

Cannabis State Legalization Task Force

October 18, 2017 – Meeting Notes

Local Ordinance, Social Justice Part II: Workforce Development and Business Ownership

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

- Draft and finalize Social Justice Recommendations
- Discuss recently introduced Local Ordinance

Meeting start time: 1:10pm

1. Welcome, Agenda Review and Announcements

- Jennifer Garcia, Seat 20 and Task Force Co-Chair, welcomed everyone to the meeting and reviewed the agenda.
- Supervisor Jeff Sheehy, District 8, thanked the Task Force for their work and stated that he looks forward to reviewing their recommendations.
- Terrance Alan, Seat 19 and Task Force Chair, requested that any Task Force Member that would like to vacate their Task Force seat notify Task Force coordinators by Friday, October 20.
- Mr. Alan also announced that Cassandra Costello, San Francisco Travel Association, had applied for the Task Force's vacant Seat 15.

2. Local Cannabis Ordinance Briefing

- Terrance Alan, Seat 19 and Task Force Chair, introduced Nicole Elliott, San Francisco Office of Cannabis Director. Nicole Elliott discussed key provisions of the recently introduced local ordinance with Task Force Members.

3. Public Comment

- There was no public comment related to agenda item 4.

4. Task Force Response to Local Cannabis Ordinance

- Terrance Alan, Seat 19 and Task Force Chair, facilitated a discussion among Task Force Members to develop an official response to local cannabis ordinance provisions.

5. Public Comment

- Reese, a medical cannabis user who works for a delivery service and formerly worked for the Department of Public Health, stated that there is nowhere to legally consume cannabis. She requested safe places to smoke and consume her medicine, since she cannot take edibles because of the length of time for them to take effect.
- S. Gallagher, an attorney in San Francisco, thanked the Task Force and noted equity as a laudable goal. She stated that the equity issue has been approached through government contract awards, and that there have been questions about how well it has worked out to award, for example, 50% of all new licenses to certain categories of people. She also noted that very few businesses are sole proprietorships and that there is currently no guidance to determine what an equitable venture is if it is not a sole proprietorship. S. Gallagher therefore asked the Task Force to better define an equitable amount of ownership interest (e.g., 25% or 50%). She also added that data collection on all permit applicants would be very helpful (e.g., regarding place of residence, age, and primary purpose of cannabis use).
- Fulton, a cannabis user in San Francisco, requested that more public consumption areas be allowed. He stated that current lounges are not hospitable for everyone to consume whenever they want because of their rules regarding minimum purchase requirements and maximum amounts of time that consumers are allowed to remain in the space.
- Nina Parks, cofounder of SuperNova women, wanted to make sure that, with regard to retail, there is a differentiation between storefront and non-storefront regulations because storefronts have a community impact, whereas delivery hubs do not. She stated that if a delivery hub that just needs office space is subject to the same restrictions of 600 feet from a sensitive use, it would not make sense because no one will actually walk into that establishment. She added that given the cost of rent and space availability concerns, there are equity implications for this issue, as well.
- A member of the public stated that in certain neighborhoods like the Castro, Western Addition, or Ingleside, it would be beneficial to reduce the required distance of cannabis businesses from schools.
- Tyler, on behalf of veterans, stated that veterans should be considered as equity applicants because the war on drugs has had a big impact on their recovery. He stated that this would help business founders and cannabis users. He also would recommend a 300, 400, or 500 feet distance from sensitive uses rather than 600 feet.
- Menaka Mahajan, Office of Small Business, announced that on Monday (October 23rd), the Small Business Commission will be discussing the recently introduced cannabis ordinance and policy recommendations and it would be helpful for commissioners to hear the public's comments. For example, currently if an applicant

does not fully comply with all requirements, they will have trouble moving from registration to a temporary permit. It would be beneficial to create a pathway for people like cottage manufacturers who are not operating in a compliant environment but are interested in registering and joining the regulated market. Other issues for discussion include accessory use, consumption opportunities, restaurants, outdoor events, tourism, permits to allow consumption, employment of people under 21 in medicinal facilities, equity considerations, concentration of cannabis businesses, and delivery.

6. Spotlight Panel: Social Justice and Equity

- The panelists below provided brief presentations related to social justice and equity within the adult use cannabis industry, followed by a Q&A session with Task Force Members:
 - Zoe Polk, Deputy Director of the San Francisco Human Rights Commission
 - Phoebe Vanderhorst, Founder & Director of City College of San Francisco's Way-Pass Program

7. Social Justice Recommendation Drafting Session

- Terrance Alan, Seat 19 and Task Force Chair, facilitated a discussion among Task Force Members related to the following questions:
 - Who should the Task Force be thinking about within the context of social justice/equity? Who are the target populations for business ownership and workforce development?
 - Why is it important for the Task Force and City to think about and prioritize these issues?
 - What should the City do to address the above questions? What should cannabis businesses be required to do to address the above questions?

8. General Public Comment

- There was no general public comment.

9. Wrap-Up and Next Steps

- Terrance Alan, Seat 19 and Task Force Chair, reminded the Task Force of the next meeting date—November 8, 2017.

Meeting end time: 4:33pm

Meeting Materials

- Agenda
- Recommendation Framework Document

- Office of Cannabis Task Force Recommendation Inventory Document

Upcoming Task Force Meeting

DATE	TIME	LOCATION
November 8, 2017	1PM – 4PM	25 Van Ness Avenue, Room 610 San Francisco, CA 94102

Members Present

Israel Nieves

Edward Londono

Liam McCarthy

Aaron Starr (alternate for Daniel Sider)

Maggie Weiland

Tim Morland

Erica Lingrell

Jesse Stout

Kevin Reed

Sara Payan

Duncan Talento Ley

Thea Selby

Barbara Fugate

Terrance Alan

Jennifer Garcia

Sarah Shrader

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