

Cannabis State Legalization Task Force
May 11, 2016 –Meeting Minutes
Cannabis Legalization: Public Safety and Social Environment Full Meeting

Task Force Goal

Development of practical policy options for possible implementation should
nonmedical cannabis use be legalized

Meeting Objectives

- Develop recommendations in key public safety and social environment policy area

Meeting Start Time: 1:10pm

1. Welcome and Agenda Review

- Terrance Alan, Task Force Chair/Seat 19, welcomed all Members and reviewed the agenda.

2. Framing Presentation: Task Force Recommendation Drafting Process

- Mavis Asiedu-Frimpong, Task Force Coordinator, discussed process and tools created for recommendation development.

3. Task Force Member Draft Recommendations

Task Force Members drafted recommendations in the following areas to be finalized at a future meeting.

- Public Safety
 - Driving Under the Influence
 - Neighborhood Safety
 - San Francisco Police Department Enforcement and Training Priorities
- Public Consumption
 - Meaning of the word “public” as it relates to cannabis consumption
 - On-site consumption per the Adult Use of Marijuana Act (AUMA)
 - Overconsumption and encouraging safe and responsible use across the City
- Youth Access and Exposure
 - Education
 - Preventing Sales to Minors
 - Advertising

- Criminal diversion and decriminalization options for youth

4. Guided Group Discussion: Draft Recommendations

Task Force Members introduced draft recommendations in the aforementioned areas that will be finalized at a future meeting.

5. Guest Speaker Jordan Wellington, Esq.

Jordan Wellington, Esq., Director of Compliance at Vicente Sederberg LLC, shared his experience and insight with the Task Force and answered Members' questions regarding adult use legalization. Topics of discussion included:

- Responsible consumption as a key legalization goal
- Possible areas for legal consumption in San Francisco
- Colorado's experience with consumption post-legalization
- Interaction between the medical and nonmedical markets

6. Public Comment

- Nina Parks noted her background in community development and as a case manager and urged the Task Force to think carefully about possible consumption locations in San Francisco, such as cafes and meeting spaces, that would bring people together and discourage isolation.
- Michael Aldrich noted various points about the AUMA that he feels are unworkable and asked the Task Force to consider them, including:
 - The public consumption prohibition means a loss of culture in San Francisco. Under this point, he further recommended that San Francisco do away with the Green Zone and allow for more public consumption spaces;
 - Some limits established by AUMA are insufficient, including the 21 age limit for consumption (which leaves out vulnerable college students), 1 ounce cannabis possession limit (which destroys compassionate care programs), 8 grams of concentrates possession limit, and six-plant personal cultivation limit;
 - Provision prohibiting an individual from possessing an open container or open package while driving a motor vehicle leaves the term "open container" undefined;
 - Local government power to ban cannabis businesses within its limits;
 - Employers with power to ban employees from using cannabis.
- Tikisha Ong asked that the Task Force consider expanding the Green Zone, noting that District 10 has considerable space for new dispensaries.

7. Wrap Up and Next Steps

- Terrance Alan thanked everyone for attending and adjourned the meeting.

Meeting End Time: 4:00pm

Meeting Materials

- Agenda
- Powerpoint framing presentation

Upcoming Task Force Meeting

DATE	TIME	LOCATION
June 8, 2016 Meeting	1PM – 4PM	25 Van Ness, Room 610 San Francisco, CA 94102

Members Present

Tomas Aragon	Jesse Stout	Barbara Fugate
Lourdes Russell	Erich Pearson	Tom McElroy
Dave Falzon	Michelle Aldrich	Terrance Alan
Liam McCarthy	Sara Payan	Jennifer Garcia
Daniel Sider	Duncan Talento Ley	Sarah Shrader
Jocelyn Kane	Thea Selby	Daisy Ozim
Fenicia Jacks (observing for Quarry Pak)		