

**ADMINISTRATIVE RECORD
L&E APPEAL RE DENIAL OF CANNABIS ANNUAL APPLICATION**

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LA-R-24-320048-ANN - L&E Retail, LLC



This record was locked by REQUIREMENT on 2023-10-10.
Condition: Severity: Required
Total conditions: 1 (Required: 1)

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File Date: 10/10/2023

Assigned To: Corey Blake

Record Status: Issuance Denied

Application Comments:	View ID	Comment	Date
	HALIKHAN	COMPLIANCE AND ENF: 12/04/24: At present, DCR...	12/04/2024
	GSERRANO	EQUITY SHARE REVIEW: 6/11/24: No revisions req...	06/11/2024
	CBLAKE	APPLICATION REVIEW PROCESS: 12/19/2023: LJAG F...	12/19/2023

Application Detail: Detail

Application Type: Cannabis Annual Application

Legal Business Name: L&E Retail, LLC

Business Address: 4369 S VAN NESS AVE, LOS ANGELES, CA 90062

Contact Info:	Name	Organization Name	Contact Type	Status
	Leonid Okhman		Social Equity O...	Active
	Leonid Okhman		Person-in-Charge	Active
	Leonid Okhman		Neighborhood Li...	Active
	Diana Popok		Owner	Active
	L&E RETAIL, LLC	L&E RETAIL, LLC	Business Entity	Active
	Narek Balagyozyan		Law Firm	Active

Total Fee Assessed: \$18,677.00

Total Fee Invoiced: \$18,677.00

Balance: \$9,157.00

Custom Fields: APPLICATION OPTIONS		
Core Record No.	BTRC Number	Retailer Commercial Cannabis Activity license in an area of Undue Concentration?
320048	0003376907-0001-2	No
PCN Authentication	Council File Number	Entity Record Id
-	-	LA-B-0003376907
BTRC Start Date	City Clerk Registration (If Appl.)	Evidence of Operation before 2018
-	-	No
Initial Date of Operation	Operational Status	Primary Retail Activity Type
-	Non-Operational	Storefront
Business Website	Customer Contact Number	PreAPP Record ID
-	-	-
Previous Core Record No.	Delinquent on any City fee or deferral?	Delinquent on any City tax?
-	-	-

BUSINESS ACTIVITY TYPES
Use
[Adult and Medical](#)

ACA BUSINESS ACTIVITIES		
Retail	Microbusiness	Delivery Only
Delivery Only (Microbusiness)	Distributor	Distributor Transport Only
Manufacturer	Manufacturer Level 1 - Type N	Manufacturer Level 1 - Type P
Manufacturer Level 1 - Type S	Cultivation Small Indoor	Cultivation Medium Indoor
Cultivation Specialty Indoor	Cultivation Processor	Nursery
Testing		

Application Information		
Modification Request ID	Local Compliance	Project Description
-	Local Compliance Underway	Under Review
CEQA Document	Record Milestone	Application Date
Underway	Annual License Application	-
Verification Date	Eligible for Further Processing Date	Date of Abandonment
-	08/28/2023	-
Notice of Complete Application	Annual License Approved	Annual License Issued
10/17/2024	-	-
Notice of Exemption (NOE) Filed	NOE Appeal Period Start	NOE Appeal Period End
-	-	-
LJAG Grant Recipient	LJAG Waiver Amount	Committee Meeting Date
-	-	11/14/2024
Committee Meeting Time	Committee Meeting End Time	CRC Meeting Date
09:00	11:00	12/05/2024

CRC Meeting Time
14:00

Location

1. Community Plan Area
West Adams - Baldwin Hills - Leimert

7. Overlay Zone
West Adams - Baldwin Hills - Leimert

6. Specific Plan Area
South Los Angeles Alcohol Sales

2.Area Planning Commission
South Los Angeles APC

13. Community Plan Area Historical
-

4. Council District
CD 8

10. LAPD Area Station
Southwest

5. Zoning
C2-1VL-CPIO

8. APN
5022-020-001

3. Neighborhood Council
Empowerment Congress Central Area

11. LAFD Fire Station
66

9. Closest Business Improvement District
None

12. Zoning Historical
-

Social Equity Program
Social Equity Requested
Yes

SE Record Type
Tier 1 - 51% or more

Grant Recipient Reference Contact ID
-

SEIA Reference Contact ID No.
640615250

Social Equity Approval Date
-

Social Equity Approved

Grant Recipient

ENVIRONMENTAL REVIEW

Categorical Exemption Category

NON-CITY UNIQUE IDENTIFIERS

Agency NON-CITY UNIQUE IDENTIFIER

Workflow Status:	Task	Assigned To	Status	Status Date	Action By	
	Local Compliance Underway		Local Compliance Underway	02/13/2024	Corey Blake	
	Environmental Analysis					
	Req Environment Review					
	Additional Env Analysis					
	CEQA Notice of Completion					
	Ann App Review					
	TA Requested					
	TA Eligibility Determi..		Eligible for Initial Inspection	02/02/2024	Corey Blake	
	Initial Inspection					
	Grant Temporary Approval					
	Complete Application		Final Review			
	Wait for Appeal		Appeal Filing Period			
	DCR Community Meeting		In Progress			
	Appeal Meeting		Pending Public Notification			
	CRC Meeting		Meeting Scheduled			
	Appeal Review					
	Appeal Period					
	Issuance					
	Close Review		In Progress			
Close Out						
Condition Status:	Name	Short Comments	Status	Apply Date	Severity	Action By

Initiated by Product: ACA

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CANNABIS REGULATION
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**CANNABIS REGULATION COMMISSION
REGULAR MEETING AGENDA
THURSDAY, DECEMBER 5, 2024, 2:00 P.M.
FIGUEROA PLAZA
BUILDING AND SAFETY BOARD ROOM, 9TH FLOOR
201 N. FIGUEROA ST, LOS ANGELES, CA 90012**

Members of the public are invited to address the Cannabis Regulation Commission, in person or virtually, on any item(s) on the agenda during Single or Multiple Agenda Item-Public Comment, prior to action by the Commission on the specific item(s). Members of the public may also address the Commission on any matter within the jurisdiction of the Commission during General Public Comment. To participate and offer public testimony in person during a meeting, an individual must complete and submit a speaker's request form to the Commission Executive Assistant prior to the start of the applicable public comment period. Individuals who wish to participate virtually, must follow the instructions below:

- During the Commission meeting before the item you wish to speak on is called by the Commission Chair, dial (877) 853-5257 or (888) 475-4499 (Toll Free), **use Meeting ID No. 860 838 7310** and press #. Press # again when prompted for a participant ID.
- When the item you wish to speak on is called by the Commission Chair, press *9 to get on the speaking queue. The Commission Executive Assistant will call out the last four numbers of the phone number to identify and unmute the speaker when his/her turn comes up.

An individual shall be limited to one (1) minute of general public comment per meeting. In addition, an individual shall be limited to one (1) minute of public comment per agenda item, up to two (2) minutes per meeting. In total, an individual shall be limited to three (3) minutes of public comment per meeting. The Commission may limit the total amount of time for public comment on any specific agenda item, on all agenda items collectively, and/or on general public comment, based on the anticipated time required to hear from public speakers on any given or all agenda items, on the availability of Commission members and the need to maintain quorum, and on any other relevant factor.

The meeting will also be Live Streamed. To access the Live Stream, [click here](#) and scroll down to "Upcoming Meetings of the Cannabis Regulation Commission."

The Commission may break for mealtime at approximately 6:00 pm. Any agenda items not acted upon during the pre-mealtime session will be considered afterwards. TIME SEGMENTS noted * herein are approximate. Some items may be delayed due to the length of discussion of previous items.

The Commission may RECONSIDER and alter its action taken on items listed herein at any time during this meeting or during the next regular meeting, in accordance with the Commission's Rules and Operating Procedures and provided that the Commission retains jurisdiction over the item. In the case of a Commission meeting cancellation, all items shall be continued to the next regular meeting date or beyond, as long as the continuance is within the legal time limits of the item.

Submission of materials to the Commission:

- **Day-of hearing submissions.** All submissions within 48-hours of the Commission meeting up to and including the day of the meeting must be a hard copy submission. Electronic submissions will not be accepted within this time period. Day-of submissions may not be more than two (2) single-sided pages, including exhibits, and must include the agenda item number on the cover or first page. Photographs do not count toward the page limitation. Twelve (12) copies of the submission must be given to the Commission Executive Assistant prior to the start of the meeting. The materials will be distributed to the Commission and will be available to the public.
- **Non-Complying Submissions.** Submissions that do not comply with these rules will be marked or stamped **"File Copy. Non-complying Submission."** Non-complying submissions will be placed into the official case file, but they will not be delivered to or considered by the Commission, and will not be included in the official administrative record for the item at issue.

If you challenge these agenda items in court, you may be limited to raising only those issues you or someone else raised at the public hearing agenzized here, or in written correspondence on these matters delivered to this body at or prior to the public hearing. If you seek judicial review of any decision of the City pursuant to California Code of Civil Procedure Section 1094.5, the petition for writ of mandate pursuant to that section must be filed no later than the 90th day following the date on which the City's decision became final pursuant to California Code of Civil Procedure Section 1094.6. There may be other time limits which also affect your ability to seek judicial review.

Reasonable accommodations will be provided upon request. Sign language interpreters, language interpreters, assistive listening devices, or other auxiliary aids and/or other services may be provided upon request. To ensure availability of services, please make your request no later than **72-hours** prior to the meeting by calling the Commission Executive Assistant at (213) 978-0738 or by e-mail at cannabiscommission@lacity.org

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Información en español acerca de esta junta puede ser obtenida llamando al (213) 978-0738.

ROLL CALL

1. **REPORT FROM THE EXECUTIVE DIRECTOR**

Report from the Executive Director, including updates in Licensing, the Social Equity Program, and the Compliance Program.

2. **PUBLIC COMMENT PERIOD**

The Commission shall provide an opportunity in open meetings for the public to address it on items of interest to the public that are within the subject matter jurisdiction of the Commission. Please see the first page of this agenda for instructions and rules concerning public comment.

3. **COMMISSION BUSINESS**

- Election of Officers
- Advanced Calendar
- Approval of Minutes – [November 21, 2024](#)
- Commission Announcements and Updates
- Future Agenda Requests

4. **NEIGHBORHOOD COUNCIL PRESENTATION**

Presentations by Neighborhood Council representatives on any Neighborhood Council resolution or community impact statement filed with the City Clerk, which relates to any agenda item listed or being considered on this agenda. The Neighborhood Council representative shall provide the Commission with a copy of the Neighborhood Council's resolution or community impact statement. THESE PRESENTATIONS WILL BE TAKEN AT THE TIME THE AGENDA ITEM IS CALLED FOR CONSIDERATION.

5. [DCR Core Record No. 320040](#) – Continued from August 15, 2024
LA-R-24-320040-ANN & ENV-320040-ANN

CD: 10

Applicant: **Crenshaw Legacy LLC**
Community Plan Area: West Adams - Baldwin Hills - Leimert
Neighborhood Council: Empowerment Congress West Area

COMMUNITY MEETING HELD ON FRIDAY, JULY 5, 2024 & THURSDAY, JULY 11, 2024

BUSINESS PREMISES: 4050 S. Crenshaw Blvd.

PROJECT:

Applicant seeks an Annual License to conduct Storefront Retail Commercial Cannabis Activity in the West Adams - Baldwin Hills - Leimert Community Plan Area with hours of operations seven days per week from 9:00 a.m. to 8:00 p.m.

REQUESTED ACTIONS:

1. Determine, based on the whole of the administrative record, that the project is exempt from the California Environmental Quality Act (CEQA) pursuant to Article 19, Section 15301, Class 1, and Article 19, Section 15332, Class 32 of the State CEQA Guidelines (tit. 14, Cal. Code Regs., §§ 15301, 15332), and there is no substantial evidence demonstrating that an exception to a categorical exemption pursuant to CEQA Guidelines Section 15300.2 applies;
2. Pursuant to Los Angeles Municipal Code Section 104.06(b)(2), approve the Annual License for Type 10 Storefront Retail Commercial Cannabis Activity at the Business Premises location; and,
3. Adopt DCR's Project Analysis & Findings as the Commission's report on the subject.

6. [DCR Core Record No. 310075](#) – Continued from August 15, 2024
LA-R-24-310075-ANN & ENV-310075-ANN

CD: 8

Applicant: **Miracle Leaf LLC**
Community Plan Area: Southeast Los Angeles
Neighborhood Council: Empowerment Congress Southeast Area

COMMUNITY MEETING HELD ON FRIDAY, JULY 5, 2024 & THURSDAY, JULY 11, 2024

BUSINESS PREMISES: 10401 S. Avalon Blvd.

PROJECT:

Applicant seeks an Annual License to conduct Storefront Retail Commercial Cannabis Activity in the Southeast Los Angeles Community Plan Area with hours of operations five days per week from 8:00 a.m. to 10:00 p.m. (Monday to Friday).

REQUESTED ACTIONS:

1. Determine, based on the whole of the administrative record, that the project is exempt from the California Environmental Quality Act (CEQA) pursuant to Article 19, Section 15301, Class 1, and Article 19, Section 15332, Class 32 of the State CEQA Guidelines (tit. 14, Cal. Code Regs., §§ 15301, 15332), and there is no substantial evidence demonstrating that an exception to a categorical exemption pursuant to CEQA Guidelines Section 15300.2 applies;
2. Pursuant to Los Angeles Municipal Code Section 104.06(b)(2), approve the Annual License for Type 10 Storefront Retail Commercial Cannabis Activity at the Business Premises location; and,
3. Adopt DCR's Project Analysis & Findings as the Commission's report on the subject.

