

Communication from Public

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Comments for Public Posting: My name is Richard Elena and I am a registered voter in Los Angeles and a verified social equity applicant. I ask that you support DCRs Cat Packer's recommendation to "Allow Social Equity Individual Applicants who submitted an application during the 14-day Phase 3 Retail Round 1 Application Window and were deemed NOT eligible for further processing, to receive priority processing for a new application for one commercial cannabis activity not subject to Undue Concentration findings (i.e., non-volatile manufacturing, distribution, or delivery) and provide them up to one year to submit a complete annual license application". On September 3, 2019, I applied for a Type 10 retail (storefront) license; and as you may know, the "first come first serve" process was not a success. Mayor Garcetti's request for an audit into Phase Three Round One revealed that 226 applicants started processing their online applications before the 10am start time. So over the last year this process cost me over "X" amount of money, waiting on Phase 3, Round 1 to restart. During the last City Council meeting Councilman Curren Price (District 9) asked DCR's Executive Director, Cat Packer about the delivery licenses for those applicants who were deemed not eligible for further processing, and Cat Packer stated that DCR would process delivery licenses for those applicants along with the next 100 retail licenses during Phase 3 Round 1's restart. However, this language was NOT included in the final ordinance recently adopted by the City Council in July 2020. DCR would benefit by participating in the revenue created by issuing non-volatile manufacturing, distribution, and delivery licenses. In order to remedy everyone, I ask that you support Cat Packer's recommendation to "Allow Social Equity Individual Applicants who submitted an application during the 14-day Phase 3 Retail Round 1 Application Window and were deemed NOT eligible for further processing AND To receive priority processing for a new application for one commercial cannabis activity not subject to Undue Concentration findings (i.e., non-volatile manufacturing, distribution, or delivery) and provide Social equity applicants up to one year to submit a complete annual license application". We ask that this priority processing would occur along with the next 100 retail licenses issued during Phase 3 Round 1. Thank you.