Office of the Los Angeles City Attorney
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REPORT NO. R25-0540

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REPORT RE:

DRAFT ORDINANCE AMENDING SECTION 105.03 OF ARTICLE 5, CHAPTER X OF THE LOS ANGELES MUNICIPAL CODE REGARDING THE LOCATION AND ZONING RESTRICTIONS FOR EXISTING MEDICAL MARIJUANA DISPENSARIES ENGAGED IN LICENSED COMMERCIAL CANNABIS ACTIVITY

The Honorable City Council
of the City of Los Angeles
Room 395, City Hall
200 North Spring Street
Los Angeles, California 90012

Council File No. 20-1125-S1

Honorable Members:

Pursuant to your request, this Office has prepared and now transmits for your consideration the enclosed draft ordinance, approved as to form and legality. The draft ordinance amends Section 105.03 of the Los Angeles Municipal Code (LAMC) to extend the limited grandfathering period for Existing Medical Marijuana Dispensaries, as defined in LAMC Section 105.01, from December 31, 2025 to December 31, 2029.

CEQA Recommendation

DCR recommends that the City Council may rely on Negative Declaration No. ENV-2017-2261-ND, adopted on November 28, 2018, to approve the project. The Council may rely on a negative declaration for a subsequent approval if it finds in its independent judgment, pursuant to CEQA Guidelines Section 15162(b), there are no substantial changes to the project, substantial changes to the circumstances or new information that will require the preparation of an EIR. Staff also recommends that,

based on the whole of the administrative record, that the ordinance is exempt pursuant to CEQA Guidelines Sections 15301 (categorical exemption for existing facilities) and 15303 (categorical exemption for new construction or conversion of small structures), and that none of the exceptions under 15300.2 apply. Reliance on a categorical exemption is appropriate when substantial evidence in the record supports a project falls within the categorical exemption and the City determines that none of the exceptions in CEQA Guidelines Section 15300.2 applies.

Council Rule 38 Referral

A copy of the draft ordinance was sent, pursuant to Council Rule 38, to the Department of Cannabis Regulation with a request that all comments, if any, be presented directly to the City Council when this matter is considered.

If you have any questions regarding this matter, please contact Deputy City Attorney Allison Towle at (213) 978-7439. A member of this Office will be available when you consider this matter to answer questions you may have.

Sincerely,

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