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

Dear Honorable Members:

REQUEST FOR EXEMPTION TO CHARTER SECTION 1001(d)(4)

The Department of Cannabis Regulation (Department) requests an exemption under Charter Section 1001(d)(4) to fill one full-time exempt Principal Project Coordinator (Class Code 9134-0) position.

The California Cannabis Equity Act of 2018 established a Local Equity Grant Program which provides grant funds to local jurisdictions for direct assistance to the local jurisdictions' commercial cannabis Social Equity Programs, and their Social Equity Applicants and Licensees. The Department was awarded two grants totaling \$7.8 million to support the City's Social Equity Program which promotes equitable ownership and employment opportunities for marginalized communities in order to address the disproportionate impacts of the War on Drugs in those communities. In October 2019, the State's Bureau of Cannabis Control awarded the Department approximately \$1.8 million in equity grant funding through funds from the California Cannabis Equity Act of 2018 (C.F. 19-1547). On April 20, 2020, the Governor's Office of Business and Economic Development awarded the Department an additional \$6 million in local equity grant funding (C.F. 20-0521). The Department of Cannabis Regulation will utilize funds from the Local Equity Grant Program to establish a grant program for local equity applicants or licensees to assist with startup and ongoing costs, to provide technical and business development assistance, and to provide workforce development assistance to local Social Equity Program applicants and participants. The Department's Principal Project Coordinator administers the Department's grant programs and oversees the City's Social Equity Program.

RECOMMENDATION

The Executive Director of the Department of Cannabis Regulation requests that the City Council:

Approve the exemption of one Principal Project Coordinator (Class Code 9134-0) under Charter Section 1001(d)(4) from the civil service process in the Department of Cannabis Regulation to support the California Cannabis Equity Act of 2018 Local Equity Grant Programs.

The action requested is in accordance with Charter Section 1001(d)(4). Should you have any questions or require additional information, please contact Jason Killeen at 213-978-0738.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in black ink that reads "Cat Packer". The signature is written in a cursive, flowing style with a horizontal line at the end.

CAT PACKER
Executive Director

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