

## Communication from Public

**Name:**

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**Comments for Public Posting:** 08/01/25 Dear Councilmember Padilla, Members of The City Council, re: In Support of Motion on 6.25/25 @ [https://cityclerk.lacity.org/onlinedocs/2025/25-0720\\_misc\\_6-25-25.pdf](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 Brett Stone Resident, CD6 p.s. - I see this story breaking today, CHP officers raided a licensed social equity to collect back taxes. The taxes on the legal cannabis businesses in Los Angeles and California as a whole are crippling the industry and driving up prices for consumers. "Hours after dispensary owner talked to LAist, state seizes over \$10,000 in back taxes from his legal cannabis business" @ <https://laist.com/news/legal-cannabis-business-tax-seizure-cadre-los-angeles> cc: Members Budget and Finance Committee, Government Operations Committee Dale Gieringer, Director, California NORML Ellen Komp, Deputy Director, California NORML