Cannabis Legalization in San Francisco: Task Force Recommendations, the City’s Process and SFDPH’s Role

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Presentation Overview

- Part I: Cannabis Task Force and Recommendation Summary
- Part II: The City’s Process and SFDPH Priorities
- Part III: State and Local Legislative and Regulatory Updates
San Francisco State Legalization Task Force

- BOS Task: Advisory body for policymakers on the legal, social, land use, and enforcement issues

- 3 year active period - began January 2016
  - Year I: January – December 2016
  - Year II: January – December 2017
  - Year III: January – December 2018

- Goal: Make recommendations in three main areas – Public Safety and Social Environment, Land Use and Social Justice, Regulation and City Agency Framework

- Year I report released December 2016: 84 recommendations
Rec. Category 1: Public Safety and Social Environment

Recommendation subcategories:

• Public Safety
• Public Consumption
• Youth Access and Exposure
• Tourism/Hospitality

Recommendation themes:

• Public safety standards and protocols should be revised as necessary to ensure protection of individuals and communities.

• San Francisco should provide public consumption options in the City.

• Youth access and exposure can be limited by relying on existing models, principles, and research.

• San Francisco should develop policies that include a variety of cannabis tourism and hospitality options.
Rec. Category 2: Land Use and Social Justice

Recommendation subcategories:

- Land Use
- Social Justice/Workforce Development

Recommendation themes:

- San Francisco should provide for both retail and non-retail cannabis industry locations.

- To effectively assess retail adult use zoning applications, the Land Use decision-making process is need of objective standards.

- San Francisco should develop cannabis workforce and entrepreneurship pathways that reflect social justice principles in all aspects of the industry.
Rec. Category 3: Regulation and City Agency Framework

Recommendation subcategories:

- Licensing
- Taxation and Revenue
- Agency Oversight

Recommendation themes:

- San Francisco should have a **local cannabis licensing structure** that builds upon the State system and also considers local needs.

- San Francisco’s **local cannabis taxation scheme** should consider its impact on the illicit market and the cash-only nature of the industry.

- **Tax revenue allocation** could support social justice efforts.

- Cannabis regulation would require **competent agency oversight and effective collaboration** across multiple City agencies.
GOAL: Build on Year I recommendations to develop specific regulatory recommendations focused on implementation of a local adult use legalization framework for Proposition 64

TASK FORCE YEAR II TOPIC AREAS

- Licensing: Retail and Non-Retail
- Land Use
- Social Justice
- Tourism and Hospitality
San Francisco’s Process: SFDPH Regulatory Priorities

**Consumer Protection**
- Safe and Responsible Consumption
- Point of Sale requirements
- Data Collection

**Health Promotion**
- Public Awareness Campaign
- Clean Air Policies
- Youth Access and Exposure
Cannabis Regulation – SFDPH’s Role

Related DPH Programs

Consumer Protection
- Agriculture
- Air Quality
- Food Safety
- Hazardous Materials and Solid Waste (HazMat)
- Noise
- Water Quality
- Weights & Measures (W&M)

Health Promotion
- Community Health Education
- Substance Abuse Programming
San Francisco’s Process: Proposed Cannabis Ordinance

- **Cannabis License Permitting**
  - DPH as regulatory partner for Office of Cannabis

- **Smoking**
  - Preserve progressive clean air laws

- **Consumption**
  - DPH onsite consumption permit
  - DPH safe consumption fact sheet
Thank you