7. [DCR Core Record No. 310212](#) – Continued from August 15, 2024 and November 7, 2024 CD: 5
LA-R-24-310212-ANN & ENV-310212-ANN

Applicant: **Westwood World LLC**
Community Plan Area: West Los Angeles
Neighborhood Council: Westside

COMMUNITY MEETING HELD ON FRIDAY, JULY 5, 2024 & THURSDAY, JULY 11, 2024

BUSINESS PREMISES: 2299 S. Westwood Blvd.

PROJECT:

Applicant seeks an Annual License to conduct Storefront Retail Commercial Cannabis Activity in the West Los Angeles Community Plan Area with hours of operations seven days per week from 8:00 a.m. to 10:00 p.m.

REQUESTED ACTIONS:

1. Determine, based on the whole of the administrative record, that the project is exempt from the California Environmental Quality Act (CEQA) pursuant to Article 19, Section 15301, Class 1, and Article 19, Section 15332, Class 32 of the State CEQA Guidelines (tit. 14, Cal. Code Regs., §§ 15301, 15332), and there is no substantial evidence demonstrating that an exception to a categorical exemption pursuant to CEQA Guidelines Section 15300.2 applies;
2. Pursuant to Los Angeles Municipal Code Section 104.06(b)(2), approve the Annual License for Type 10 Storefront Retail Commercial Cannabis Activity at the Business Premises location; and,
3. Adopt DCR's Project Analysis & Findings as the Commission's report on the subject.

8. [DCR Core Record No. 320033](#) CD: 7
LA-R-24-320033-ANN & ENV-320033-ANN

Applicant: **Glenoaks Retailer LLC**
Community Plan Area: Sylmar
Neighborhood Council: Sylmar

COMMUNITY MEETING HELD ON THURSDAY, NOVEMBER 14, 2024 & MONDAY, NOVEMBER 18, 2024

BUSINESS PREMISES: 13567 Glenoaks Blvd.

PROJECT:

Applicant seeks an Annual License to conduct Storefront Retail Commercial Cannabis Activity in the Sylmar Community Plan Area with hours of operations seven days per week from 8:00 a.m. to 10:00 p.m.

REQUESTED ACTIONS:

1. Determine, based on the whole of the administrative record, that the project is exempt from the California Environmental Quality Act (CEQA) pursuant to Article 19, Section 15301, Class 1, and Article 19, Section 15332, Class 32 of the State CEQA Guidelines (tit. 14, Cal. Code Regs., §§ 15301, 15332), and there is no substantial evidence demonstrating that an exception to a categorical exemption pursuant to CEQA Guidelines Section 15300.2 applies;
2. Pursuant to Los Angeles Municipal Code Section 104.06(b)(2), approve the Annual License for Type 10 Storefront Retail Commercial Cannabis Activity at the Business Premises location; and,
3. Adopt DCR's Project Analysis & Findings as the Commission's report on the subject.

9. [DCR Core Record No. 310105](#) CD: 10
LA-R-24-310105-ANN & ENV-310105-ANN

Applicant: **Ventura Oaks Ventures, LLC**
Community Plan Area: West Adams - Baldwin Hills - Leimert
Neighborhood Council: West Adams

COMMUNITY MEETING HELD ON THURSDAY, NOVEMBER 14, 2024 & MONDAY, NOVEMBER 18, 2024

BUSINESS PREMISES: 4324 W. Jefferson Blvd.

PROJECT:

Applicant seeks an Annual License to conduct Storefront Retail Commercial Cannabis Activity in the West Adams - Baldwin Hills - Leimert Community Plan Area with hours of operations seven days per week from 8:00 a.m. to 10:00 p.m. (Monday to Saturday) and 10:00 a.m. to 8:00 p.m. (Sunday).

REQUESTED ACTIONS:

1. Determine, based on the whole of the administrative record, that the project is exempt from the California Environmental Quality Act (CEQA) pursuant to Article 19, Section 15301, Class 1, and Article 19, Section 15332, Class 32 of the State CEQA Guidelines (tit. 14, Cal. Code Regs., §§ 15301, 15332), and there is no substantial evidence demonstrating that an exception to a categorical exemption pursuant to CEQA Guidelines Section 15300.2 applies;
2. Pursuant to Los Angeles Municipal Code Section 104.06(b)(2), approve the Annual License for Type 10 Storefront Retail Commercial Cannabis Activity at the Business Premises location; and,
3. Adopt DCR's Project Analysis & Findings as the Commission's report on the subject.

10. [DCR Core Record No. 310015](#) CD: 13
LA-R-24-310015-ANN & ENV-310015-ANN

Applicant: **Imperia Holdings, LLC**
Community Plan Area: Hollywood
Neighborhood Council: Hollywood Hills West

COMMUNITY MEETING HELD ON THURSDAY, NOVEMBER 14, 2024 & MONDAY, NOVEMBER 18, 2024

BUSINESS PREMISES: 7677 W. Sunset Blvd.

PROJECT:

Applicant seeks an Annual License to conduct Storefront Retail Commercial Cannabis Activity in the Hollywood Community Plan Area with hours of operations seven days per week from 8:00 a.m. to 10:00 p.m.

REQUESTED ACTIONS:

1. Determine, based on the whole of the administrative record, that the project is exempt from the California Environmental Quality Act (CEQA) pursuant to Article 19, Section 15301, Class 1, and Article 19, Section 15332, Class 32 of the State CEQA Guidelines (tit. 14, Cal. Code Regs., §§ 15301, 15332), and there is no substantial evidence demonstrating that an exception to a categorical exemption pursuant to CEQA Guidelines Section 15300.2 applies;
2. Pursuant to Los Angeles Municipal Code Section 104.06(b)(2), approve the Annual License for Type 10 Storefront Retail Commercial Cannabis Activity at the Business Premises location; and,
3. Adopt DCR's Project Analysis & Findings as the Commission's report on the subject.

11. [DCR Core Record No. 101802](#) CD: 5
LA-R-24-101802-ANN & ENV-101802-ANN

Applicant: **The Little Cottage Caregivers, LLC**
Community Plan Area: Hollywood
Neighborhood Council: Mid City West

COMMUNITY MEETING HELD ON THURSDAY, NOVEMBER 14, 2024 & MONDAY, NOVEMBER 18, 2024

BUSINESS PREMISES: 979 N. La Brea Ave.

PROJECT:

Applicant seeks an Annual License to conduct Storefront Retail Commercial Cannabis Activity in the Hollywood Community Plan Area with hours of operations seven days per week from 9:00 a.m. to 10:00 p.m.

REQUESTED ACTIONS:

1. Determine, based on the whole of the administrative record, that the project is exempt from the California Environmental Quality Act (CEQA) pursuant to Article 19, Section 15301, Class 1, and Article 19, Section 15332, Class 32 of the State CEQA Guidelines (tit. 14, Cal. Code Regs., §§ 15301, 15332), and there is no substantial evidence demonstrating that an exception to a categorical exemption pursuant to CEQA Guidelines Section 15300.2 applies;
2. Pursuant to Los Angeles Municipal Code Section 104.06(b)(2), approve the Annual License for Type 10 Storefront Retail Commercial Cannabis Activity at the Business Premises location; and,
3. Adopt DCR's Project Analysis & Findings as the Commission's report on the subject.

12. [DCR Core Record No. 320048](#) CD: 8
LA-R-24-320048-ANN & ENV-320048-ANN

Applicant: **L&E Retail, LLC**
Community Plan Area: West Adams - Baldwin Hills - Leimert
Neighborhood Council: Empowerment Congress Central Area

COMMUNITY MEETING HELD ON THURSDAY, NOVEMBER 14, 2024 & MONDAY, NOVEMBER 18, 2024

BUSINESS PREMISES: 4369 S. Van Ness Ave.

PROJECT:

Applicant seeks an Annual License to conduct Storefront Retail Commercial Cannabis Activity in the West Adams - Baldwin Hills - Leimert Community Plan Area with hours of operations seven days per week from 10:00 a.m. to 10:00 p.m.

REQUESTED ACTIONS:

1. Determine, based on the whole of the administrative record, that the project is exempt from the California Environmental Quality Act (CEQA) pursuant to Article 19, Section 15301, Class 1, and Article 19, Section 15332, Class 32 of the State CEQA Guidelines (tit. 14, Cal. Code Regs., §§ 15301, 15332), and there is no substantial evidence demonstrating that an exception to a categorical exemption pursuant to CEQA Guidelines Section 15300.2 applies;
2. Pursuant to Los Angeles Municipal Code Section 104.06(b)(2), approve the Annual License for Type 10 Storefront Retail Commercial Cannabis Activity at the Business Premises location; and,
3. Adopt DCR's Project Analysis & Findings as the Commission's report on the subject.

13. [DCR Core Record No. 320047](#)
LA-R-24-320047-ANN & ENV-320047-ANN

CD: 14

Applicant: **Grand-Era, Inc.**
Community Plan Area: Northeast Los Angeles
Neighborhood Council: Historic Highland Park

COMMUNITY MEETING HELD ON THURSDAY, NOVEMBER 14, 2024 & MONDAY, NOVEMBER 18, 2024

BUSINESS PREMISES: 5324 E. York Blvd.

PROJECT:

Applicant seeks an Annual License to conduct Storefront Retail Commercial Cannabis Activity in the Northeast Los Angeles Community Plan Area with hours of operations seven days per week from 9:00 a.m. to 10:00 p.m.

REQUESTED ACTIONS:

1. Determine, based on the whole of the administrative record, that the project is exempt from the California Environmental Quality Act (CEQA) pursuant to Article 19, Section 15301, Class 1, and Article 19, Section 15332, Class 32 of the State CEQA Guidelines (tit. 14, Cal. Code Regs., §§ 15301, 15332), and there is no substantial evidence demonstrating that an exception to a categorical exemption pursuant to CEQA Guidelines Section 15300.2 applies;
2. Pursuant to Los Angeles Municipal Code Section 104.06(b)(2), approve the Annual License for Type 10 Storefront Retail Commercial Cannabis Activity at the Business Premises location; and,
3. Adopt DCR's Project Analysis & Findings as the Commission's report on the subject.

14. [DCR Core Record No. 320012](#)
LA-R-24-320012-ANN & ENV-320012-ANN

CD: 11

Applicant: **GDinLA, Inc.**
Community Plan Area: Palms - Mar Vista - Del Rey
Neighborhood Council: Del Rey

COMMUNITY MEETING HELD ON THURSDAY, NOVEMBER 14, 2024 & MONDAY, NOVEMBER 18, 2024

BUSINESS PREMISES: 11834 W. Jefferson Blvd.

PROJECT:

Applicant seeks an Annual License to conduct Storefront Retail Commercial Cannabis Activity in the Palms - Mar Vista - Del Rey Community Plan Area with hours of operations seven days per week from 10:00 a.m. to 10:00 p.m.

REQUESTED ACTIONS:

1. Determine, based on the whole of the administrative record, that the project is exempt from the California Environmental Quality Act (CEQA) pursuant to Article 19, Section 15301, Class 1, and Article 19, Section 15332, Class 32 of the State CEQA Guidelines (tit. 14, Cal. Code Regs., §§ 15301, 15332), and there is no substantial evidence demonstrating that an exception to a categorical exemption pursuant to CEQA Guidelines Section 15300.2 applies;
2. Pursuant to Los Angeles Municipal Code Section 104.06(b)(2), approve the Annual License for Type 10 Storefront Retail Commercial Cannabis Activity at the Business Premises location; and,
3. Adopt DCR's Project Analysis & Findings as the Commission's report on the subject.

15. [DCR Core Record No. 320011](#) CD: 3
LA-R-24-320011-ANN & ENV-320011-ANN

Applicant: **Asseraf Holdings LLC**
Community Plan Area: Canoga Park - Winnetka - Woodland Hills - West Hills
Neighborhood Council: Woodland Hills-Warner Center

COMMUNITY MEETING HELD ON THURSDAY, NOVEMBER 14, 2024 & MONDAY, NOVEMBER 18, 2024

BUSINESS PREMISES: 20924 W. Vanowen St.

PROJECT:

Applicant seeks an Annual License to conduct Storefront Retail Commercial Cannabis Activity in the Wilshire Community Plan Area with hours of operations seven days per week from 9:00 a.m. to 10:00 p.m. (Monday to Saturday) and 9:00 a.m. to 8:00 p.m. (Sunday).

REQUESTED ACTIONS:

1. Determine, based on the whole of the administrative record, that the project is exempt from the California Environmental Quality Act (CEQA) pursuant to Article 19, Section 15301, Class 1, and Article 19, Section 15332, Class 32 of the State CEQA Guidelines (tit. 14, Cal. Code Regs., §§ 15301, 15332), and there is no substantial evidence demonstrating that an exception to a categorical exemption pursuant to CEQA Guidelines Section 15300.2 applies;
2. Pursuant to Los Angeles Municipal Code Section 104.06(b)(2), approve the Annual License for Type 10 Storefront Retail Commercial Cannabis Activity at the Business Premises location; and,
3. Adopt DCR's Project Analysis & Findings as the Commission's report on the subject.

