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Attn: Honorable Herb Wesson, Honorable Jose Huizar, and Honorable Marqueeze Harris-Dawson  
City Council Rules, Elections, Intergovernmental Relations, and Neighborhoods Committee  
John Ferraro Council Chamber Room 340, Third Floor  
200 North Spring Street  
Los Angeles, CA 90012

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Via email to Council Committee Members

**Re: Allow Legal Medical Marijuana Delivery in Los Angeles**

Honorable Councilmembers,

Thank you for taking up the important issue of studying Prop D as the state and major cities around California move forward to regulate medical marijuana use and prepare for potential passage of an adult use initiative. By regulating cannabis responsibly, we will enhance public safety, use critical fiscal resources more efficiently and help repair the public's respect and trust in our peace officers.

During more than 20 years in law enforcement, I made numerous arrests as a longtime foot soldier of the war on drugs. After joining the Redondo Beach Police Department in 1983, I went from a Patrol Officer to Sergeant in the Special Investigations Unit, finally retiring as a Lieutenant Commander in 2004.

During my time on the front-lines, my perspective on the war on drugs shifted gradually to strong opposition. One of the ways patients access their medication is through safe and professional delivery services. When these services are sourced through compliant dispensaries, use good drivers, easily trackable routes enabled with current technology, and communicate with law enforcement, they are one of the best ways for a dense city to ensure safety for citizens and patients and law enforcement.

Illegal delivery services proliferate and in the current environment, there is no way to know that patients with medical marijuana recommendations from their doctors are the recipients of the medication. Only with regulated delivery can the city do this. Banning delivery, on the opposite end of the spectrum, is a failed policy. From a retired law enforcement professional perspective, I am asking that you please act as quickly as possible to allow voters to reform Proposition D, and include in your charge to the city and the voters a way for Los Angelinos to receive safe delivery of medical marijuana.

Sincerely,



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