

Cannabis State Legalization Task Force
June 14, 2017 – Meeting Notes
Agency Oversight, 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.
- Develop Retail Licensing recommendations.

Meeting start time: 1:10pm.

1. Welcome, Agenda Review and Announcements

- Jennifer Garcia, Task Force Co-Chair, Seat 20, welcomed Task Force Members and reviewed the meeting agenda.
- Jennifer Garcia, Task Force Co-Chair, Seat 20, noted that the cannabis workforce survey she developed is in progress and that the full report of the results will be provided to the Task Force at a future meeting.

2. Local Agency Oversight Discussion

- Terrance Alan, Task Force Chair, Seat 19, introduced Aneeka Chaudhry, Senior Health Policy Advisor, Office of Mayor Ed Lee, and Adam Nguyen, Finance and Planning Director, Office of the City Administrator.
- Aneeka Chaudhry, Office of Mayor Ed Lee, provided introductory information about the proposed Office of Cannabis in San Francisco.
- Adam Nguyen, Office of the City Administrator, provided an overview of the proposed scope of responsibilities and budget for the proposed Office of Cannabis and answered follow up questions from Task Force Members.

3. Public Comment – Local Agency Oversight

- There was no public comment related to Agenda Item 3.

4. Local Agency Oversight Discussion and Recommendation- Part III

- Michelle Magee consultant, Harder + Company Community Research, led Task Force Members in further discussion of the Year I agency oversight topic area. In groups, Task Force Members revisited 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.

This discussion was a continuation of the discussion from the previous May 10th Task Force meeting.

- Task Force Members reached consensus on recommending a standalone agency to provide regulatory oversight. They also reached consensus on the elimination of Option 3 from Year I Regulation and City Agency Framework Recommendation #21.
- Task Force Members expressed their main reasons for supporting different recommendation options.
 - Some Task Force Members expressed support for a modified Option 1 from Year I Regulation and City Agency Framework Recommendation #21—i.e., a standalone agency with a commission established within 1 year, and the development of guidelines for the dispute resolution process. The main reasons for supporting this modified Option 1 were: more community involvement, a faster process than an appeal to the Board of Appeals, and a more thorough vetting process than a Board of Appeals hearing.
 - Some Task Force Members expressed support for a new option—a standalone agency without a commission, and with a different dispute resolution process, such as a hearing officer, and specified that it should be funded by City revenue. The main reasons for supporting this option were: to support public awareness and notice via a “1-stop shop,” and the use of a qualified arbitrator and subject matter expert.
- The Task Force did not reach consensus on what mechanism is most appropriate for the dispute resolution process, instead putting forward two options: (1) a commission or (2) a hearing officer. Discussion points and concerns related to the dispute resolution process were as follows:
 - Task Force Members emphasized the need for efficiency and to avoid unnecessary bureaucracy or barriers to entry into the market.
 - Task Force Members expressed concerns about the appointment process under the Commission option, i.e. who would be appointed and the selection process for Commissioners.

- Task Force Members expressed concern about the funding mechanisms for the standalone agency and dispute resolution process.
 - Task Force Members expressed concern about which option would best facilitate community engagement and public input.
- **Final Consensus-based Year II Recommendation regarding Agency Oversight:** Standalone agency, with two options for managing the dispute resolution process: (1) a Commission or (2) hearing officer.

5. Spotlight Panel

- Sara Payan, Task Force Co-Chair, Seat 12, introduced panelists and facilitated a moderated panel discussion related to community perspectives on retail licensing. Panelists included:
 - Teresa Duque, Executive Director, San Francisco Community Empowerment Center
 - Susan Pfeifer, Founder, Outer Sunset/Parkside Residents Association
 - Joelle Kenealey, President, Outer Mission Merchants and Residents Associations

The panelists gave brief presentations related to retail cannabis and answered follow up questions from Task Force Members.

6. General Public Comment

- There was no general public comment.

7. Finalize Land Use Recommendations

- Mavis Asiedu-Frimpong, Task Force Coordinator, San Francisco Department of Public Health, provided an overview of the recommendation development process thus far, and discussed the need to revisit previous Land Use recommendations in order to finalize them because quorum was not reached at the last Task Force meeting.
- Terrance Alan, Task Force Chair, Seat 19, led Task Force Members in the process of finalizing the Land Use recommendations. The Task Force will complete this process at the next meeting on July 12th.
- During the discussion, there was a request that the Task Force revisit the consensus decision-making process.

8. Wrap-Up and Next Steps

- Terrance Alan, Task Force Chair, Seat 19, reminded the Task Force that the next meeting is on July 12th at a different location: 1 South Van Ness, Atrium Conference Room.
- The Task Force did not begin the process of drafting or discussing retail licensing recommendations as originally planned. This will instead take place at the next meeting on July 12th.

Meeting end time: 4:01pm.

Meeting Materials

- Agenda
- Recommendation Framework Document

Upcoming Task Force Meeting

DATE	TIME	LOCATION
July 12, 2017	1PM – 4PM	1 South Van Ness Ave Atrium Conference Room San Francisco, CA 94102

Members Present

Janine Young (alternate for Israel Nieves)

Edward Londono (alternate for Sofia Mathews)

Liam McCarthy

Daniel Sider

Jocelyn Kane

Gloria Li (alternate for Tim Morland)

Quarry Pak

Erich Pearson

Kevin Reed

Sara Payan

Duncan Talento Ley

Thea Selby

Barbara Fugate

Laura Thomas

Terrance Alan

Jennifer Garcia

Sarah Shrader

Kai Keli'iho'omalu