



# SAN FRANCISCO CANNABIS STATE LEGALIZATION TASK FORCE

## MEETING 1: INTRODUCTION AND BALLOT INITIATIVE REVIEW

**Agenda Item 1:**

**Welcome and Opening Remarks**

**Supervisor Scott Wiener**

## **Agenda Item 2:**

### **Agenda Review and Member Introductions**

Members to State:

-Name

-Seat

-Reasons you had interest in being part of Task Force

-Expertise represented by your seat

## **Agenda Item 3:**

### **Task Force Administration**

**Task Force Purpose and Outcome:** Advise policymakers on matters relating to the potential legalization of cannabis in California

### **Task Force Chair – Responsibilities**

- Provide direction and leadership for Task Force
- Coordinate with Task Force Members and Task Force Coordinator to set meeting agendas
- Work closely with Task Force Coordinator to organize all Task Force meetings and gather necessary information
- Facilitate all Task Force meetings
- Serve as liaison between Task Force and City policymakers

### **Task Force Coordinator – Responsibilities**

- Serve as main administrative contact for Task Force Members and the public
- Work closely with Task Force Chair to organize all Task Force meetings
- Prepare and organize all written materials: agendas, issue briefs, reports, presentations, etc.
- Manage Task Force website and ensure compliance with Sunshine Ordinance

## **DECISION MAKING: CONSENSUS**

### **METHOD**

Acceptable resolution that all Members are comfortable with, even if it is not the preferred option of each individual.

## **SUBCOMMITTEE SELECTION**

- Public Safety and Social Environment
- Land Use
- Regulation and City Agency Framework

# **Agenda Item 4**

## **Presentation**

### **Introduction and Ballot Initiative Review**



# Cannabis Task Force

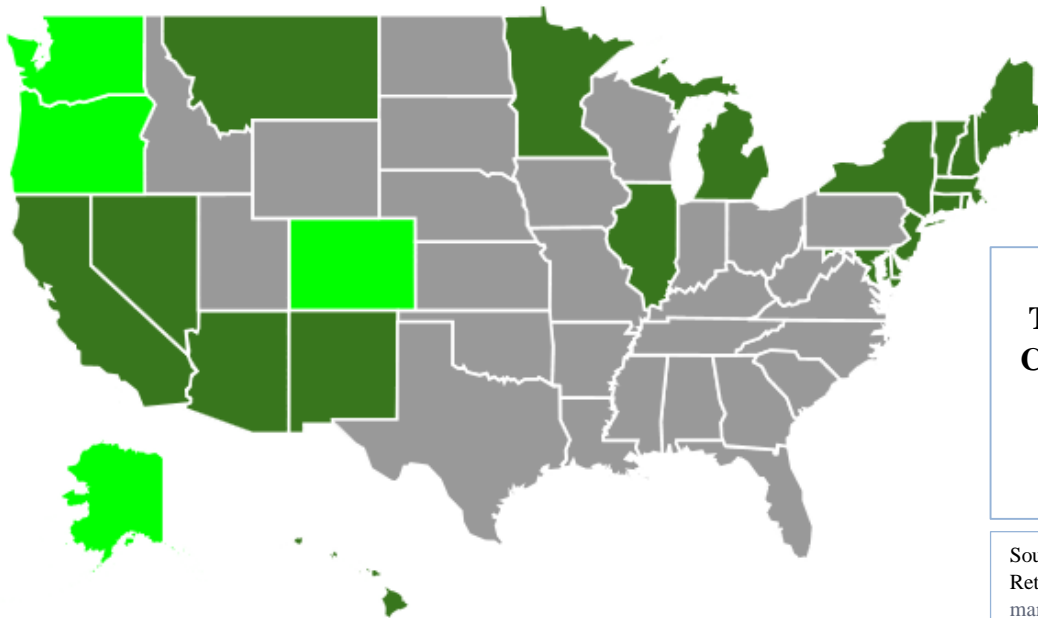
Established by BOS via Ordinance 115-15

## **Purpose**

Advise policymakers on matters relating to the potential legalization of cannabis in California

# Cannabis in the United States

**Cannabis Legalization in the United States, 2015**



**Twenty-three states and the District of Columbia have medical cannabis access laws, and four states have expanded access for nonmedical purposes.**

Source: Governing. (2015). *State Marijuana Laws Map*. Retrieved from <http://www.governing.com/gov-data/state-marijuana-laws-map-medical-recreational.html>.

