

Cannabis State Legalization Task Force
August 9, 2017 – Meeting Notes
Land Use, Retail Licensing, and Social Justice
25 Van Ness Avenue, Room 610,
San Francisco, CA 94102 | 1PM – 4:30PM

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 and finalize Retail Licensing recommendations.
- Discuss issues within the Social Justice topic area that the Task Force should consider for recommendation development.

Meeting start time: 1:10pm

1. Welcome, Agenda Review and Announcements

- Jennifer Garcia, Task Force Co-Chair, Seat 20, welcomed everyone to the meeting and reviewed the agenda.
- Jennifer Garcia, Task Force Co-Chair, Seat 20, noted that the Cannabis worker survey is still open and she has received 64 responses. Task Force Members will aim to review the results during the upcoming September 20 Task Force meeting.
- Terrance Alan, Task Force Chair, Seat 19, provided the following updates from recent Board of Supervisors meetings – (1) legislation capping medical cannabis dispensaries (MCDs) in District 11 was approved; (2) the term of the Task Force has been extended to December 2018; (3) and subsequently, the terms of all members on the Task force shall continue until the termination of the Task Force. Task Force members may choose to retain their seats or resign.

2. Public Comment – Finalize Land Use Recommendations

- No public comment related to Agenda Item 3.

3. Finalize Land Use Recommendations

- Terrance Alan, Task Force Chair, Seat 19, led the Task Force in further discussion of finalizing draft land use recommendations. Task Force members revisited distance requirements for sensitive uses. The recommendation includes the following options:
 - Option 1: Recommend State-determined distance requirement (600 ft.) from sensitive uses

- Option 2: Recommend a different distance requirement from all sensitive uses
- Option 3: Recommend a different distance requirement for each type of sensitive use

The State identifies the following three as sensitive use types: (1) schools, (2) youth centers, and (3) day cares.

- Task Force Members reached consensus on Option 2, recommending a different distance requirement from all sensitive uses. Existing MCDs in good standing would be grandfathered, and not be subject to new distance requirements when applying for adult use licenses.
- The Task Force reached modified consensus on a distance of 500 feet from sensitive uses. Discussion points and concerns related to proximity to sensitive uses were as follows:
 - A distance of 500 feet was proposed to align with San Francisco’s current distance requirements for tobacco.
 - Some Task Force members expressed concerns that distances less than the State standard of 600 feet would be contrary to public opinion, and cannabis retailers may be more susceptible to federal raids, business closures, and mandatory sentencing, i.e. harsher sentencing for sale of cannabis within school zones.
 - Some Task Force members supported a distance less than 500 feet, but agreed to move forward with the aforementioned Task Force recommendation.
- **Final Year II Recommendation regarding sensitive uses:**
San Francisco should reduce the distance new cannabis retailers can operate in proximity to sensitive uses to 500 feet. Existing MCDs in good standing would be grandfathered, and not be subject to new distance requirements when applying for adult use licenses.

4. Retail Recommendations Drafting Session

- Task Force Members worked in groups to draft recommendations in the following areas of retail licensing: 1) Technical, and 2) Social Justice and Community Engagement.

5. Recommendation Presentation

- Task Force Members presented draft retail recommendations in the aforementioned areas.

6. Public Comment – Finalize Retail Licensing Recommendations

- Nina Parks of Supernova Women stated that as the Task Force is developing recommendations for retail licensing, it should also include non-storefront businesses.
7. Finalize Retail Licensing Recommendations
 - Terrance Alan, Task Force Chair, Seat 19, led Task Force Members in the process of finalizing the retail recommendations.
 8. Large Group Discussion of Social Justice
 - Jesse Stout, Seat 9, and Terrance Alan, Task Force Chair, Seat 19, led Task Force Members in the identification of additional issues related to Social Justice to inform future recommendation drafting and development.
 9. General Public Comment
 - Wendy McPherson requested the Task Force consider recommending that medical cannabis be sold on one floor of a retail business and adult use cannabis be sold on another floor in the same building, rather than at another location.
 10. Wrap-Up and Next Steps
 - Terrance Alan, Task Force Chair, Seat 19, stated that if Task Force Members would like to continue serving in their seat in 2018, please confirm their participation by October.

Meeting end time: 4:01pm

Meeting Materials

- Agenda
- Recommendation Framework Document

Upcoming Task Force Meeting

DATE	TIME	LOCATION
September 20, 2017 Note: 3 rd Wednesday of the month	1PM – 4PM	25 Van Ness Ave, Room 610 San Francisco, CA 94102

Members Present

Janine Young (alternate for Israel Nieves)

Maggie Weiland (alternate for Jocelyn Kane)

Liam McCarthy

Tim Morland

Daniel Sider

Fenicia Jacks (alternate for Quarry Pak)

Jesse Stout

Erich Pearson

Kevin Reed

Sara Payan

Duncan Talento Ley

Barbara Fugate

Tom McElroy

Laura Thomas

Terrance Alan

Jennifer Garcia

Sarah Shrader

Kai Keli'iho'omalu