

## **Cannabis State Legalization Task Force**

**April 19, 2017 – Meeting Minutes**

### **Land Use**

**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**

- Develop Land Use recommendations in the areas of Technical and Community Engagement

Start time: 1:15pm

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

- Jennifer Garcia, Task Force Co-Chair, Seat 20, welcomed recently appointed Task Force Member Kai Keli'ihō'omalū, Seat 22, representing individuals between the ages of 21 and 30.
- Terrance Alan, Task Force Chair, Seat 19, provided an update on his, Jon Ballesteros (Seat 15) and Thea Selby's (Seat 14) recent participation on a San Francisco Chamber of Commerce panel, and noted that presentations are also planned for other entities (e.g., SPUR, and Golden Gate Restaurant Association). He reminded Task Force Members to consult their constituents about cannabis related questions and input and bring questions and comments to the Task Force meetings as part of the discussion.
- Nicole Sandberg, Task Force Coordinator, San Francisco Department of Public Health, noted that due to room availability, Task Force meetings in September and October will occur on the third, rather than the second, Wednesday of the month. She confirmed that updated calendars reflecting this would be distributed at the next meeting.

#### **2. Spotlight Panel**

- Sara Payan, Task Force Co-Chair, Seat 12, introduced spotlight panelists Susan Eslick, a resident and board member of the Dogpatch and Northwest Potrero Benefit District and former president of a neighborhood association, and Robert Antón Patterson, a small business owner. The panelists gave brief presentations related to Land Use and community engagement and answered questions on those subjects.

3. Land Use Recommendation Drafting Session Part II
  - Task Force Members worked in groups to continue drafting recommendations in two main Land Use areas: Technical and Community Engagement. These recommendations will be finalized at a future meeting.
4. Recommendation Presentation
  - Task Force Members presented and discussed draft Land Use recommendations.
5. For Discussion and Possible Recommendation: Local Agency Oversight
  - Terrance Alan, Task Force Chair, led Task Force Members in further discussion of Year I Regulation and City Agency Framework Recommendation #21, which states that “San Francisco should consider new and/or existing regulatory and regulatory oversight structures for adult use cannabis regulation.” The Year I recommendation included three options (below), and the Task Force discussed these options with the aim of making further recommendations:
    - Option 1: Standalone agency with its own staff and commission
    - Option 2: Standalone agency with its own staff, no commission
    - Option 3: Integration in an existing agency or agencies
  - A majority of Task Force members voted for a standalone agency with its own staff and commission (Option 1). The Task Force uses the consensus-building model as its decision-making process, so this discussion and subsequent vote will be revisited at the next meeting.
6. Public Comment
  - John Alston, Planted Concepts, noted that in regards to local agency oversight, the creation of a standalone cannabis commission with staff is a good solution; otherwise, we may see a bottleneck that will lock out incoming businesses that would contribute taxes. He stated that he does not want San Francisco to undergo long processes related to cannabis regulation as Oakland is experiencing.
  - Dan Simmons, a resident, noted that it will be important to consider the naming of a cannabis commission, or addition of cannabis to an existing commission, such as the Entertainment Commission, to create efficiency. He noted that some businesses face challenges if their name or description includes the word “cannabis” given the current federal climate.

End time: 4:07pm

## Meeting Materials

- Agenda
- Recommendation Framework Document
- Legislative Tracking Document – April 2017

## Upcoming Task Force Meeting

DATE	TIME	LOCATION
May 10, 2017	1PM – 4PM	25 Van Ness, Room 610, San Francisco, CA

## Members Present

Janine Young (alternate for Israel Nieves)

Liam McCarthy

Daniel Sider

Joey Luiz (alternate for Tim Morland)

Quarry Pak

Jesse Stout

Kevin Reed

Sara Payan

Duncan Talento Ley

Thea Selby

Barbara Fugate

Tom McElroy

Laura Thomas

Terrance Alan

Jennifer Garcia

Sarah Shrader

Kai Keli'oho'omalu