Marijuana Legalization Status

- Medical marijuana legalized
- Marijuana legalized for medical and nonmedical use
- No laws legalizing marijuana

# Cannabis in California

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## Medical Cannabis

- Compassionate Use Act of 1996
- Senate Bill 420
- Medical Marijuana Regulation and Safety Act (MMRSA)
- Blue Ribbon Commission on Marijuana Policy

# Cannabis in San Francisco

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- Medical Cannabis Act
- City agency partnership to administer medical cannabis program
- 28 licensed dispensaries in zoned areas

# Ballot Initiative Review

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## **Control, Regulate and Tax Adult Use of Marijuana Act (AUMA)**

### **Purpose**

Establish a comprehensive system to

**legalize, control and regulate**

the cultivation, processing, manufacture, distribution, testing, and sale of nonmedical marijuana, including marijuana products,

for use by adults 21 years and old

and to tax [its] **commercial growth and retail sale.**

# AUMA - General

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## **Aligned with MMRSA and Blue Ribbon Commission Recommendations**

- Personal Use: 1 oz. (8 g. concentrates)
- Personal cultivation: Six plants
- Interagency regulatory structure, including:
  - Dept. of Consumer Affairs + Bureau of Marijuana Control: lead oversight body
  - Department of Public Health: manufacturing and testing
  - Department of Food and Agriculture: cultivation

# AUMA - Licensing

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## **19 licensing categories: cultivation, manufacture, testing, retail, distribution, microbusiness**

- Valid for 1 year
- Unlawful business operation penalty: 3x licensing fee
- Residency requirement
- Policy considerations

# AUMA - Local Control

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## **Broad local control to “adopt and enforce ordinances to regulate businesses”**

- May allow on-site consumption at licensed retailers and microbusinesses
- May not ban delivery services by licensed retailers and microbusinesses acting in compliance with State and local law
- May impose additional taxes and fees



# AUMA – Taxation and Revenue

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## **State Taxation effective 1/1/2018:**

- ❑ Cultivation: \$9.25/dry wgt. oz. (flower); \$2.75 dry wgt. oz. (leaves)
- ❑ Retail sale: 15% excise tax

## **Revenue - California Marijuana Tax Fund:**

- ❑ UC system for AUMA research
- ❑ DUI standards development
- ❑ Economic development program for affected communities
- ❑ Youth education and drug prevention
- ❑ Local governments
- ❑ Environmental protections

# AUMA - Youth and Public Safety

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## **Youth Exposure and Access**

- ❑ Licensees must check IDs
- ❑ No advertising within 1,000 feet of schools or to audience under 21
- ❑ Cannabis packaging requirements

## **Public Safety**

- ❑ Maintains existing laws criminalizing DUI
- ❑ Warning and labeling requirements
- ❑ No manufacture with volatile solvents without a license
- ❑ Supply chain tracking program
- ❑ Felonies limited to most serious offenses, e.g. cultivation on public lands, drug trafficking

# Other States' Experiences

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## Colorado

- 2012: Amendment 64
- Reported benefits: increase in tax revenue and job opportunities
- Reported challenges: edibles and butane hash oil

# Other States' Experiences

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## Washington

- 2012: Initiative 502
- Market merger and “medically- endorsed” retail locations
- Changes to taxation structure

# Other States' Experiences

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## **Oregon**

- 2014: Initiative 91
- Currently developing regulations
- Limited sales market underway through 12/31/2016

## **Alaska**

- 2015: Measure 2
- Final regulations issued December 2015
- Recent development: On-site consumption

# Thank You

# Discussion Questions

- General thoughts about the AUMA's structure and policy objectives?
- What lessons can be learned from other states' experiences and how does the AUMA address them?

## **Agenda Item 5:**

# **Discussion: Ballot Initiatives and Other States' Experiences**



# **Agenda Item 6:**

# **Public Comment**

# **Agenda Item 7:**

## **Closing Comments and Next Steps**

### **NEXT MEETING**

**March 9, 2016 | 1PM-4PM | 25 Van Ness Avenue, Rm. 610**