16. [DCR Core Record No. 310198](#) CD: 9
LA-R-24-310198-ANN & ENV-310198-ANN

Applicant: **Platinum Alliance, LLC**
Community Plan Area: Southeast Los Angeles
Neighborhood Council: South Central

COMMUNITY MEETING HELD ON THURSDAY, NOVEMBER 14, 2024 & MONDAY, NOVEMBER 18, 2024

BUSINESS PREMISES: 3707 S. Main St.

PROJECT:

Applicant seeks an Annual License to conduct Storefront Retail Commercial Cannabis Activity in the Southeast Los Angeles Community Plan Area with hours of operations seven days per week from 8:00 a.m. to 10:00 p.m.

REQUESTED ACTIONS:

1. Determine, based on the whole of the administrative record, that the project is exempt from the California Environmental Quality Act (CEQA) pursuant to Article 19, Section 15301, Class 1, and Article 19, Section 15332, Class 32 of the State CEQA Guidelines (tit. 14, Cal. Code Regs., §§ 15301, 15332), and there is no substantial evidence demonstrating that an exception to a categorical exemption pursuant to CEQA Guidelines Section 15300.2 applies;
2. Pursuant to Los Angeles Municipal Code Section 104.06(b)(2), approve the Annual License for Type 10 Storefront Retail Commercial Cannabis Activity at the Business Premises location; and,
3. Adopt DCR's Project Analysis & Findings as the Commission's report on the subject.

17. [DCR Core Record No. 310135](#) CD: 12
LA-R-24-310135-ANN & ENV-310135-ANN

Applicant: **Ceremony Dispensary #01**
Community Plan Area: Chatsworth - Porter Ranch
Neighborhood Council: Chatsworth

COMMUNITY MEETING HELD ON THURSDAY, NOVEMBER 14, 2024 & MONDAY, NOVEMBER 18, 2024

BUSINESS PREMISES: 19707-19709 Nordhoff St.

PROJECT:

Applicant seeks an Annual License to conduct Storefront Retail Commercial Cannabis Activity in the Chatsworth - Porter Ranch Community Plan Area with hours of operations seven days per week from 8:00 a.m. to 10:00 p.m.

REQUESTED ACTIONS:

1. Determine, based on the whole of the administrative record, that the project is exempt from the California Environmental Quality Act (CEQA) pursuant to Article 19, Section 15301, Class 1, and Article 19, Section 15332, Class 32 of the State CEQA Guidelines (tit. 14, Cal. Code Regs., §§ 15301, 15332), and there is no substantial evidence demonstrating that an exception to a categorical exemption pursuant to CEQA Guidelines Section 15300.2 applies;
2. Pursuant to Los Angeles Municipal Code Section 104.06(b)(2), approve the Annual License for Type 10 Storefront Retail Commercial Cannabis Activity at the Business Premises location; and,
3. Adopt DCR's Project Analysis & Findings as the Commission's report on the subject.

18. [DCR Core Record No. 310077](#) CD: 4
LA-R-24-310077-ANN & ENV-310077-ANN

Applicant: **OTC VAN NUYS**
Community Plan Area: Van Nuys - North Sherman Oaks
Neighborhood Council: Van Nuys

COMMUNITY MEETING HELD ON THURSDAY, NOVEMBER 14, 2024 & MONDAY, NOVEMBER 18, 2024

BUSINESS PREMISES: 5242 N. Van Nuys Blvd

PROJECT:

Applicant seeks an Annual License to conduct Storefront Retail Commercial Cannabis Activity in the Van Nuys - North Sherman Oaks Community Plan Area with hours of operations seven days per week from 6:00 a.m. to 10:00 p.m.

REQUESTED ACTIONS:

1. Determine, based on the whole of the administrative record, that the project is exempt from the California Environmental Quality Act (CEQA) pursuant to Article 19, Section 15301, Class 1, and Article 19, Section 15332, Class 32 of the State CEQA Guidelines (tit. 14, Cal. Code Regs., §§ 15301, 15332), and there is no substantial evidence demonstrating that an exception to a categorical exemption pursuant to CEQA Guidelines Section 15300.2 applies;
2. Pursuant to Los Angeles Municipal Code Section 104.06(b)(2), approve the Annual License for Type 10 Storefront Retail Commercial Cannabis Activity at the Business Premises location; and,
3. Adopt DCR's Project Analysis & Findings as the Commission's report on the subject.

19. [DCR Core Record No. 101738](#) CD: 13
LA-R-24-101738-ANN & ENV-101738-ANN

Applicant: **Barr Corporation**
Community Plan Area: Silver Lake - Echo Park - Elysian Valley
Neighborhood Council: Silver Lake

COMMUNITY MEETING HELD ON THURSDAY, NOVEMBER 14, 2024 & MONDAY, NOVEMBER 18, 2024

BUSINESS PREMISES: 2815 W. Sunset Blvd., Suite 201 & 206

PROJECT:

Applicant seeks an Annual License to conduct Storefront Retail Commercial Cannabis Activity in the Silver Lake - Echo Park - Elysian Valley Community Plan Area with hours of operations seven days per week from 8:00 a.m. to 10:00 p.m.

REQUESTED ACTIONS:

1. Determine, based on the whole of the administrative record, that the project is exempt from the California Environmental Quality Act (CEQA) pursuant to Article 19, Section 15301, Class 1, and Article 19, Section 15332, Class 32 of the State CEQA Guidelines (tit. 14, Cal. Code Regs., §§ 15301, 15332), and there is no substantial evidence demonstrating that an exception to a categorical exemption pursuant to CEQA Guidelines Section 15300.2 applies;
2. Pursuant to Los Angeles Municipal Code Section 104.06(b)(2), approve the Annual License for Type 10 Storefront Retail Commercial Cannabis Activity at the Business Premises location; and,
3. Adopt DCR's Project Analysis & Findings as the Commission's report on the subject.

20. [DCR Core Record No. 100006](#) CD: 2
LA-R-24-100006-ANN & ENV-100006-ANN

Applicant: **Fountain of Well Being, A Cooperative Corporation**
Community Plan Area: Sun Valley - La Tuna Canyon
Neighborhood Council: North Hollywood Northeast

COMMUNITY MEETING HELD ON THURSDAY, NOVEMBER 14, 2024 & MONDAY, NOVEMBER 18, 2024

BUSINESS PREMISES: 7231 N. Hinds Ave.

PROJECT:

Applicant seeks an Annual License to conduct Storefront Retail Commercial Cannabis Activity in the Sun Valley - La Tuna Canyon Community Plan Area with hours of operations seven days per week from 8:00 a.m. to 8:00 p.m. (Monday to Saturday) and 9:00 a.m. to 7:00 p.m. (Sunday).

REQUESTED ACTIONS:

1. Determine, based on the whole of the administrative record, that the project is exempt from the California Environmental Quality Act (CEQA) pursuant to Article 19, Section 15301, Class 1, and Article 19, Section 15332, Class 32 of the State CEQA Guidelines (tit. 14, Cal. Code Regs., §§ 15301, 15332), and there is no substantial evidence demonstrating that an exception to a categorical exemption pursuant to CEQA Guidelines Section 15300.2 applies;
2. Pursuant to Los Angeles Municipal Code Section 104.06(b)(2), approve the Annual License for Type 10 Storefront Retail Commercial Cannabis Activity at the Business Premises location; and,
3. Adopt DCR's Project Analysis & Findings as the Commission's report on the subject.

The next scheduled regular meeting of the Cannabis Regulation Commission will be held on:

Thursday, January 16, 2025

**Figueroa Plaza
Building and Safety Boardroom, 9th Floor
201 N. Figueroa St.,
Los Angeles, CA 90012**

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**CITY OF LOS ANGELES
CANNABIS REGULATION COMMISSION
MEETING MINUTES
THURSDAY, DECEMBER 5, 2024
FIGUEROA PLAZA
BUILDING AND SAFETY BOARD ROOM, 9TH FLOOR
201 N. FIGUEROA ST, LOS ANGELES, CA 90012**

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The meeting was called to order at 2:17 p.m. with President Mason and Commissioners Lim, Melendez and Nash in attendance. Also present were Jason Killeen, Assistant Executive Director; Emily Wada, Deputy City Attorney; Josie Trevizo, Commission Executive Assistant, and Irene Diaz, Sr. Administrative Clerk.

ITEM NO. 1

REPORT FROM EXECUTIVE DIRECTOR

There was no report from the Executive Director.

ITEM NO. 2

GENERAL PUBLIC COMMENT AND SINGLE OR MULTIPLE AGENDA ITEM

General Public Comment and Single or Multiple Agenda Items were taken together. Members of the public addressed the commission in-person and telephonically.

Commissioner Farmby joined the meeting at 2:41 p.m.

ITEM NO. 3

COMMISSION BUSINESS

- **Election of Officers:**

Commissioner Lim moved to continue the election of Commission Vice President to the next commission meeting. The motion was seconded by Commissioner Farmby. The vote proceeded as follows:

Moved: Lim
Second: Farmby
Ayes: Melendez, Nash
Nays: Mason

Vote: 4 – 1

Commissioner Nash moved to nominate Commissioner Mason as Commission President. The motion was seconded by Commissioner Farmby.
The vote proceeded as follows:

Moved: Nash
Second: Farmby
Ayes: Mason, Melendez, Nash

Vote: 5 – 0

Commissioner Lim moved to reconsider the election of Commission Vice President. The motion was seconded by Commission Mason.
The vote proceeded as follows:

Moved: Lim
Second: Mason
Ayes: Farmby, Melendez, Nash

Vote: 5 – 0

Commission Lim moved to nominate Commissioner Nash as Commission Vice President. The motion was seconded by Commissioner Melendez.
The vote proceeded as follows:

Moved: Lim
Second: Melendez
Ayes: Farmby, Mason, Nash

Vote: 5 – 0

- **Advanced Calendar:** Commissioner Farmby announced he will not be present at the meeting of May 1, 2025.
- **Approval of Minutes:**
Josie Trevizo, Commission Executive Assistant noted a correction to the applicant's name and address on item no. 11.

Commissioners Farmby and Melendez both stated they were absent at the meeting of November 21, 2024 but that they listened to the audio recording of that meeting and were prepared to vote on the minutes.

Commissioner Farmby moved to approve the minutes of November 21, 2024, as corrected on the record. The motion was seconded by Commissioner Lim.

The vote proceeded as follows:

Moved: Farmby

Second: Lim

Ayes: Mason, Melendez, Nash

Vote: 5 – 0

MOTION PASSED

- **Commission Announcements and Updates:** There were no announcements and updates from the Commission.
- **Future Agenda Requests:** President Mason requested an enforcement report from the Rowe Policy and Media, DCR's consultant, at a future meeting but before February 2025.

ITEM NO. 4

NEIGHBORHOOD COUNCIL PRESENTATION

There were no presentations by Neighborhood Council representatives on any Neighborhood Council resolution or community impact statement filed with the City Clerk, which related to any agenda item listed or considered on the agenda.

ITEM NO. 5

DCR Core Record No. 320040

CD: 10

LA-R-24-320040-ANN & ENV-320040-ANN

APPLICANT: Crenshaw Legacy LLC

BUSINESS PREMISES: 4050 S. Crenshaw Blvd.

MOTION:

Commissioner Nash moved to continue the matter to the Cannabis Regulation Commission meeting of March 6, 2025. Commissioner Farmby seconded the motion and the vote proceeded as follows:

Moved: Nash

Second: Farmby

Ayes: Lim, Mason, Melendez

Vote: 5 - 0

MOTION PASSED

President Mason took Item No 10 out of order.

ITEM NO. 10

DCR Core Record No. 310015
LA-R-24-310015-ANN & ENV-310015-ANN

CD: 13

APPLICANT: Imperia Holdings, LLC

BUSINESS PREMISES: 7677 W. Sunset Blvd.

MOTION:

Commissioner Nash moved to continue the matter to the Cannabis Regulation Commission meeting of February 6, 2025. Commissioner Lim seconded the motion and the vote proceeded as follows:

Moved: Nash

Second: Lim

Ayes: Farmby, Mason, Melendez

Vote: 5 - 0

MOTION PASSED

President Mason took Item No 7 out of order.

Deputy City Attorney Emily Wada announced her recusal from item no. 7 and left the meeting. Deputy City Attorney Allison Towle joined the meeting as the Commission's legal advisor..

ITEM NO. 7

[DCR Core Record No. 310212](#)
LA-R-24-310212-ANN & ENV-310212-ANN

CD: 5

APPLICANT: Westwood World LLC

PUBLIC HEARING HELD

BUSINESS PREMISES: 2299 S. Westwood Blvd.

IN ATTENDANCE: Jason Killeen, Assistant Executive Director and Rocky Wiles representing the Department. Jennifer Torres, Planning Deputy representing the Fifth District's Councilwoman Katy Yaroslavsky and Joanne Dorfman representing Westside Neighborhood Council. Dani Shaker, Owner and Arthur Hodge, Attorney representing Westwood World LLC.

EXHIBITS: Department's PowerPoint slides, Applicant's PowerPoint slides.

MOTION:

Commissioner Farmby put forth the actions below in conjunction with the approval of the Annual License to conduct Storefront Retail Commercial Cannabis Activity in the West Los Angeles Community Plan Area with hours of operations seven days per week from 8:00 a.m. to 10:00 p.m.

