

Cannabis State Legalization Task Force
May 10, 2017 – Meeting Notes
Land Use and Retail Licensing
25 Van Ness Avenue, Room 610, San Francisco, CA 94102 | 1PM – 4PM

Task Force Proposed Goal

Using Year I recommendations as a foundation, development of specific regulatory recommendations focused on implementation of a local adult use legalization framework for Proposition 64

Meeting Objectives

- Finalize Land Use recommendations in the technical and community engagement areas
- Discuss issues within the Retail Licensing topic area that the Task Force should consider for recommendation development

Start time: 1:15pm.

1. Welcome, Agenda Review and Announcements

- Jennifer Garcia, Task Force Co-Chair, Seat 20, noted the resignation of Jon Ballesteros, Seat 15, and that information about the application and appointment timeline will be provided by the Board of Supervisors and shared with Task Force Members as soon as it is available.
- Jennifer Garcia, Task Force Co-Chair, Seat 20, noted that Task Force Members will revisit the agency oversight discussion during the meeting to ensure consensus and transparency, as it came to the attention of coordinators and Task Force chairs that consensus was not reached during the previous meeting.
- Jennifer Garcia, Task Force Co-Chair, Seat 20, noted that a new issue brief had been released, and that the overview of this issue brief will be presented at the next Task Force meeting in June.
- Nicole Sandberg, Task Force Coordinator, San Francisco Department of Public Health, provided notice of her resignation from the Department of Public Health and announced that Gretchen Paule, San Francisco Department of Public Health, will serve as the Task Force Coordinator in her place moving forward.

2. Public Comment – Local Agency Oversight

- There was no public comment related to this agenda item.

3. Local Agency Oversight Discussion and Possible Recommendation - Part II

- Terrance Alan, Task Force Chair, Seat 19, reviewed the Year I Regulation and City Agency Framework Recommendation #21- San Francisco should consider new

and/or existing regulatory and regulatory oversight structures for adult use cannabis regulation. The recommendation includes the following options:

- Option 1: Standalone agency with its own staff and commission
- Option 2: Standalone agency with its own staff, no commission
- Option 3: Part of an existing agency or agencies
- Task Force Members agreed to postpone this discussion given that there was not a quorum present at the meeting, and further discussion with more Members present would allow for a more comprehensive and streamlined discussion.

4. Refine Land Use Recommendations

- Task Force Members refined Land Use recommendations in groups with a specific focus on technical and community engagement aspects.

5. General Public Comment

- John Aston, Planted Concepts, submitted the following written comment in regards to cannabis business proximity to schools: “I absolutely agree that discrete storefronts combined with proper odor controls certainly helps ease exposure concerns to pre-K through 12th grade students. I am more concerned about youth exposure to cartoon movies with titles such as ‘Sausage Party.’ From a social perspective, the innuendos found in such media are more concerning than a discrete storefront. Most medical cannabis dispensaries in San Francisco are discrete in the methods used in storefront discretion, excluding stigma changers such as ‘Harvest’; these businesses are necessary to help the industry.”

6. Finalize Land Use Recommendations

- Terrance Alan, Task Force Chair, Seat 19, led Task Force Members in discussion to finalize the refined cross-cutting Land Use recommendations. As there was not a quorum present at the meeting, the Task Force will vote to adopt these finalized recommendations at the next meeting.
- The remaining community engagement and technical land use recommendations will be reviewed and finalized at the next Task Force meeting.

7. Large Group Discussion of Retail Licensing

- Terrance Alan, Task Force Chair, Seat 19, noted that the co-chairs have created a summary of retail recommendations from Year I included in the meeting slide presentation, and that during the next meeting the Task Force Members will begin drafting recommendations in the area of retail licensing.
- Mavis Asiedu-Frimpong, Task Force Coordinator, San Francisco Department of Public Health, stated that, in preparing Task Force Members for the retail licensing drafting exercise, the Task Force Coordinators will identify areas related to retail licensing that have not yet been discussed to ensure that the discussions are productive.

8. Wrap-Up and Next Steps

- Jennifer Garcia, Task Force Co-Chair, Seat 20, noted that she had organized a cannabis workforce survey and asked that Task Force Members distribute this survey to all who may be interested. She further noted that the results would be shared at a future Task Force meeting.
- Terrance Alan, Task Force Chair, Seat 19, asked Task Force members to contact him or Task Force co-chairs with any suggestions regarding future spotlight panelists.

End time: 4:02 pm.

Meeting Materials

- Agenda
- Recommendation Framework Document
- Issue Brief

Upcoming Task Force Meeting

DATE	TIME	LOCATION
June 14, 2017	1PM – 4PM	25 Van Ness Avenue, Rm. 610, San Francisco, CA, 94102

Members Present

Israel Nieves

Duncan Talento Ley

Edward Londono

Thea Selby

Liam McCarthy

Terrance Alan

Daniel Sider

Jennifer Garcia

Jocelyn Kane

Sarah Shrader

Tim Morland

Kai Keli'ihō'omalū

Jesse Stout