

San Francisco Cannabis State Legalization Task Force Proposed Cannabis State Legalization Task Force Framework

Background and Statement of Purpose

As early as November 2016, California voters may consider legalizing and regulating adult use and possession of cannabis. To prepare for this, the Cannabis State Legalization Task Force was created via Ordinance by the San Francisco Board of Supervisors in July of 2015. According to the Ordinance, “the purpose of the Task Force shall be to advise the Board of Supervisors, the Mayor, and other City departments on matters relating to the potential legalization of cannabis so that the City's policymakers are fully prepared to address the policy questions through legislation, administrative actions, and otherwise, following the adoption of a State law.”¹

Overview

The Task Force will bring together a diverse group of stakeholders to consider and evaluate all cannabis policy options. It will consist of twenty-two members and be active for a two-year period beginning in early 2016. Seven of the Task Force seats are held by non-voting government bodies, including the San Francisco Planning, Fire, Police, Building Inspection, and Health departments. The remaining seats are held by voting members from various sectors, including advocacy, business, and tourism.

Guiding Principles

With the below proposed guiding principles, the Task Force shall review all outcomes to ensure consistency and steadfastness of purpose:

1. Youth: To promote health and safety, design policy options that reduce youth exposure and access to cannabis.
2. Research: Rely only upon sound, evidenced-based or experiential information and data
3. Illicit Market: Design policy options that seek to reduce the illicit market.

¹ San Francisco Ordinance Number 115-15
(<https://sfgov.legistar.com/View.ashx?M=F&ID=3873579&GUID=1BAFED02-E19A-4AC4-8F96-3BB268939F5B>)

Roles and Responsibilities

Task Force members will commit to the following roles and responsibilities:

1. Participate in all scheduled meetings per year for each of the two years of the Task Force;
2. Review data and related analysis compiled by the San Francisco Department of Public Health and others in preparation for and presented at Task Force meetings;
3. Share experience related to cannabis use in San Francisco;
4. Encourage community participation and receive public comment; and
5. Guide development of two Task Force reports – one within the first year of the task force and one in the following 12 months – that:
 - a. Describes legislative activity in the State Legislature regarding possible legalization of cannabis;
 - b. Provides the Task Force's findings regarding legal, social, land use, and enforcement issues that are likely to arise in San Francisco if the State adopts proposed legislation through the legislative or electoral process; and
 - c. Includes recommendations regarding local implementation and enforcement of that potential legislation.

Meeting Structure – Please see proposed meeting schedule, Attachment 1

All meetings will be open to the public with time allotted for public comment. The focus of the first State Cannabis Legalization Task Force meeting will be a discussion of task force administrative rules, followed by in-depth discussion of any relevant ballot initiatives made public by that time. The attached meeting schedule provides suggested content areas for subsequent meetings.

In preparation for each meeting, issue briefs and other background material will be provided to all Task Force members for their review. The Task Force may also identify experts and community leaders to provide additional information and context to meeting discussions.

Member Roster – Please see Attachment 2 for Task Force Member roster.

ATTACHMENT 1 – PROPOSED MEETING SCHEDULE

JANUARY 2016 – DECEMBER 2016

Date	Meeting	Staff Tasks
<p>January 13 12-3 pm</p> <p>25 Van Ness Avenue, Rm. 610</p>	<p>FULL MEETING 1 - Introduction</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Introductions • Task Force Administration • Ballot initiative review • Lessons from other states 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Prepare and upload all documents in accordance with Sunshine Ordinance • Continue research in preparation for subsequent meetings