1. Determined, based on the whole of the administrative record, that the project is exempt from the California Environmental Quality Act (CEQA) pursuant to Article 19, Section 15301, Class 1, and Article 19, Section 15332, Class 32 of the State CEQA Guidelines (tit. 14, Cal. Code Regs., §§ 15301, 15332), and there is no substantial evidence demonstrating that an exception to a categorical exemption pursuant to CEQA Guidelines Section 15300.2 applies;
2. Approved, pursuant to Los Angeles Municipal Code Section 104.06(b)(2), the Annual License for Type 10 Storefront Retail Commercial Cannabis Activity at the Business Premises location; and,
3. Adopted the Project Analysis and Findings in the Department's report dated December 1, 2024 as the Commission's report on the subject.

Commissioner Mason seconded the motion and the vote proceeded as follows:

Moved: Farmby

Second: Mason

Ayes: Melendez

Nays: Lim, Nash

Vote: 3 - 2

MOTION PASSED

Deputy City Attorney Emily Wada rejoined the Commission.

President Mason announced that the CRC would resume the agenda order.

ITEM NO. 6

DCR Core Record No. 310075

CD: 8

LA-R-24-310075-ANN & ENV-310075-ANN

APPLICANT: Miracle Leaf LLC

PUBLIC HEARING HELD

BUSINESS PREMISES: 10401 S. Avalon Blvd.

IN ATTENDANCE: Jason Killeen, Assistant Executive Director representing the Department and Carlos Flores representing Miracle Leaf LLC.

EXHIBITS: Department's PowerPoint slides.

MOTION:

Commissioner Nash put forth the actions below in conjunction with the approval of the Annual License to conduct Storefront Retail Commercial Cannabis Activity in the Southeast Los Angeles Community Plan Area with hours of operations five days per week from 8:00 a.m. to 10:00 p.m. (Monday to Friday).

1. Determined, based on the whole of the administrative record, that the project is exempt from the California Environmental Quality Act (CEQA) pursuant to Article 19, Section 15301, Class 1, and Article 19, Section 15332, Class 32 of the State CEQA Guidelines (tit. 14, Cal. Code Regs., §§ 15301, 15332), and there is no substantial evidence demonstrating that an exception to a categorical exemption pursuant to CEQA Guidelines Section 15300.2 applies;
2. Approved, pursuant to Los Angeles Municipal Code Section 104.06(b)(2), the Annual License for Type 10 Storefront Retail Commercial Cannabis Activity at the Business Premises location; and,
3. Adopted the Project Analysis and Findings in the Department's report dated December 1, 2024 as the Commission's report on the subject.

Commissioner Melendez seconded the motion and the vote proceeded as follows:

Moved: Nash

Second: Melendez

Ayes: Farmby, Lim, Mason

Vote: 5 - 0

MOTION PASSED

ITEM NO. 8

[DCR Core Record No. 320033](#)

CD: 7

LA-R-24-320033-ANN & ENV-320033-ANN

APPLICANT: Glenoaks Retailer LLC

PUBLIC HEARING HELD

BUSINESS PREMISES: 13567 Glenoaks Blvd.

IN ATTENDANCE: Donneka Ballard, Management Analyst; Jason Killeen, Assistant Executive Director; and Hector Alikhan, Sr. Management Analyst representing the Department. There was no representative for the Applicant.

EXHIBITS: Department's PowerPoint slides.

MOTION:

Commissioner Lim moved to continue the matter to the Cannabis Regulation Commission meeting of February 6, 2025. Commissioner Farmby seconded the motion and the vote proceeded as follows:

Moved: Lim

Second: Farmby

Ayes: Mason, Melendez, Nash

Vote: 5 - 0

MOTION PASSED

President Mason took Item No 12 out of order.

ITEM NO. 12

[DCR Core Record No. 320048](#)

CD: 8

LA-R-24-320048-ANN & ENV-320048-ANN

APPLICANT: L&E Retail, LLC

PUBLIC HEARING HELD

BUSINESS PREMISES: 4369 S. Van Ness Ave.

IN ATTENDANCE: Donneka Ballard, Management Analyst and Jason Killeen, Assistant Executive Director representing the Department. Fernando Rodriguez, District Director representing the Eight District's Councilman Marqueece Harris-Dawson. Narek Balagyozan and Eugene P. representing L&E Retail, LLC.

MOTION:

Commissioner Lim moved to continue the matter to the Cannabis Regulation Commission meeting of February 20, 2025. Commissioner Farmby seconded the motion and the vote proceeded as follows:

Moved: Lim

Second: Farmby

Ayes: Mason, Melendez, Nash

Vote: 5 - 0

MOTION PASSED

President Mason recessed the meeting at 5:24 p.m. The meeting resumed at 6:05 p.m. with Commissioners Farmby, Lim, Mason, Melendez, and Nash present.

ITEM NO. 9

[DCR Core Record No. 310105](#)

CD: 10

LA-R-24-310105-ANN & ENV-310105-ANN

APPLICANT: Ventura Oaks Ventures, LLC

PUBLIC HEARING HELD

BUSINESS PREMISES: 4324 W. Jefferson Blvd.

IN ATTENDANCE: Alan DuBois, Management Analyst; Jason Killeen, Assistant Executive Director; and Christina Campos, Sr. Management Analyst representing the Department. Kevin Williams, Chief Compliance Officer (spoke virtually via Zoom) representing Ventura Oaks Ventures, LLC.

EXHIBITS: Department's PowerPoint slides.

MOTION:

Commissioner Farmby put forth the actions below in conjunction with the approval of the Annual License to conduct Storefront Retail Commercial Cannabis Activity in the West Adams - Baldwin Hills - Leimert Community Plan Area with hours of operations seven days per week from 8:00 a.m. to 10:00 p.m. (Monday to Saturday) and 10:00 a.m. to 8:00 p.m. (Sunday).

1. Determined, based on the whole of the administrative record, that the project is exempt from the California Environmental Quality Act (CEQA) pursuant to Article 19, Section 15301, Class 1, and Article 19, Section 15332, Class 32 of the State CEQA Guidelines (tit. 14, Cal. Code Regs., §§ 15301, 15332), and there is no substantial evidence demonstrating that an exception to a categorical exemption pursuant to CEQA Guidelines Section 15300.2 applies;
2. Approved, pursuant to Los Angeles Municipal Code Section 104.06(b)(2), the Annual License for Type 10 Storefront Retail Commercial Cannabis Activity at the Business Premises location; and,
3. Adopted the Project Analysis and Findings in the Department's report dated December 1, 2024 as the Commission's report on the subject.

Commissioner Nash seconded the motion and the vote proceeded as follows:

Moved: Farmby
Second: Nash
Ayes: Lim, Mason, Melendez

Vote: 5 - 0

MOTION PASSED

ITEM NO. 11

[DCR Core Record No. 101802](#)

CD: 5

LA-R-24-101802-ANN & ENV-101802-ANN

APPLICANT: The Little Cottage Caregivers, LLC

PUBLIC HEARING HELD

BUSINESS PREMISES: 979 N. La Brea Ave.

IN ATTENDANCE: Alan DuBois, Management Analyst; Jason Killeen, Assistant Executive Director; and Christina Campos, Sr. Management Analyst representing the Department. Brianna Lucier representing The Little Cottage Caregivers, LLC.

EXHIBITS: Department's PowerPoint slides, Applicant's PowerPoint slides.

MOTION:

Commissioner Farmby put forth the actions below in conjunction with the approval of the Annual License to conduct Storefront Retail Commercial Cannabis Activity in Hollywood Community Plan Area with hours of operations seven days per week from 9:00 a.m. to 10:00 p.m.

1. Determined, based on the whole of the administrative record, that the project is exempt from the California Environmental Quality Act (CEQA) pursuant to Article 19, Section 15301, Class 1, and Article 19, Section 15332, Class 32 of the State CEQA Guidelines (tit. 14, Cal. Code Regs., §§ 15301, 15332), and there is no substantial evidence demonstrating that an exception to a categorical exemption pursuant to CEQA Guidelines Section 15300.2 applies;
2. Approved, pursuant to Los Angeles Municipal Code Section 104.06(b)(2), the Annual License for Type 10 Storefront Retail Commercial Cannabis Activity at the Business Premises location; and,
3. Adopted the Project Analysis and Findings in the Department's report dated November 1, 2024, as the Commission's report on the subject.

Commissioner Melendez seconded the motion and the vote proceeded as follows:

Moved: Farmby
Second: Melendez
Ayes: Lim, Mason, Nash

Vote: 5 - 0

MOTION PASSED

ITEM NO. 13

[DCR Core Record No. 320047](#)
LA-R-24-320047-ANN & ENV-320047-ANN

CD: 14

APPLICANT: Grand-Era, Inc.

PUBLIC HEARING HELD

BUSINESS PREMISES: 5324 E. York Blvd.

IN ATTENDANCE: Alan DuBois, Management Analyst and Jason Killeen, Assistant Executive Director representing the Department. Molly Pitluck (spoke virtually via Zoom) representing Grand-Era, Inc.

EXHIBITS: Department's PowerPoint slides.

MOTION:

Commissioner Nash put forth the actions below in conjunction with the approval of the Annual License to conduct Storefront Retail Commercial Cannabis Activity in Northeast Los Angeles Community Plan Area with hours of operations seven days per week from 9:00 a.m. to 10:00 p.m.

1. Determined, based on the whole of the administrative record, that the project is exempt from the California Environmental Quality Act (CEQA) pursuant to Article 19, Section 15301, Class 1, and Article 19, Section 15332, Class 32 of the State CEQA Guidelines (tit. 14, Cal. Code Regs., §§ 15301, 15332), and there is no substantial evidence demonstrating that an exception to a categorical exemption pursuant to CEQA Guidelines Section 15300.2 applies;
2. Approved, pursuant to Los Angeles Municipal Code Section 104.06(b)(2), the Annual License for Type 10 Storefront Retail Commercial Cannabis Activity at the Business Premises location; and,
3. Adopted the Project Analysis and Findings in the Department's report dated December 1, 2024 as the Commission's report on the subject.

Commissioner Melendez seconded the motion and the vote proceeded as follows:

Moved: Nash
Second: Melendez
Ayes: Farmby, Lim, Mason

Vote: 5 - 0

MOTION PASSED

ITEM NO. 14

[DCR Core Record No. 320012](#)
LA-R-24-320012-ANN & ENV-320012-ANN

CD: 11

APPLICANT: GDinLA, Inc.

PUBLIC HEARING HELD

BUSINESS PREMISES: 11834 W. Jefferson Blvd..

IN ATTENDANCE: Alan DuBois, Management Analyst and Jason Killeen, Assistant Executive Director representing the Department. Anthony Trujillo, Attorney (spoke virtually via Zoom) representing GDinLA, Inc.

EXHIBITS: Department's PowerPoint slides.

MOTION:

Commissioner Melendez put forth the actions below in conjunction with the approval of the Annual License to conduct Storefront Retail Commercial Cannabis Activity in the Palms - Mar Vista - Del Rey Community Plan Area with hours of operations seven days per week from 10:00 a.m. to 10:00 p.m.

1. Determined, based on the whole of the administrative record, that the project is exempt from the California Environmental Quality Act (CEQA) pursuant to Article 19, Section 15301, Class 1, and Article 19, Section 15332, Class 32 of the State CEQA Guidelines (tit. 14, Cal. Code Regs., §§ 15301, 15332), and there is no substantial evidence demonstrating that an exception to a categorical exemption pursuant to CEQA Guidelines Section 15300.2 applies;
2. Approved, pursuant to Los Angeles Municipal Code Section 104.06(b)(2), the Annual License for Type 10 Storefront Retail Commercial Cannabis Activity at the Business Premises location; and,
3. Adopted the Project Analysis and Findings in the Department's report dated December 1, 2024 as the Commission's report on the subject.

Commissioner Nash seconded the motion and the vote proceeded as follows:

Moved: Melendez
Second: Nash
Ayes: Farmby, Lim, Mason

Vote: 5 - 0

MOTION PASSED

ITEM NO. 15

[DCR Core Record No. 320011](#)
LA-R-24-320011-ANN & ENV-320011-ANN

CD: 3

APPLICANT: Asseraf Holdings LLC

PUBLIC HEARING HELD

BUSINESS PREMISES: 20924 W. Vanowen St.

IN ATTENDANCE: Alan Dubois, Management Analyst and Jason Killeen, Assistant Executive Director representing the Department. Michael Asseraf representing Asseraf Holdings LLC

EXHIBITS: Department's PowerPoint slides.

MOTION:

Commissioner Lim put forth the actions below in conjunction with the approval of the Annual License to conduct Storefront Retail Commercial Cannabis Activity in the Wilshire Community Plan Area with hours of operations seven days per week from 9:00 a.m. to 10:00 p.m. (Monday to Saturday) and 9:00 a.m. to 8:00 p.m. (Sunday).

1. Determined, based on the whole of the administrative record, that the project is exempt from the California Environmental Quality Act (CEQA) pursuant to Article 19, Section 15301, Class 1, and Article 19, Section 15332, Class 32 of the State CEQA Guidelines (tit. 14, Cal. Code Regs., §§ 15301, 15332), and there is no substantial evidence demonstrating that an exception to a categorical exemption pursuant to CEQA Guidelines Section 15300.2 applies;
2. Approved, pursuant to Los Angeles Municipal Code Section 104.06(b)(2), the Annual License for Type 10 Storefront Retail Commercial Cannabis Activity at the Business Premises location; and,
3. Adopted the Project Analysis and Findings in the Department's report dated December 1, 2024 as the Commission's report on the subject.

