

Cannabis State Legalization Task Force
December 13, 2017 – Meeting Notes
Social Justice, Hearing Preparation, and Year III Planning
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 Social Justice workforce development and business ownership recommendations
- Task Force Year II review and preparation for upcoming Board of Supervisors presentation
- Task Force Year III planning

Start time: 1:18 pm

1. Welcome, Agenda Review and Announcements

- Jennifer Garcia, Seat 20 and Task Force Co-Chair, welcomed everyone to the meeting and reviewed the agenda.
- Israel Nieves, Task Force Coordinator, announced that beginning January 1, 2018, the Task Force will be administratively housed under the Office of Cannabis, and will continue to be supported by the same consultants. He noted that Issue Brief #8, which highlights legislative updates, including the amendments from the recently passed San Francisco cannabis legislation, was released last week. He also noted that the Year II report is anticipated to be distributed by the end of the month.
- Terrance Alan, Seat 19 and Task Force Chair, stated that in order to have time to fully prepare for Year III, the Task Force will not have a January meeting and will instead resume in February 2018.

2. Finalize Social Justice Recommendations

- Terrance Alan, Seat 19 and Task Force Chair, facilitated a discussion among Task Force members to finalize the Social Justice recommendations in the specific areas of business ownership and workforce development.

3. Public Comment

- Troy, a San Francisco resident, stated that the City should create jobs for cultivation, in order to control job quality and provide opportunities to local residents and homeless populations that seek similar cultivations jobs up north. He added that

schools, the City, and the State should provide cultivation classes, hire local residents into these jobs, and have small business cultivators supply retail locations. In addition, he encouraged that City to explore the possibility of opening a bank, as it is positioned to open jobs for another chain of work.

4. Year II Task Force Review

- Sara Payan and Jennifer Garcia, Task Force Co-Chairs, led the Task Force in reviewing Year II of the Task Force’s work and process. The discussion focused on Task Force strengths, challenges, and areas for improvement.
- Sara Payan and Jennifer Garcia also led the Task Force in preparing for the upcoming Board of Supervisors hearing presentation.
 - Terrance Alan, Seat 19 and Task Force Chair, recommended a presentation structure that focuses on the following points: recognition of the Task Force recommendations included in the local cannabis ordinance, discussion of diversifying Task Force membership through additional seats, and input from the Board of Supervisors regarding Year III topic areas and the process for interaction between the Task Force and the Board of Supervisors’ legislative work. He further recommended that the Chair and Co-Chairs give the presentation, and other Task Force members to provide additional information through public comment. The Task Force members agreed to the aforementioned recommendations.

5. Year III Planning

- Terrance Alan, Seat 19 and Task Force Chair, led the Task Force in reviewing “parking lot” (i.e. holdover) issues from Year II, including:
 - Accessory use for cannabis
 - Consumption
 - Tourism and events
 - Data and data collection
 - Youth (particularly transitional aged youth; ages 18-21)
 - Equity review
 - Tours
- Terrance Alan also led the Task Force in discussing ideas and suggestions for the Year III workplan. Discussion points included:
 - Task Force Year III overarching goal of increased communication with City policymakers;
 - Discussion of potential amendments to local and State law;
 - Considerations for existing businesses that are unable to meet regulatory compliance;
 - Discussion of local cannabis taxes and the economic impacts of taxation;
 - The need to continue compassion programs to ensure medical access for seniors and low-income patients.

- The need for additional consumption spaces beyond private residences and existing dispensaries;
- Discussion of the cannabis permit application process and timeline;
- Youth programs

6. Public Comment

- Stewart, a San Francisco resident and business owner of a cannabis tour company, announced that the first meeting in 2018 of the Cannabis Growers Association will be held on January 25th. He also offered to serve as a liaison between the Cannabis Growers Association and the Task Force.

7. Wrap-Up and Next Steps

- Terrance Alan, Seat 19 and Task Force Chair, reiterated that the Task Force will not meet in January 2018, and the Task Force Coordinators will be in contact to schedule the February 2018 meeting.

End time: 3:52

Meeting Materials

- Agenda
- Draft social justice recommendations from 9/20 meeting

Upcoming Task Force Meeting

DATE	TIME	LOCATION
TBD – February 2018	TBD	TBD

Members Present

Tomas Aragon	Thea Selby
Edward Londono	Tom McElroy
Aaron Starr (alternate for Daniel Sider)	Laura Thomas
Jesse Stout	Terrance Alan
Erich Pearson	Jennifer Garcia
Sara Payan	Sarah Shrader