

**Cannabis State Legalization Task Force**  
**March 8, 2017 – Meeting Minutes**  
**Non Retail Licensing – Finalize Recommendations**  
**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 non-retail licensing recommendations in the technical, social justice, and community engagement areas
- Discuss issues within the Land Use topic area that the Task Force should consider for recommendation development

Meeting Start Time: 1:15pm

**1. Welcome, Agenda Review and Announcements**

- Sara Payan, Seat 12, discussed the Task Force co-chair and community liaison roles and invited Task Force Members to volunteer for those roles. Ms. Payan instructed interested Task Force Members interested to email Task Force Coordinators prior to the next meeting on March 22, 2017, since the Task Force will aim to make decisions about those roles at that meeting.
- Terrance Alan, Task Force Chair, Seat 19, reiterated that all Task Force Members should share relevant information regarding work of the Task Force with their constituents.
- Nicole Sandberg, Task Force Coordinator, San Francisco Department of Public Health, provided an overview of the State legislation update document.

**2. Guest Speaker Jordan Wellington, Esq.**

- Terrance Alan, Task Force Chair, Seat 19, introduced Jordan Wellington, Esq., Director of Compliance at Vicente Sederberg LLC. Mr. Wellington presented information to the Task Force relating to the experiences of other jurisdictions that have legalized cannabis and answered follow up questions from Task Force Members.

**3. Recommendation Drafting Session**

- Task Force Members worked in groups to refine draft recommendations in the following areas of non-retail licensing: Technical, Social Justice, and Community Engagement.

#### 4. Public Comment

- Teresa Duque, the Executive Director of the San Francisco Community Empowerment Center, issued a letter to the Task Force on behalf of the Asian community that expresses their lack of support for additional cannabis stores. Mrs. Duque requested a presentation for the Asian community to address their concerns.
- Nina Parks, Supernova Women (a national cannabis organization for women of color), noted that she is seeking licensure for a delivery service office, and potentially as a dispensary. She stated that signage will be important for public safety and education, especially in regards to tourism and hospitality.
- Tamar Maritz, BDS Analytics, noted that she is currently applying for vacant seat number 22 on the Task Force. Ms. Maritz stated that she works often with data that can inform legislative change, has met with hundreds of dispensaries, and is learning about regulations and ordinances.
- Aaron Flynn, San Francisco Cannabis licensing group, noted that in regards to the technical recommendations, he applauds the Task Force for excluding license type 5 from San Francisco. He stated that California produces eight times more cannabis than it can consume, and license type 5 is unnecessary since smaller businesses are producing enough supply. Mr. Flynn hopes to see a continued focus on microbusiness, and an elimination of distributor fees to allow small business to continue to maintain themselves and make craft products.

#### 5. Recommendation Finalization

- Terrance Alan, Task Force Chair, led the Task Force in finalizing draft recommendations within the Technical and Social Justice focus areas. Community Engagement recommendations will be finalized at the next Task Force meeting on March 22nd.

#### 6. Guided Large Group Discussion

- Terrance Alan led Task Force Members in identifying additional issues related to Land Use to inform future recommendation drafting and development.

Meeting End Time: 4:00pm

#### Meeting Materials

- Agenda
- Draft recommendations: Non-retail Licensing

## Upcoming Task Force Meeting

DATE	TIME	LOCATION
March 22 , 2017	1PM – 4PM	25 Van Ness, Room 610 San Francisco, CA 94102

## Members Present

Israel Nieves

Patrick Kennedy

Liam McCarthy

Daniel Sider

Aaron Starr

Tim Morland

Fenicia Jacks (alternate for Quarry Pak)

Jesse Stout

Erich Pearson

Sara Payan

Duncan Talento Ley

Thea Selby

Barbara Fugate

Tom McElroy

Laura Thomas

Terrance Alan

Sarah Shrader

March 8<sup>th</sup>, 2017

S.F. State Cannabis Legalization Task Force  
S.F. Department of Public Health  
S.F. Planning Commission

My name is Teresa Duque. I am the Executive Director for the San Francisco Community Empowerment Center. Today, I am here on behalf of our community, specially the Chinese community, oppose any new, additional marijuana stores in San Francisco.

Since 1996, we learn marijuana or cannabis is an alternative medical drug or alternative treatment for people who are sick, dying, cancer patients, HIV or AIDS patients, who prescribed by the doctors for the right amount of marijuana to treat their pain. We are not against people who are using marijuana. We are against too many marijuana stores open throughout the city in poor and low income neighborhoods. Per planning department, we have 51 MCD stores already.

But, we the majority of healthy residents, children, youth, families don't need marijuana in our community. Cannabis, an illegal drug defined by the federal in America. The new Trump administration is doing everything to save our children and our future. The World Health Organization already defined marijuana is not good for healthy people's brain. It altered people's brain.

In San Francisco, we have about one million residents, 40% Asian, 45% property owners owned by Asians, how many of the Asian or health people need marijuana to survive? How many MCD card holders in San Francisco? We have 11 districts, 10 police stations, all of the police we talked to opposed marijuana stores because of the calls related to cannabis. We learn from other states, where recreational marijuana is legal, a lot of problems. We learn California nor San Francisco has NOT create traffic laws or regulation to monitor those people inhale marijuana then drive, possible causes of driving under influence.

I am here to request the 181 Task Force, year one report and recommendations translate in Chinese languages, so residents can understand what are rules and regulations. We, the Chinese community opposed any additional marijuana stores in San Francisco.

Respectfully;



Teresa Duque, Executive Director