax revenue utilization
- Possible regulation and control for other types of products (e.g. vapes)
- Consideration of different licensure types (e.g. medical vs. nightlife)

7. Public Comment

- Dominic Ripoli stated that current laws disproportionately affect people of color, noting that the Task Force has an opportunity to address this social justice issue.
- Michael Aldrich inquired about Task Force administration and publication of meeting minutes. He further stated that proposed AUMA legislation has potential gaps that may adversely affect medical cannabis users.
- Jeffrey stated that Task Force members should consider policy options that will allow small business owners to continue operations in San Francisco rather than seek business opportunities in other jurisdictions.
- Charley Pappas (via email) suggested that Task Force members determine its priority areas and focus on local legalization considerations. He further suggested that the Task Force review California-specific ballot initiatives, with less emphasis on other states' legislation. He also encouraged stakeholder and community engagement throughout the process.

8. Closing Comments and Next Steps

- Task Force Chair Terrance Alan provided closing comments and encouraged Task Force members to continue community outreach efforts.

Meeting End Time: 4:10 pm.

Upcoming Task Force Meetings

DATE	TIME	LOCATION
April 13, 2016 Subcommittee – Public Safety and Social Environment	1PM – 4PM	25 Van Ness, Room 610

Meeting Materials

- Agenda
- Issue Brief #2: Introduction and Ballot Initiative Review
- Powerpoint framing presentation

Members Present

Tomas Aragon	Jesse Stout	Tom McElroy
Lourdes Russell	Erich Pearson	Laura Thomas
Patrick Kennedy (alternate for Dave Falzon)	Michelle Aldrich	Terrance Alan
Liam McCarthy	Sara Payan	Jennifer Garcia
Maggie Weiland (alternate for Jocelyn Kane)	Duncan Ley	Sarah Shrader
Tim Morland	Thea Selby	Daisy Ozim
Quarry Pak	Kevin Carroll (observing for Vacant Seat 15)	
	Barbara Fugate	