

Cannabis State Legalization Task Force
December 7, 2016 – Meeting Minutes
Hearing Preparation and Year II Planning
25 Van Ness Avenue, Rm. 610, San Francisco, CA 94102 | 1PM – 4PM
San Francisco, CA 94102

Task Force Proposed Goal

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

Meeting Objectives

- Preparation for the upcoming Board of Supervisors hearing presenting Year I report and recommendations
- Task Force Year II Planning

1. Welcome, Agenda Review and Announcements

- Terrance Alan, Task Force Chair, Seat 19, welcomed Task Force Members and the public to the meeting. He further noted that the Task Force Year I report will be published the following week, and asked that Task Force Members submit any suggestions/feedback on the report by close of business on Thursday, 12/8.
- Terrance also noted that the previously discussed Task Force update to the Board of Supervisors Land Use and Transportation Committee is postponed will likely be held on January 9, 2017. Once the date is confirmed, Task Force coordinators will notify Task Force Members in advance.
- Terrance noted that the Task Force will not meet in January, 2017, in order for Task Force coordinators, Chair and Co-Chairs to prepare adequately for upcoming year.
- Mavis Asiedu-Frimpong, Task Force Coordinator, noted the Task Force email address, cannabis.taskforce@sfdph.org for members of the public with questions about meeting materials, location, etc.

2. Hearing Preparation

- Terrance Alan, Task Force Chair, recommended that Task Force Members be part of the upcoming Task Force update before the Board of Supervisors Land Use and Transportation Committee. He further suggested that each presenting Member share a personal story about the importance of a particular recommendation.
- Mavis Asiedu-Frimpong, Task Force Coordinator, discussed a proposed presentation outline for the upcoming presentation, consisting of two parts. Task Force coordinators would first open the discussion with some technical information about Proposition 64 and the Task Force, followed by a summary of the main themes in

each recommendation category. Task Force Members would then follow with more specific information about the recommendations. The Task Force agreed to move forward with this approach.

- The Task Force agreed that Members would present to the Board according to the three recommendation topic areas— (1) Regulation and City Agency Framework, (2) Land Use and Social Justice, and (3) Public Safety and Social Environment.
- Task Force Members discussed their presentation roles and decided on the following final presentation structure:
 - Public Safety and Social Environment:
 - Sarah Shrader: Overconsumption/safe places to consume
 - Duncan Talento Ley: Small business perspective
 - Sara Payan: Patient needs and education
 - Barbara Fugate: Neighborhood concerns/“Green Zone” expansion
 - Quarry Pak: Youth access, education and prevention
 - Land Use and Social Justice
 - Tom McElroy and Jesse Stout: Retail/Non-Retail zoning
 - Jennifer Garcia and Thea Selby: Workforce
 - Laura Thomas and Daisy Ozim: Entrepreneurship and Community Grants
 - Regulation and City Agency Framework:
 - Erich Pearson: Taxation and Revenue
 - Dave Falzon: Licensing
 - Jocelyn Kane: Agency Oversight

3. Year II Planning

- Terrance Alan, Sara Payan and Daisy Ozim, Task Force Chairs, led the Task Force in reviewing Year I of the Task Force’s work and process. The discussion focused on the Task Force strengths, challenges, and areas for improvement.
- Terrance Alan also led the Task Force in reviewing parking lot issues from Year I, including:
 1. Non-profit licensing/models
 2. Accessory use for cannabis
 3. Banking options for cannabis industry
 4. Revenue allocation priorities
 5. Equity licensing and business transfers
 6. Community reinvestment grant process
- Task Force Year II Planning
 - Terrance Alan led the Task Force in discussing ideas and suggestions for a Task Force Year II workplan. Discussion points included:
 - Subcommittee structure based on Proposition 64 licensing categories

- Task Force Year II overarching goal of making recommendations that inform the legislative process in San Francisco;
 - The need for increased communication between City agencies and Task Force as legislation is being developed in San Francisco;
 - The need to include other topics beyond licensing, including social justice, within the workplan;
 - Discussion of the post-election impact on cannabis legalization;
 - Consideration of the State legalization implementation timeline and legislative amendments that may occur during that process;
 - Updates from the State Cannabis Banking Workgroup.
- Mavis Asiedu-Frimpong, Task Force coordinator, thanked the Task Force for their ideas and suggestions, noting that coordinators would take them into consideration in developing a proposed meeting schedule for Year II, to be presented to the full Task Force at the first meeting of 2017.

4. Public Comment

- Arron Flynn, California Growers Association, offered his work with cultivators and edibles manufacturers as a resource for the Task Force. Arron also expressed interest and concern about potential regulations for new cultivators and felt that the Task Force should revisit this issue.
- Charlie Pappas, Berkeley Medical Cannabis Commission, noted that he will aim to attend Task Force meetings in Year II. Charlie expressed his support of the subcommittee idea mentioned during the meeting and encouraged the Task Force to pursue this idea.
- Vin Byron, member of the public, asked about coordination between local and federal government, expressing concerns about the federal government’s effect on local cannabis businesses in San Francisco.

5. Wrap-Up and Next Steps

Meeting Materials

- Agenda

Upcoming Task Force Meeting

DATE	TIME	LOCATION
February 8, 2017 (tentative)	1-4PM	TBD

Members Present

Terrance Alan	Sara Payan	Duncan Talento Ley
Jocelyn Kane	Sarah Shrader	Daniel Sider
Dave Falzon	Tim Morland	Laura Thomas
Thea Selby	Erich Pearson	Israel Nieves (alternate for Tomas Aragon)
Tom McElroy	Jesse Stout	Daisy Ozim
Quarry Pak	Jennifer Garcia	Barbara Fugate
Thea Selby	Liam McCarthy	