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December 9, 2024

The Honorable City Council
City of Los Angeles
City Hall, Room 395
Los Angeles, California 90012

Re: Cannabis Regulation Commission's Position on Policy Recommendations in Council File 14-0366-S34

Dear Honorable Members:

In June 2017, the City Council established the Los Angeles Cannabis Regulation Commission (Commission), in part, to act as an advisory body to the Mayor and City Council regarding the adoption of City laws and regulations pertaining to cannabis-related activity in the City. Since then, the Commission has been working with the Department of Cannabis Regulation (DCR) to realize the City's goal of developing a well-regulated, licensed commercial cannabis market and fulfilling the mission of its related Social Equity Program.

On November 7, 2024, the Commission considered the policy recommendations in the Motion introduced by City Council on April 3, 2024. The Commission discussed the proliferation of unlicensed cannabis operators and their detrimental effect on the licensed market. The Commission took the position that the suggested amendments removing "employees, contractors, agents or volunteers" from the language in Los Angeles Municipal Code (LAMC) Section 104.15 would only benefit illegal operators. Furthermore, the Commission maintained that potential "employees, contractors, agents, or volunteers" can easily determine whether a commercial cannabis business is licensed by checking the DCR website, and thereby avoid criminal liability. Finally, the Commission took into consideration that the punishment for violating LAMC Section 104.15 contains sufficient safeguards and alternatives through the ACE Program for those who may need them.

Thus, on November 7, 2024, the Commission took the following actions for consideration by the Los Angeles City Council:

The Commission **opposes** the [motion](#) introduced on April 3, 2024.

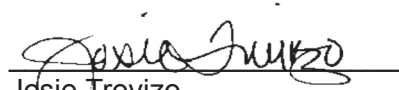
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The action was taken by the following vote:

Mover: Nash
Seconded: Mason
Ayes: Nash, Mason, Farmby, Lim

Vote: 4 – 0

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read "Josie Trevizo", is written over a horizontal line.

Josie Trevizo
Commission Executive Assistant