

MEMORANDUM

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To: members of Cannabis Advisory Board subcommittee on Public Safety and Community Mitigation

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Subject: suggested regulations

This is a summary of some of the suggestions for regulations that came up at our last two meetings.

BUSINESS

- Security regulations in current medical marijuana regulations are adequate
- Security regulations should not be so onerous as to require excessive investment by smaller operators, or they could constitute an unnecessary barrier
- On site consumption licenses should have different regulations than retailers
- Licenses for outdoor consumption, events should be made available
- Less security regulations for smaller licensees?

LAW ENFORCEMENT

- CCC should provide materials for law enforcement agencies to educate their employees about the law
- Some portion of tax revenue should go to law enforcement training
- The CCC should have an enforcement wing, perhaps with the AG
- Data on cannabis arrests and prosecutions, broken down by age, race, gender, and location, should be gathered by all law enforcement agencies and shared with the public and the commission
- Labs should be regulated in a similar manner to other cannabis businesses
- Need to prevent diversion: seed to sale tracking
- Specific penalties for loss of inventory, including corrective action and progressive penalty structure will help prevent diversion
- Purchases should be limited to maximum amount allowed under the law (1 ounce at a time, or equivalent amount of concentrates), although deliveries to homes could be up to 10 ounces

COMMUNITY MITIGATION

- CCC should provide educational materials and communicate with municipalities to help them understand that not all cannabis businesses are retailers and that there are economic development opportunities associated with all types of cannabis businesses
- Community members should be able to report dissatisfaction and/or concerns about retailers to the CCC
- Cannabis Advisory Groups composed of local authorities, residents, and cannabis business owners should be encouraged. Such groups can research intended effects and
- Businesses should promote community participation by conducting outreach to local organizations that work with youth
- Mitigation payments to communities should reflect real costs. The CCC should play a role in approving mitigation agreements, or offering guidance as to what constitutes a reasonable mitigation package to avoid

- Tangible costs: traffic, infrastructure, noise, security, water use, etc.
 - Intangible costs; public safety awareness campaigns, youth education
- CCC should offer guidance on moratoriums including whether temporary moratoriums are permissible if a town has not taken a vote on the issue

CONSUMER ISSUES

- CCC should promote public education on cannabis including:
 - compliance with the law
 - dosages and other info for naïve consumers
 - dangers of OUI, how to avoid OUI
- Consumers should have a channel to report issues at dispensaries including problems or concerns with product safety or other safety hazards at retailers