Commissioner Melendez seconded the motion and the vote proceeded as follows:

Moved: Lim
Second: Melendez
Ayes: Farmby, Mason, Nash

Vote: 5 - 0

MOTION PASSED

ITEM NO. 16

[DCR Core Record No. 310198](#)
LA-R-24-310198-ANN & ENV-310198-ANN

CD: 9

APPLICANT: Platinum Alliance, LLC

PUBLIC HEARING HELD

BUSINESS PREMISES: 3707 S. Main St.

IN ATTENDANCE: Ethan Spalding, Sr. Management Analyst and Jason Killeen, Assistant Executive Director representing the Department. Narek Vardanyan, Counsel representing Platinum Alliance, LLC.

EXHIBITS: Department's PowerPoint slides.

MOTION:

Commissioner Nash put forth the actions below in conjunction with the approval of the Annual License to conduct Storefront Retail Commercial Cannabis Activity in the Southeast Los Angeles Community Plan Area with hours of operations seven days per week from 8:00 a.m. to 10:00 p.m.

1. Determined, based on the whole of the administrative record, that the project is exempt from the California Environmental Quality Act (CEQA) pursuant to Article 19, Section 15301, Class 1, and Article 19, Section 15332, Class 32 of the State CEQA Guidelines (tit. 14, Cal. Code Regs., §§ 15301, 15332), and there is no substantial evidence demonstrating that an exception to a categorical exemption pursuant to CEQA Guidelines Section 15300.2 applies;
2. Approved, pursuant to Los Angeles Municipal Code Section 104.06(b)(2), the Annual License for Type 10 Storefront Retail Commercial Cannabis Activity at the Business Premises location; and,
3. Adopted the Project Analysis and Findings in the Department's report dated December 1, 2024 as the Commission's report on the subject.

Commissioner Melendez seconded the motion and the vote proceeded as follows:

Moved: Nash
Second: Melendez
Ayes: Farmby, Lim, Mason

Vote: 5 - 0

MOTION PASSED

ITEM NO. 17

[DCR Core Record No. 310135](#)
LA-R-24-310135-ANN & ENV-310135-ANN

CD: 12

APPLICANT: Ceremony Dispensary #01

PUBLIC HEARING HELD

BUSINESS PREMISES: 19707-19709 Nordhoff St.

IN ATTENDANCE: Ethan Spalding, Sr. Management Analyst and Jason Killeen, Assistant Executive Director representing the Department. Joshua Fhima and Joshua Tockerman representing Ceremony Dispensary #01.

EXHIBITS: Department's PowerPoint slides, Applicant's PowerPoint slides.

MOTION:

Commissioner Lim put forth the actions below in conjunction with the approval of the Annual License to conduct Storefront Retail Commercial Cannabis Activity in the Chatsworth - Porter Ranch Community Plan Area with hours of operations seven days per week from 8:00 a.m. to 10:00 p.m.

1. Determined, based on the whole of the administrative record, that the project is exempt from the California Environmental Quality Act (CEQA) pursuant to Article 19, Section 15301, Class 1, and Article 19, Section 15332, Class 32 of the State CEQA Guidelines (tit. 14, Cal. Code Regs., §§ 15301, 15332), and there is no substantial evidence demonstrating that an exception to a categorical exemption pursuant to CEQA Guidelines Section 15300.2 applies;
2. Approved, pursuant to Los Angeles Municipal Code Section 104.06(b)(2), the Annual License for Type 10 Storefront Retail Commercial Cannabis Activity at the Business Premises location; and,
3. Adopted the Project Analysis and Findings in the Department's report dated December 1, 2024 as the Commission's report on the subject.

Commissioner Nash seconded the motion and the vote proceeded as follows:

Moved: Lim

Second: Nash

Ayes: Farmby, Mason, Melendez

Vote: 5 - 0

MOTION PASSED

President Mason recessed the meeting at 7:39 p.m. The meeting resumed at 7:47 p.m. with Commissioners Farmby, Lim, Mason, Melendez, and Nash present.

ITEM NO. 18

[DCR Core Record No. 310077](#)

CD: 4

LA-R-24-310077-ANN & ENV-310077-ANN

APPLICANT: OTC Van Nuys

PUBLIC HEARING HELD

BUSINESS PREMISES: 5242 N. Van Nuys Blvd

IN ATTENDANCE: Ethan Spalding, Sr. Management Analyst and Jason Killeen, Assistant Executive Director representing the Department. Joey Evans (spoke virtually via Zoom) representing OTC Van Nuys.

EXHIBITS: Department's PowerPoint slide, Applicant's PowerPoint slides.

MOTION:

Commissioner Farmby put forth the actions below in conjunction with the approval of the Annual License to conduct Storefront Retail Commercial Cannabis Activity in the Van Nuys - North Sherman Oaks Community Plan Area with hours of operations seven days per week from 6:00 a.m. to 10:00 p.m.

1. Determined, based on the whole of the administrative record, that the project is exempt from the California Environmental Quality Act (CEQA) pursuant to Article 19, Section 15301, Class 1, and Article 19, Section 15332, Class 32 of the State CEQA Guidelines (tit. 14, Cal. Code Regs., §§ 15301, 15332), and there is no substantial evidence demonstrating that an exception to a categorical exemption pursuant to CEQA Guidelines Section 15300.2 applies;
2. Approved, pursuant to Los Angeles Municipal Code Section 104.06(b)(2), the Annual License for Type 10 Storefront Retail Commercial Cannabis Activity at the Business Premises location; and,
3. Adopted the Project Analysis and Findings in the Department's report dated December 1, 2024 as the Commission's report on the subject.

Commissioner Melendez seconded the motion and the vote proceeded as follows:

Moved: Farmby
Second: Melendez
Ayes: Lim, Mason, Nash

Vote: 5 - 0

MOTION PASSED

ITEM NO. 19

DCR Core Record No. 101738

CD: 13

LA-R-24-101738-ANN & ENV-101738-ANN

APPLICANT: Barr Corporation

PUBLIC HEARING HELD

BUSINESS PREMISES: 2815 W. Sunset Blvd., Suite 201 & 206

IN ATTENDANCE: Ethan Spalding, Sr. Management Analyst and Jason Killeen, Assistant Executive Director representing the Department. Ruben Harutyunyan representing Barr Corporation.

EXHIBITS: Department's PowerPoint slides.

MOTION:

Commissioner Farmby put forth the actions below in conjunction with the approval of the Annual License to conduct Storefront Retail Commercial Cannabis Activity in the Silver Lake - Echo Park - Elysian Valley Community Plan Area with hours of operations seven days per week from 8:00 a.m. to 10:00 p.m.

1. Determined, based on the whole of the administrative record, that the project is exempt from the California Environmental Quality Act (CEQA) pursuant to Article 19, Section 15301, Class 1, and Article 19, Section 15332, Class 32 of the State CEQA Guidelines (tit. 14, Cal. Code Regs., §§ 15301, 15332), and there is no substantial evidence demonstrating that an exception to a categorical exemption pursuant to CEQA Guidelines Section 15300.2 applies;
2. Approved, pursuant to Los Angeles Municipal Code Section 104.06(b)(2), the Annual License for Type 10 Storefront Retail Commercial Cannabis Activity at the Business Premises location; and,
3. Adopted the Project Analysis and Findings in the Department's report dated December 1, 2024 as the Commission's report on the subject.

Commissioner Melendez seconded the motion and the vote proceeded as follows:

Moved: Farmy
Second: Melendez
Ayes: Lim, Mason, Nash

Vote: 5 - 0

MOTION PASSED

ITEM NO. 20

DCR Core Record No. 100006
LA-R-24-100006-ANN & ENV-100006-ANN

CD: 2

APPLICANT: Fountain of Well Being, A Cooperative Corporation

PUBLIC HEARING HELD

BUSINESS PREMISES: 7231 N. Hinds Ave.

IN ATTENDANCE: Ethan Spalding, Sr. Management Analyst and Jason Killeen, Assistant Executive Director representing the Department. There was no representative for the Applicant.

EXHIBITS: Department's PowerPoint slides.

MOTION:

Commissioner Lim put forth the actions below in conjunction with the approval of the Annual License to conduct Storefront Retail Commercial Cannabis Activity in the Sun Valley - La Tuna Canyon Community Plan Area with hours of operations seven days per week from 8:00 a.m. to 8:00 p.m. (Monday to Saturday) and 9:00 a.m. to 7:00 p.m. (Sunday).

1. Determined, based on the whole of the administrative record, that the project is exempt from the California Environmental Quality Act (CEQA) pursuant to Article 19, Section 15301, Class 1, and Article 19, Section 15332, Class 32 of the State CEQA Guidelines (tit. 14, Cal. Code Regs., §§ 15301, 15332), and there is no substantial evidence demonstrating that an exception to a categorical exemption pursuant to CEQA Guidelines Section 15300.2 applies;
2. Approved, pursuant to Los Angeles Municipal Code Section 104.06(b)(2), the Annual License for Type 10 Storefront Retail Commercial Cannabis Activity at the Business Premises location; and,
3. Adopted the Project Analysis and Findings in the Department's report dated December 1, 2024 as the Commission's report on the subject.

Commissioner Farmby seconded the motion and the vote proceeded as follows:

Moved: Lim
Second: Farmby
Ayes: Mason, Melendez, Nash

Vote: 5 - 0

MOTION PASSED

MOTION:

President Mason moved to reconsider Item No.5. Commissioner Farmby seconded the motion and the vote proceeded as follows:

Moved: Mason
Second: Farmby
Ayes: Lim, Melendez, Nash

Vote: 5 - 0

MOTION PASSED

ITEM NO. 5

DCR Core Record No. 320040
LA-R-24-320040-ANN & ENV-320040-ANN

CD: 10

APPLICANT: Crenshaw Legacy LLC

BUSINESS PREMISES: 4050 S. Crenshaw Blvd.

IN ATTENDANCE: Jason Killeen, Assistant Executive Director representing the Department and Taylor Wagniere, Deputy City Attorney. Steve Baghoomian, Attorney representing Crenshaw Legacy LLC.

MOTION:

Commissioner Mason moved to continue the matter to the Cannabis Regulation Commission meeting of January 16, 2025. Commissioner Farmby seconded the motion and the vote proceeded as follows:

Moved: Mason

Second: Farmby

Ayes: Lim, Melendez, Nash

Vote: 5 - 0

MOTION PASSED

There being no further business before the Cannabis Regulation Commission, President Mason adjourned the meeting at 8:14 p.m.



Thryeris Mason, Commission President
Cannabis Regulation Commission



Josie Trevizo, Commission Executive Assistant
Cannabis Regulation Commission

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00:31:24.490 --> 00:31:25.389

DCR: Nice to see you.

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00:31:34.540 --> 00:31:35.710

DCR: We may begin

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00:31:40.690 --> 00:31:57.859

DCR: good afternoon and welcome to the Cannabis Regulation Commission meeting. Today is Thursday, December 5, th 2024. The time is 2 17 Pm. And we are in the building and safety boardroom at 2 0 1 North Figueroa Street, 9th floor, Los Angeles, California.

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00:31:58.680 --> 00:32:07.040

DCR: I am President Thyrus Mason and I will be chairing this meeting. The following Commissioners are present, Commissioners Lim, Melendez and Nash.

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DCR: I'm going to go over some housekeeping items before we get started. This meeting is being recorded. Therefore we ask that when addressing the Commission, you speak close to the microphone, and only one person at a time.

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DCR: Please state your name each time you speak.

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DCR: members of the public who wish to only listen to the Commission meeting and not provide public comment may call council phone

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DCR: at 2 and 3,

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DCR: 6, 2, 1, 2, 4, 8, 9, or (818) 904-9450.

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DCR: This meeting is also being live. Streamed individuals who wish to watch this meeting may do so by visiting cannabis.lacity.gov.

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DCR: We will be following the agenda order. For the most part agendas are located on the table by the entrance door, along with Speaker cards. Individuals who are physically here and wish to address this Commission must fill out a speaker's card

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DCR: and specify which item or items you are going to speak on.

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DCR: Individuals can provide public comment or comments about a specific agenda item in person, or virtually via the zoom link provided on the agenda. If you are present at the meeting, please fill out a speaker card and turn it into Irene or Rocky. When I call your name, please come up to the podium and clearly state your name.

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DCR: If you are in the zoom call

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DCR: when the item you wish to speak on is called Press Star 9. To get on the speaking queue, the Commission Executive Assistant will call out each speaker by the last 4 digits of their phone number. To identify the caller.

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00:33:40.830 --> 00:33:44.800

DCR: the caller would be prompted to unmute themselves by Dialing Star 6.

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DCR: We will consider general public comment in single or multiple agenda items together.

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DCR: Therefore, speakers will have 1 min for general public comment and 1 min per item with a maximum of 2 min for multiple items

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DCR: in total, an individual shall be limited to 3 min of public comment per meeting

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DCR: representatives from Neighborhood Councils who have filed a resolution or a community impact statement with the city clerk which relates to any item on the agenda will be given time to speak during the agenda item itself.

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00:34:17.320 --> 00:34:23.160

DCR: Please provide a copy of the filed statement or resolution to the Commission Executive Assistant.

