

Communication from Public

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Comments for Public Posting: please see attached letter n Support of 6_25_25 Motion, Council File 25-0720, Licensed Cannabis Businesses _ California Cannabis Excise Tax _ Lowering the City's Cannabis Tax Rate _ Economic Analysis



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In Support of 6/25/25 Motion, Council File 25-0720, Licensed Cannabis Businesses / California Cannabis Excise Tax / Lowering the City's Cannabis Tax Rate / Economic Analysis

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Dear Councilmember Padilla,

re: Motion of 6.25/25 @ https://cityclerk.lacity.org/onlinedocs/2025/25-0720_misc_6-25-25.pdf

Thank you for your motion to lower Los Angeles' cannabis tax. LA's high taxes are an excessive burden on cannabis consumers and small businesses, who are struggling to survive. For instance, see this sad story about a local equity operator: <https://laist.com/news/legal-cannabis-business-tax-seizure-cadre-los-angeles>

I hope the council will support your motion, and also call on the legislature to approve AB 564, Asm. Haney's bill to reduce the state excise tax from 19% to 15%.

Your attention to this matter is greatly appreciated by this humble constituent.

Sincerely

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cc: Members Budget and Finance Committee, Government Operations Committee

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