Tentative Date	Meeting	Staff Tasks
<p>February</p>	<p>No Meeting</p>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Prepare issue brief for next meeting
<p>March 9 1-4 pm</p>	<p>FULL MEETING 2 – Legal and Regulatory Landscape</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Market Forces and Workforce • Federal Law • Medical Cannabis program 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Prepare and upload all documents in accordance with Sunshine Ordinance • Prepare for April Subcommittee meeting
<p>April 13 1-4 pm</p>	<p>Subcommittee Meeting: Public Safety and Social Environment</p>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Prepare and upload all documents in accordance with Sunshine Ordinance • Prepare issue brief for next meeting
<p>May 11 1-4 pm</p>	<p>FULL MEETING 3 – Public Safety and Social Environment</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Hospitality, Nightlife and Tourism • Public Safety • Youth • Edibles 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Prepare and upload all documents in accordance with Sunshine Ordinance • Prepare for June Subcommittee meeting

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<p>June 8 1-4 pm</p>	<p>Subcommittee Meeting: Land Use</p>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Prepare and upload all documents in accordance with Sunshine Ordinance • Prepare issue brief for next meeting
<p>July 13 1-4 pm</p>	<p>FULL MEETING 4 – Land Use</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Zoning: cultivation, processing, marketing, sale and consumption • Environmental impact 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Prepare and upload all documents in accordance with Sunshine Ordinance • Prepare issue brief for next meeting (if needed)
<p>August 10 1-4 pm</p>	<p>FULL MEETING 5 – Land Use</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Zoning: cultivation, processing, marketing, sale and consumption • Environmental impact 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Prepare and upload all documents in accordance with Sunshine Ordinance • Prepare for September Subcommittee meeting
<p>September 14 1-4 pm</p>	<p>Subcommittee Meeting: Regulation and Enforcement</p>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Prepare and upload all documents in accordance with Sunshine Ordinance • Prepare issue brief for next meeting
<p>October 12 1-4 pm</p>	<p>FULL MEETING 6 – Regulation and City Agency Framework</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Supply chain monitoring • Taxation and Revenue • Agency Enforcement • Medical Cannabis • Data collection 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Prepare and upload all documents in accordance with Sunshine Ordinance • Prepare draft report and recommendations for review at next meeting
<p>November 9 1-4 pm</p>	<p>FULL MEETING 7 – Preliminary Recommendations</p>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Finalize report and finalize calendar for Year 2
<p>December</p>	<p>Year 1 report and presentation to Board of Supervisors</p>	

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ATTACHMENT 2 – TASK FORCE MEMBER ROSTER

		Name
Seat 1	San Francisco Department of Public Health	Aragon, Tomas
Seat 2	Fire Department	Russell, Lourdes
Seat 3	Police Department	Falzon, Dave
Seat 4	Department of Building Inspection	McCarthy, Liam
Seat 5	Planning Department	Sider, Daniel
Seat 6	Entertainment Commission	Kane, Jocelyn
Seat 7	California Board of Equalization	Morland, Tim
Seat 8	San Francisco Unified School District	Pak, Quarry
1-yr Term - Public Seats		
Seat 9	Cannabis Industry (2 yrs experience)	Stout, Jesse
Seat 10	Owner/Operator MCD	Pearson, Erich
Seat 11	Individual who uses cannabis for medicinal purposes	Reed, Kevin
Seat 12	Individual who uses cannabis with at least 2 yrs cannabis legislation advocacy experience	Payan, Sara
Seat 13	Small business owner	Ley, Duncan Talento
Seat 14	Individual with experience working for on behalf of business interests	Selby, Thea

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Seat 15	Individual working to advance tourism or hospitality industry	Ballesteros, Jon
Seat 16	Neighborhood association	Fugate, Barbara
Seat 17	Neighborhood association	McElroy, Tom
Seat 18	Individual with experience in public health advocacy re: drug policy	Thomas, Laura
Seat 19	Individual working in entertainment or nightlife industry	Alan, Terrance
Seat 20	Labor union representatives for cannabis industry	Garcia, Jennifer
Seat 21	Public policy expert working for organization focused on good public policy	Shrader, Sarah
Seat 22	Individual bn ages of 21 and 30 at time of appointment	Ozim, Daisy
		Asiedu-Frimpong, Mavis
	Task Force Coordinators San Francisco Department of Public Health	Sandberg, Nicole
		Paule, Gretchen
		Chawla, Colleen