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00:34:23.219 --> 00:34:33.399

DCR: Any Neighborhood Council representative speaking on behalf of their Neighborhood Council must provide a letter on their letterhead stating the Neighborhood Council's position on the matter

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00:34:33.790 --> 00:34:40.549

DCR: absent. Any Neighborhood Council documentation comments may still be provided during the public comment period.

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00:34:41.820 --> 00:34:50.560

DCR: We ask the Speaker state whether they are providing general public comment, and or which other item or items they are speaking on before they begin to comment.

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00:34:51.253 --> 00:34:59.929

DCR: This is so that Staff can appropriately time them. If the speaker does not specify which items they are speaking on 1 min will be provided.

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00:35:00.480 --> 00:35:13.700

DCR: Powerpoint presentations presented to the Commission today, whether it's by the department or applicants will be posted online and made available to the public on Dcr's website within 2 business days

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DCR: for those attending the in-person meeting. Please be aware that after 6 o'clock Pm. If you leave the 9th floor and wish to return. You will need to check in with security on the 1st floor, to reenter the elevators and access the 9th floor.

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00:35:29.740 --> 00:35:35.109

DCR: Please turn off your cell phones, or place them on vibrate, so as not to disturb the proceedings.

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DCR: Please be respectful. Disruptions will not be tolerated. If you disrupt the proceedings. You will have 2 warnings. If you continue the disruptive behavior, you will be asked to leave the meeting.

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00:35:47.230 --> 00:35:59.299

DCR: We are on to agenda. Item one, which is a report from the executive director. In this case it will be the assistant executive director, Jason Colleen, Mr. Colleen, is there a report?

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00:36:00.140 --> 00:36:21.640

DCR: Good afternoon, Jason, clean assistant executive director. No, we do not have a report for you today. Madam President, okay, thank you. At this time we will now open general public comment and single or multiple agenda items. Speakers can address the Commission on non-agenda, related items that are within the jurisdiction of the Commission or provide public comment for items in today's agenda.

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DCR: If you are listening on the live stream and have called to provide public comment via zoom, please mute the live stream audio before you begin speaking to eliminate feedback.

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00:36:30.950 --> 00:36:39.320

DCR: we will alternate between calling up individuals here at the meeting and those on the call. Please bear with us. Are there any speaker cards?

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00:36:51.430 --> 00:36:54.340

DCR: Okay, we will begin with, Ignite, Mcdaniel.

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00:37:03.940 --> 00:37:33.679

DCR: Please state your name. And which items you're speaking on greetings. All my name is Ignite Daniel on item 5. You have 1 min greetings, Council. My name is Ignite Daniel. I have worked with Life Development Life Development Group is a nonprofit that did a lot of social equity applicants assisted a number of social equity applicants in this business and coming through and having done so, I have

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DCR: interacted with

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DCR: investors, such as the investor that we have, that is the investor for this in particular item and the predatory things that they have done. We definitely urge that you guys just take a look into the documents and make sure that things are in order, because we are aware of some things that can

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DCR: directly impact just the integrity of this program and what it was meant to be and what it is here for, and

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DCR: things that should

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00:38:08.680 --> 00:38:20.120

DCR: nullify the license as it stands now. So I do appreciate you guys hearing us and the things that are taken off when the Neighborhood Council thank you.

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00:38:21.400 --> 00:38:23.959

DCR: Thank you, Mr. Vizo, is there anyone in the queue?

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DCR: There are no raised hands. But I will make an announcement.

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DCR: If anyone in the virtual meeting would like to provide public comment, please. Dial star 9.

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00:38:45.430 --> 00:38:51.319

DCR: There are no raised hands. Okay, thank you. Back to the room. Sherry Franklin.

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00:39:01.270 --> 00:39:26.009

DCR: Hi! My name is Cherie Franklin. I wear many hats. But I'm here today on Item Number 5. You have 1 min. Thank you. Supporting the Neighborhood Council's request that this license on the corner of Crenshaw and Martin Luther King. If it's not licensed, it be moved. And they moved to another location. I am on the board of directors for the Limart Park village.

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00:39:26.407 --> 00:39:43.489

DCR: organization, and we set up the neighborhood revitalization plan for Crenshall Corridor and Limart Park village, and we also had advocated for design standards in the community, and we would like to make sure that any business that's on that corner does. So.

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DCR: The other thing is that we want to make sure that the Neighborhood Council and everything that they are fighting for are honored because they are really helping us make sure that the community stays in a place where we can generate other business, but also live up to our plans that we have for Crenshaw, and the improvement plans that we have set forth. Thank you. Thank you.

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DCR: Is there anyone in the queue?

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DCR: No raised hands? But I will make another announcement. If anyone in the virtual meeting would like to provide public comment. Please, dial star 9,

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DCR: caller with phone number ending in 1 0 6, 7. Please state your name

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DCR: and the items you wish to speak on.

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18184031067: Hi, this is Jennifer Torres, planning deputy for CD. 5. I have a letter for Item 7. Not sure if you guys would prefer me to wait until that item is up

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18184031067: or read the letter. Now.

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DCR: Omni. Item, please.

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00:40:59.730 --> 00:41:00.910

18184031067: Okay. Sounds good.

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DCR: Okay, we will put you back in the queue.

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DCR: Thank you. Back to the room, Evelyn. Roll on Milan Gramercy Block Club.

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DCR: Thank you.

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DCR: Anyone in the queue. Yes.

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DCR: caller, with phone number ending in 6, 2, 6, 4. Please state your name and the item you wish to speak on.

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TELEPHONE_USER: You weren't unmuted.

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00:41:42.460 --> 00:41:43.349

TELEPHONE_USER: Hi, this is

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00:41:46.770 --> 00:41:47.440

TELEPHONE_USER: cool.

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00:41:48.682 --> 00:41:52.210

DCR: We cannot hear you. Can you put your volume up.

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TELEPHONE_USER: You hear me?

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DCR: You sound very far.

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13238186264: Not very far.

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00:42:06.030 --> 00:42:07.079

13238186264: Can you hear me.

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00:42:07.410 --> 00:42:08.970

DCR: Yes, we can hear you now.

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00:42:10.319 --> 00:42:11.119

DCR: Please take your time.

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00:42:11.120 --> 00:42:12.109

DCR: The name is Fernando.

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00:42:12.110 --> 00:42:13.080

DCR: See what you speak on.

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13238186264: Yes, this is Fernando Munta Rodriguez. I'm the District Director for Council member, Harris Dawson.

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13238186264: I would like to speak on. Item 12.

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DCR: During the item, please, would you like to speak now, or during the item.

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13238186264: During the item is fine.

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DCR: Okay, we'll put you back in the queue.

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DCR: In Ingrid Rivera. Guzman.

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DCR: ingrid Rivera. Guzman. Item 12.

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DCR: You have 1 min. Thank you. Good afternoon. Madam President, members of the Commission, I am here as a representative from Empowerment Congress, Central Neighborhood Council. I am the area one representative, and also the chair of the Transportation and Public Works Committee, and I'm here in support of the Gramercy Block Club, which represents over 150

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00:43:16.685 --> 00:43:24.569

DCR: Residents in our Neighborhood Council, and we are here to oppose the approval of the license for this cannabis

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DCR: on the corner of Venice we have talked to the developer, and we believe that there are serious concerns about his capacity to provide the safety in the community. They have refused to provide a security guard to be present, and there are already a lot of issues with the current property that he manages and is responsible for at that location at the time.

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00:43:49.520 --> 00:44:14.409

DCR: So we urge the Commission to please hear the voices of our community. We are not opposed to cannabis shops being there, but we do want to make sure that our residents have their safety, and that we're able to have livable streets, as there are also 2 child centers that are located close by, and we'll have a lot of children and families walking through that location in place. Thank you.

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00:44:15.310 --> 00:44:16.290

DCR: Thank you.

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00:44:16.540 --> 00:44:18.150

DCR: Anyone on the queue.

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00:44:19.410 --> 00:44:24.239

DCR: There are no raised hands. Okay, thank you. We are on to Henry Garcia.

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00:44:34.150 --> 00:44:39.646

DCR: Okay, so we need to make it clear that if you've spilled out a fixed

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00:44:40.440 --> 00:44:45.499

DCR: you are not allowed to call comment during the agenda item itself.

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00:44:45.630 --> 00:44:59.310

DCR: Only the Neighborhood councils and city council offices are allowed to comment during the agenda item itself. If you have completed a speaker card. Now is your time to make your comment. Otherwise you are forfeiting your comment.

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00:45:01.920 --> 00:45:05.940

DCR: Put another representative from that block of Steve first.st

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00:45:06.240 --> 00:45:06.960

DCR: Is that not?

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00:45:07.130 --> 00:45:10.810

DCR: I'm calling the cards in the order that their receipt were presented to me.

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00:45:11.190 --> 00:45:15.380

DCR: Thank you, hey? I will defer.

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00:45:15.570 --> 00:45:16.330

DCR: Thank you.

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00:45:18.255 --> 00:45:21.390

DCR: Okay, we're back to the queue.

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00:45:23.420 --> 00:45:27.979

DCR: If anyone in the virtual meeting would like to provide public comment. Please dial star 9.

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00:45:40.050 --> 00:45:43.370

DCR: There are no returns, thank you. Daniel Adamian.

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00:45:53.490 --> 00:45:56.589

DCR: thank you. Daniel Adomian, speaking on item number 12,

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00:45:56.600 --> 00:46:02.109

DCR: you have 1 min. I also serve as a member of the Empowerment Congress, Central Neighborhood Council.

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DCR: I am also voicing my opposition to the proposed dispensary at 4,369 South Van Ness. For the following reasons, they did not conduct outreach to the Neighborhood Council.

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DCR: They apparently only conducted one form of outreach to the community in general, and only at the insistence of the Gramercy Block Club.

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DCR: During that meeting the community voiced several concerns, including deferred maintenance at the property as a whole.

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DCR: lack of proper measures to address existing cannabis odor.

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DCR: The fact that it is a mixed use

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00:46:40.476 --> 00:46:47.140

DCR: property retail on the bottom residence on top presents issues to existing residences there. Residents there.

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00:46:47.420 --> 00:46:51.280

DCR: There were concerns about vacancy in the alleyway behind the property.

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00:46:51.450 --> 00:47:01.949

DCR: and there were also some questionable statements made by the operator that frankly presented a stigma about the area of South Los Angeles. Thank you. Your time is up.

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00:47:05.880 --> 00:47:08.080

DCR: Mr. Wiesel. Anyone in the queue?

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00:47:09.310 --> 00:47:12.379

DCR: There are no raised hands. Okay, Frank, Buck.

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00:47:16.530 --> 00:47:17.899

DCR: back to the queue.

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00:47:22.010 --> 00:47:35.609

DCR: No raised hands. Okay, I'm just going to stay in the room from this point forward. If there is anyone in a queue who wishes to speak during public comment, please raise your hand. Thank you. Max Frischberg.

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00:47:42.310 --> 00:47:44.870

DCR: Hi, this is Max Frischberg speaking on. Item 12.

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00:47:45.150 --> 00:47:58.330

DCR: You have 1 min. I'm a member of the Gramercy Block Club. We are a group of neighbors and families. There's a lot of kids in the neighborhood, and we are strongly opposed to this dispensary opening up in our community.

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00:47:58.550 --> 00:48:16.370

DCR: We're not opposed to any dispensary. We welcome one. If the operators and the owners treat us with respect and compassion and empathy, we had a zoom call with them with the operators, and they did not show compassion, and they made a lot of comments that offended a lot of members of our community.

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00:48:16.370 --> 00:48:31.719

DCR: And this is just not a good fit. Again, we are in favor of, you know. Well run dispensaries, but in our community, with families living above, with children running on the streets. This is not the best fit, and

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00:48:31.840 --> 00:48:45.429

DCR: their lack of empathy and outreach really speaks volumes into what they think about our community, and we are via. We are just strongly, strongly against it. I'll say that. Thank you.

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00:48:48.530 --> 00:48:50.610

DCR: Gary Frischberg.

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00:48:56.270 --> 00:48:59.119

DCR: Thank you. I'm Harry Frischberg, speaking on issue 12.

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00:48:59.470 --> 00:49:10.020

DCR: You have 1 min. All right. I want to echo everything that's been said from the previous speakers, from our representatives in the Neighborhood Council, and from anyone else who may be speaking out, but I also wanted to

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00:49:10.080 --> 00:49:28.080

DCR: let you know that as the Block Club, we also represent many families, including a family who lives in the apartment building which is being proposed to house this cannabis dispensary. One family lives directly above where the dispensary would be located. They have a child who suffers with asthma.

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DCR: and who has had significant health problems and are extremely worried about the potential of this dispensary coming in. They're also afraid to come forward and speak because of reprisals from the owner and operator. So I want to speak on their behalf and let you know that there are serious health concerns that we feel are not being taken seriously by these owners and operators, and we thank you for your time and your consideration.

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00:49:52.660 --> 00:49:53.610

DCR: Thank you.

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00:49:56.700 --> 00:49:58.040

DCR: Gina Fields.

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00:50:04.730 --> 00:50:07.629

DCR: Good afternoon. I'm Gina Fields with Equa Neighborhood Council.

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00:50:08.130 --> 00:50:10.770

DCR: What items are you speaking? Number 5. Thank you.

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00:50:10.880 --> 00:50:27.780

DCR: I'm Gina Fields, chairperson of Empowerment Congress, West Area Neighborhood Development Council, also known as Equa Equa, previously voted to oppose the issuance of the annual cannabis license for Crenshaw Legacy, LLC. Formerly known as free. The trappers currently Herbarium Crenshaw located

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00:50:28.140 --> 00:50:40.300

DCR: pause for a second. Yes, a couple of things. You all submitted a community impact statement. We did. You like to hold your comment until the item, I'm okay with that. Whatever you choose is best. But I would like 3 min, please.

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00:50:40.320 --> 00:50:42.549

DCR: So wherever I can get 3 min, I'll take.

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00:50:42.790 --> 00:50:49.209

DCR: You have more than 3, I believe. Oh, great! So this is Emily Water from the State Attorney's office. You can

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00:50:49.470 --> 00:51:03.720

DCR: provide comment now for a public comment. If you've designated. You said you're here to speak on it one agenda item. So that would give you 1 min. However, you can also present again when the agenda item actually comes up

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00:51:04.070 --> 00:51:16.769

DCR: that you're seeking to comment on, and then you get your time there, which will be longer. So I didn't know. So I think the clarification is if you want to continue your 1 min public comment now, or do the whole presentation prefer to do the whole presentation with the 3 min.

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00:51:17.170 --> 00:51:20.999

DCR: So would that be during the item, yeah, trust your expertise.

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00:51:21.120 --> 00:51:24.259

DCR: Thank you so much. I'll wait until the item number. Thank you. Appreciate it.

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00:51:28.393 --> 00:51:29.780

DCR: Mary rose.

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00:51:40.530 --> 00:51:45.800

DCR: Hello! My name's Mary Rose. I'm speaking on. Item 5.

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00:51:46.050 --> 00:51:48.180

DCR: You have 1 min. Thank you.

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00:51:48.592 --> 00:51:57.049

DCR: I've lived in Lemurt Park, around the corner from Martin Luther King, Jr. Boulevard and Crenshaw Boulevard for over 20 years.

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00:51:57.670 --> 00:52:03.709

DCR: having a cannabis dispensary at the historic location, is not appropriate.

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00:52:03.960 --> 00:52:07.990

DCR: It gives the wrong impression of our beautiful neighborhood.

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00:52:08.420 --> 00:52:14.369

DCR: I hope support and funds can be given to the owner to move to another location.

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00:52:14.900 --> 00:52:19.779

DCR: However, a license should not be issued at this location.

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00:52:20.130 --> 00:52:21.220

DCR: Thank you.

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00:52:21.450 --> 00:52:22.349

DCR: Thank you.

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00:52:29.280 --> 00:52:30.950

DCR: Last name is when

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00:52:42.220 --> 00:52:45.929

DCR: Hi, I'm here to speak on. Item number 11. My name is Vietnam Win.

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00:52:46.887 --> 00:52:50.820

DCR: I'm the found. I'm the founder of the little cottage carriers, Llc.

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00:52:50.870 --> 00:52:53.180

DCR: And I registered my Btrc.

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00:52:53.240 --> 00:52:57.600

DCR: In 2,007. Ico and I have been in business since 2,006,

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00:52:57.860 --> 00:53:05.320

DCR: the owner, Shromo, Mary, and his son Adi. Mary bought some spot, some, but not all, of my ownership interest.

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00:53:05.480 --> 00:53:16.260

DCR: When the operations on La Brea were thriving. They did not share any profits with me. Ultimately they excluded me from the business, ran up a tax debt of over millions of dollars

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00:53:16.360 --> 00:53:21.460

DCR: and my seller's permit account. My original seller's permit account revoked currently

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00:53:21.960 --> 00:53:28.860

DCR: in 2021 herbarium at La Brea, under the little cottage caregivers started billboards for free the trappers.

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00:53:29.810 --> 00:53:32.990

DCR: This name was created by Shlomo, Mary, and Adi.

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00:53:33.580 --> 00:53:41.500

DCR: In fall of 2023 they shifted free the trappers to their social equity. Partnership, Crenshaw Legacy, LLC.

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00:53:42.200 --> 00:53:48.180

DCR: I have documents here, backing up my statements to give to you guys.

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00:53:48.910 --> 00:53:55.159

DCR: I wanted to share this information, and in my opinion that they should not be granted annual licensing.

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00:53:55.370 --> 00:53:56.609

DCR: Thank you very much.

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00:54:00.100 --> 00:54:01.270

DCR: Thank you.

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00:54:08.890 --> 00:54:11.760

DCR: Mr. Park Davis.

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00:54:14.890 --> 00:54:26.280

DCR: before you approach did you want to give your public comment now, or reserve your Council office privilege to comment during the item itself.

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00:54:26.370 --> 00:54:27.990

DCR: Okay, thank you.

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00:54:29.850 --> 00:54:32.639

DCR: And Terry Tippet.

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00:54:37.480 --> 00:54:49.460

DCR: Well, I'm Terry Tippet. I'm chair of the Westside Neighborhood Council, and I'm just giving general comments now, because our cannabis chair will do our Neighborhood Council when the items call.

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00:54:49.730 --> 00:54:51.950

DCR: We have been working with

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00:54:52.120 --> 00:55:03.339

DCR: several dispensaries over the years, and the one thing I have found is that when we approach them and say, You know, you shouldn't be doing this or that they go. We didn't know that.

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00:55:03.440 --> 00:55:17.080

DCR: so either there needs to be some connect with you or the counselor, or whoever you send to work with these people to let them know what they can do and what they can't do.

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00:55:17.080 --> 00:55:37.749

DCR: either that or they are telling us they didn't know, and they did. So. We're the ones who have to come here clean up the mess when people on both sides don't seem to be able to work together. Also, we've submit complaints over the last 2 years, and never once had a reply back

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00:55:37.910 --> 00:56:07.500

DCR: through the portal. I am so much happier now to come in person to be able to tell you of the trials and tribulations we've had with trying to get our complaints in with different cannabis operations in our not today's, but other ones. So those are my comments that there needs to be a better connect with what they can do and can't do that. They are. They actually learn before they start operation. Thank you. Thank you.

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00:56:08.350 --> 00:56:14.870

DCR: The time is 2 42 Pm. Let the record reflect that Commissioner Farny has joined the meeting treatment.

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00:56:19.260 --> 00:56:21.879

DCR: Are there any other speaker cards?

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00:56:57.630 --> 00:56:58.849

DCR: Dina Fields?

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00:57:10.140 --> 00:57:11.389

DCR: Good afternoon again.

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00:57:11.580 --> 00:57:26.580

DCR: Let me know when I would. We're going to allow you to give the Neighborhood Council presentation at this time. Great, thank you so much. Yeah, I'd like to speak on all items, so that I have a full 3 min if nobody objects. How many minutes are we allowing

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00:57:26.720 --> 00:57:30.750

DCR: this is public comments, but I'd like to speak on all items.

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00:57:31.200 --> 00:57:33.590

DCR: It's table of Transportation or something.

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00:57:33.730 --> 00:57:36.840

DCR: Neighborhood Council Presentation.

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00:57:37.360 --> 00:57:43.370

DCR: I'm sorry it's not a Neighborhood Council Invitation compass. We call it Station 3.

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00:57:44.030 --> 00:57:45.689

DCR: So you're allowing these fields?

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00:57:46.270 --> 00:57:51.180

DCR: Well, then, social media.

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00:58:01.940 --> 00:58:02.830

DCR: are there?

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00:58:03.210 --> 00:58:05.269

DCR: Are there any other public comments?

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00:58:12.720 --> 00:58:40.300

DCR: Hi, cherie Franklin? Again, I wear many hats. One of them is, I strongly advocated for our charter amendment to create our neighborhood councils, and when we voted to have cannabis here, I strongly recommended that we have the neighbor councils at the table to make sure that we were holding the licensees accountable, and I think, in the case of Number 7, Danny Shaker and Alex have been

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00:58:40.300 --> 00:58:52.659

DCR: very good at responding to the Neighborhood Council and understanding their concerns with anything that's happened at the site, and in in this case, I believe the system is working. This is why we put

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00:58:52.660 --> 00:59:03.139

DCR: the neighbor councils in place, and why we have made sure that we have a Commission that can hear them, and they can be a part of the process. They have been

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00:59:03.180 --> 00:59:22.930

DCR: following up with the neighbor Council, and they are going to continue to do that, and as a person who's very much committed to making sure that the process works, I commit to you that I, too, will help them make sure that they follow the rules, and, as Terry said, understand them and work in partnership with you as we did when we started this process

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00:59:22.930 --> 00:59:45.210

DCR: back in 2016, create an opportunity for licensees to be able to understand all the rules, and I believe they do. And I think you'll find, when they present that they've done everything, and they should be a part of a due process to give them opportunity to prove themselves that they can abide by the rules, and that they understand them, and that they're going to honor the neighborhood. Thank you.

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00:59:46.910 --> 00:59:49.689

DCR: Are there any other callers in a queue? Yes.

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00:59:49.900 --> 00:59:56.959

DCR: caller with phone number, ending in 3 0 6, 7. Please state your name, and which items you wish to speak on.

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01:00:07.000 --> 01:00:10.680

18182813067: Hello! This is Steve, and I'm legal counsel for Crenshaw legacy.

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01:00:11.141 --> 01:00:19.920

18182813067: We've been in contact with Emily Wada at the city attorney's office. The the notice our client received for this hearing was on December 19.th

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01:00:19.930 --> 01:00:25.859

18182813067: There, you know the we received notice that it was moved to December 5, th very very recently, and certainly

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01:00:25.940 --> 01:00:32.940

18182813067: not in line with the municipal code. So we respectfully request that this hearing be pushed back to March of 2025.

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01:00:37.750 --> 01:00:39.309

DCR: Thank you for your comment.

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01:00:42.340 --> 01:00:52.439

DCR: At this time we are closing public comments. However, we are going to allow a Neighborhood Council presentation on agenda. Item number 5.

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01:00:53.100 --> 01:00:57.110

DCR: I'm sorry this is Deputy City attorney, Emily Wada.

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01:00:57.730 --> 01:01:02.638

DCR: I'm so apologetic here, for there's a lot of confusion going on here is

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01:01:04.490 --> 01:01:08.190

DCR: I believe that, procedurally speaking here.

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01:01:08.844 --> 01:01:14.510

DCR: Miss Fields, your comments today must be done as a member of the public.

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01:01:14.630 --> 01:01:15.445

DCR: Okay,

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01:01:17.830 --> 01:01:28.412

DCR: and so you will eventually be given an opportunity to do your presentation on formally on behalf of the Neighborhood Council when the matter is

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01:01:29.240 --> 01:01:38.320

DCR: substantively heard. But I believe that given, there's likely a continuous request. We just heard from the applicant that it it may not be

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01:01:39.170 --> 01:01:44.859

DCR: her today, so I think that you should proceed as a member of the public.

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01:01:45.100 --> 01:01:47.122

DCR: How do you feel about that?

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01:01:47.670 --> 01:01:50.900

DCR: I trust the expertise of this commission?

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01:01:51.060 --> 01:01:58.029

DCR: But yes, if I request to speak on all items. Will I be given 3 min to speak now? Yes, you will. Okay.

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01:01:58.130 --> 01:02:00.799

DCR: I would like that. Wonderful. Thank you, Miss Fields.

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01:02:00.810 --> 01:02:03.160

DCR: Thank you all for working out with me. I appreciate it.

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01:02:03.940 --> 01:02:10.409

DCR: Good afternoon. One moment before you start. You can let me know when Allison are you in agreement?

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01:02:10.500 --> 01:02:13.380

DCR: Okay, we are reopening public comment period.

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01:02:13.860 --> 01:02:23.180

DCR: Everyone. Okay. Sorry. I'm here. You have 3 min. Thank you so much. I'm Gina Fields, chairperson of Empowerment Congress, West Area Neighborhood Development Council, also known as Equa

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01:02:23.190 --> 01:02:34.650

DCR: Equa, previously voted to oppose the issuance of the annual cannabis license for Crenshaw legacy, formerly known as free. The trappers currently Herbarium Crenshaw, located at 40 50 Crenshaw Boulevard

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01:02:34.930 --> 01:02:38.630

DCR: at the Equa Special Meeting Board meeting on Tuesday, July second.

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01:02:38.750 --> 01:02:46.720

DCR: The Equa Board listened to the residents. List of complaints, including and included those complaints in our previous community impact statement.

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01:02:46.750 --> 01:02:53.320

DCR: We still have concerns and would appreciate the assistance of the Department of Cannabis Regulation in helping us to find a resolution

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01:02:53.390 --> 01:03:11.580

DCR: while Ecwa seeks to support our local businesses and has been instrumental and supportive of the development of the social equity program. We oppose the location of this or any cannabis dispensary on the historic corner of Dr. Martin Luther King, Jr. Boulevard, and Crenshaw Boulevard. For the following reasons number one

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01:03:11.580 --> 01:03:29.429

DCR: based on the actions preceding the hearing, the abusive emails sent to the Neighborhood Council and harassing statements to board members. Our concern is that if Lorenz Lanier receives his license at this location he will revert to his blatant disregard and disrespect of the community. Please see the email attached to the community impact statement

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01:03:29.480 --> 01:03:44.199

DCR: number 2 residents are concerned that during the Kingdom day parade the media staging will highlight the cannabis dispensary on its televised programming and support a continued negative stereotype of Crenshaw Boulevard and its nearby neighborhoods as being drug, filled

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01:03:44.370 --> 01:03:58.109

DCR: 3 Crenshaw legacy, LLC. Herbarium Crenshaw is said to be opened with a social equity license. But the license holder, Lorenz Lanier, is not listed as the owner of the business with the California Secretary of State

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01:03:58.570 --> 01:04:00.439

DCR: instead. Adi Muri is

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01:04:01.150 --> 01:04:14.550

DCR: additionally Crenshaw legacy, LLC. Is registered to a different address than the store location. We've brought this to the license holders attention on numerous occasions, but it has not been addressed. Please see the documentation attached to the community impact statement.

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01:04:14.570 --> 01:04:18.539

DCR: These inconsistencies with ownership should prohibit licensing.

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01:04:18.720 --> 01:04:24.800

DCR: Our concern is if the social equity license holder is truly an owner or merely a figurehead.

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01:04:25.570 --> 01:04:46.369

DCR: Furthermore, the intersection of Crenshaw Boulevard and Dr. Martin Luther King is iconic within the community. It's a place where our community often gathers to protest injustice and seek solace and healing. For example, after the murder of Trayvon, Martin, and the killing of George Floyd, the community gathered at Crenshaw and Dr. Martin Luther King, Jr. Boulevard, to protest and comfort one another.

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01:04:46.490 --> 01:04:53.460

DCR: Additionally, community activists hold press conferences at this intersection to publicly address concerns within our community.

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01:04:53.740 --> 01:05:12.260

DCR: Please assist us in maintaining the legacy of this historic corner by providing information about any grants, funding or relocation assistance that could be offered to the social equity license holder to facilitate moving to a different location. Thank you for consideration on behalf of our stakeholders and our Equi board.

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01:05:14.230 --> 01:05:15.300

DCR: Thank you.

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01:05:16.000 --> 01:05:20.689

DCR: May I close public comment period at this time?

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01:05:22.066 --> 01:05:27.700

DCR: Okay, public. With that, public comments are now closed.

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01:05:27.870 --> 01:05:31.310

DCR: We are on to item number 3, which is commission business.

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01:05:31.440 --> 01:05:38.209

DCR: We have the election of officers on today's agenda. Is there a nomination for Commission Vice President

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01:05:43.600 --> 01:05:49.380

DCR: at this Commissioner Lim. I vote that we continue the voting till next session.

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01:05:53.020 --> 01:05:58.990

DCR: Is there a second Commission farm? Be a second interesting.

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01:06:01.290 --> 01:06:06.720

DCR: Mr. Vizo. Please call the Roll Amateur Lim.

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01:06:07.410 --> 01:06:13.100

DCR: I, Commissioner Farnby. Ayes, Mr. Melendez.

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01:06:19.810 --> 01:06:22.663

DCR: so this is Deputy City attorney, Emily Wada,

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01:06:23.450 --> 01:06:28.509

DCR: just to summarize because Mr. Melendez asked me for clarification.

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01:06:28.790 --> 01:06:31.650

DCR: The agenda item that was opened was for

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01:06:31.670 --> 01:06:34.839

DCR: item number 3 election of officers.

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01:06:35.000 --> 01:06:54.180

DCR: and President Mason asked if there was any nominations for Vice President, to which Commissioner Lim made a motion that we continue the election of officers to the next meeting, which I think is going to be after MLK. In January 2025, and so

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01:06:55.300 --> 01:07:01.510

DCR: Commissioner Lynn made the motion. Commissioner Farnby seconded the motion. And now they're taking votes on that motion. That's where we're at.

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01:07:04.600 --> 01:07:06.420

DCR: Hi, thank you.

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01:07:07.710 --> 01:07:12.050

DCR: Vice President Nash. Aye, President Mason.

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01:07:12.170 --> 01:07:15.930

DCR: No, nay, the motion passes.

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01:07:16.240 --> 01:07:17.250

DCR: Thank you.

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01:07:21.980 --> 01:07:31.780

DCR: commissioners. You should have received an advanced calendar in front of you with our future meeting dates. Please take a look and advise if there are any planned absences from any of the Commissioners.

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01:07:34.190 --> 01:07:41.110

DCR: President Mason, we do also have the election of President. I'm not sure if that's going to be continued as well.

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01:07:44.230 --> 01:07:45.930

DCR: You raise a valid point.

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01:07:46.660 --> 01:07:52.289

DCR: Okay, I'm sorry we're going to revisit that item and reopen it.

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01:07:54.470 --> 01:07:59.210

DCR: Is there a motion for Commission President, a nomination for Commission President.

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01:08:00.380 --> 01:08:03.830

DCR: This is Vice President Nash, I'm

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01:08:04.030 --> 01:08:10.039

DCR: would nominate President Thyrice Mason for President, Commissioner Farms. A second.

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01:08:10.780 --> 01:08:21.669

DCR: Thank you, Mr. Rizzo, please call the roll Vice President Nash. Aye, Commissioner Farnby. Aye, Commissioner Lim. Aye.

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01:08:21.960 --> 01:08:25.729

DCR: Commissioner Melendez. Aye, President Mason. Aye.

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01:08:25.979 --> 01:08:29.139

DCR: the motion passes thank you for your votes, gentlemen.

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01:08:33.170 --> 01:08:40.964

DCR: I promise Mercury and retrograde is real this week. My God! Oh, she's been awful!

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01:08:41.670 --> 01:08:44.260

DCR: thank you. This Commissioner Lim.

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01:08:45.069 --> 01:08:49.819

DCR: Can I make a motion to reopen in regards to the voting for the Vice President.

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01:08:50.750 --> 01:08:55.180

DCR: You feel better about it now. Yes, okay.

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01:08:58.060 --> 01:09:00.279

DCR: Is that your motion? Yes.

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01:09:00.340 --> 01:09:07.339

DCR: I will second. It might be a motion to reconsider. Yes. Is that appropriate? It is Commissioner Lim. Motion to reconsider.

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01:09:08.380 --> 01:09:22.580

DCR: I second. This is President Mason, Commissioner Lim. Aye, President Mason. Aye, Commissioner Farny. Aye, Commissioner Melendez, sorry.

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01:09:23.149 --> 01:09:27.099

DCR: Vice President Nash. Aye, the motion passes.

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01:09:28.450 --> 01:09:29.330

DCR: Thank you.

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01:09:30.700 --> 01:09:34.499

DCR: Is there a motion for Commission? Vice President. Does Commissioner? Lim

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01:09:35.140 --> 01:09:38.829

DCR: I make a motion to nominate commission. Vice President. Nash.

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01:09:39.649 --> 01:09:43.739

DCR: this is Commissioner Mondez. I second, thank you, Mr. Visa. Please call the roll.

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01:09:45.580 --> 01:09:51.460

DCR: Okay, give me one Second Commissioner Lim.

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01:09:51.810 --> 01:09:57.690

DCR: I Commissioner Melendez. Aye, Commissioner Farny. Aye.

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01:09:58.330 --> 01:10:06.600

DCR: Vice President Nash. Aye, President Mason. Aye, the motion passes congratulations.

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01:10:08.530 --> 01:10:20.369

DCR: I don't really have a long prepared speech. I'm just going to say it's an honor to sit in this seat and lead this esteemed body of commissioners. The Brain Trust. Here is

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01:10:20.420 --> 01:10:37.600

DCR: probably the best brain trust of commissioners in the city. I will stand behind that if anybody challenges me on that they definitely make me a sharper President. And again. It is an honor to be here to do the work of the city and to serve this industry.

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01:10:39.880 --> 01:10:42.979

DCR: Now we can move on to the advanced calendar

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01:10:43.300 --> 01:10:45.969

DCR: and any absences that are planned.

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01:10:55.600 --> 01:10:56.280

DCR: Good.

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01:10:57.560 --> 01:10:58.409

DCR: I don't think.

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01:11:17.440 --> 01:11:22.330

DCR: Commissioner Farny 5, 1, 2025. I will not be available.

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01:11:26.690 --> 01:11:28.700

DCR: Thank you. Any other absences

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01:11:31.550 --> 01:11:41.229

DCR: moving on to the approval of minutes. We were sent the minutes of November 21st 2024 for review and I do have a Correction

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01:11:41.620 --> 01:11:55.020

DCR: Commissioners. Please note that on item number 11 there's the licensees. Information is incorrect. The applicant should be moda Inc. Instead of Venice, caregiver Foundation, Inc.

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01:11:55.110 --> 01:12:04.790

DCR: And the business premises should be 4 0 0 1 West Sunset Boulevard instead of 81, 24, and 81, 28 West

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01:12:04.800 --> 01:12:06.200

DCR: Foothill Boulevard.

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01:12:06.910 --> 01:12:11.379

DCR: Thank you on the minutes of November 21.st

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01:12:13.370 --> 01:12:14.340

DCR: Thank you.

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01:12:15.760 --> 01:12:19.359

DCR: Do I have a motion to approve the minutes as corrected on the record?

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01:12:20.350 --> 01:12:24.700

DCR: This is Commissioner Farny. I make a motion to approve the minutes. Is there a second

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01:12:25.030 --> 01:12:29.280

DCR: is Commissioner Lynn? May second that. Thank you, Mr. Vizo. Please call the roll.

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01:12:30.260 --> 01:12:36.999

DCR: Oh, I'm sorry. This is Deputy City Attorney Emily. What I just want to clarify that the Commissioners that were present for that meeting, if they've

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01:12:37.050 --> 01:12:49.879

DCR: could, they confirm on the record whether or not you reviewed those minutes before there's a vote. Yes, Commissioner Linus, I reviewed the minutes of the last meeting. This is Commissioner Farny, the app review and listen to audio. Yeah, thank you.

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01:12:51.460 --> 01:13:04.529

DCR: Commissioner Farny, are you both? No? Oh, yes, I Commissioner Lim. Aye, Commissioner Melendez. Aye, Vice President Nash. Aye.

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01:13:04.690 --> 01:13:14.080

DCR: President Mason, aye, the motion passes moving on to commission announcements and updates. Commissioners. Are there any announcements, or Updates

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01:13:17.480 --> 01:13:27.629

DCR: moving on to future agenda requests? Commissioners? Are there any future agenda item requests? I do have one, and that has to do with the Enforcement report

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01:13:30.290 --> 01:13:32.279

DCR: from the Independent Contractor.

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01:13:34.110 --> 01:13:40.649

DCR: The recommendations I'd like to have that added to the agenda.

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01:13:40.750 --> 01:13:41.790

DCR: Hmm.

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01:13:41.860 --> 01:13:45.530

DCR: If possible, before our February meetings.

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01:13:50.580 --> 01:13:52.559

DCR: Are there any other agenda requests?

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01:13:56.510 --> 01:14:00.829

DCR: Okay? Hearing none, we are on to item 4 on the Agenda

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01:14:01.249 --> 01:14:08.259

DCR: Neighborhood Council Presentations. This is a reminder that any representatives from neighborhood councils who have filed a resolution

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01:14:08.410 --> 01:14:17.090

DCR: for a community or a community impact statement with the city clerk which relates to any agenda item will be given time to speak during the item itself.

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01:14:17.120 --> 01:14:21.960

DCR: Please provide a copy of the filed statement or resolution to the Commission Executive Assistant.

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01:14:22.080 --> 01:14:38.949

DCR: Any Neighborhood Council Representative speaking on behalf of their Neighborhood Council, must provide a letter on their letterhead stating the Neighborhood Council's position on the matter absent. Any Neighborhood Council documentation comments will still be provided may still be provided during the public comment period.

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01:14:39.950 --> 01:14:41.260

DCR: Item 5

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01:14:41.470 --> 01:14:57.309

DCR: is Dcr core record number 3, 2, 0 0 4 0. The applicant is Crenshaw Legacy, Llc. To approve an annual license for storefront, retail commercial cannabis activity located at 4 0 5 0 South Crenshaw Boulevard.

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01:14:57.550 --> 01:15:02.299

DCR: I understand that the applicant is requesting a continuance, and the department is in support.

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01:15:02.330 --> 01:15:06.350

DCR: Is there a date that the Department would recommend for the continuance.

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01:15:06.710 --> 01:15:16.030

DCR: Jason Clean, assistant executive director. The department is recommending that this item be continued to the 1st meeting of march, which is March 6th of 2025.

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01:15:19.240 --> 01:15:21.890

DCR: Thank you, Commissioners, do we have a motion?

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01:15:22.210 --> 01:15:27.430

DCR: This is Vice President Nash. I move to continue. Item number 5

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01:15:27.510 --> 01:15:31.689

DCR: to the March 6, th 2,025. Meeting

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01:15:32.390 --> 01:15:38.870

DCR: Commissioner Farm, Bl. Second the motion. Thank you, Mr. Visa. Please call the roll Vice President Nash. Aye.

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01:15:39.090 --> 01:15:40.720

DCR: Commissioner Farnby.

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01:15:41.570 --> 01:15:45.890

DCR: Admission. Lim. Aye, Commissioner Melendez.

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01:15:49.510 --> 01:15:52.360

DCR: Commissioner Melendez, I'm thinking about it.

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01:15:54.260 --> 01:15:55.129

DCR: Excuse me.

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01:16:01.800 --> 01:16:03.440

DCR: that'd be 8 months.

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01:16:03.600 --> 01:16:04.480

DCR: Hi.

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01:16:05.620 --> 01:16:28.850

DCR: President Mason. Aye, the motion passes. Thank you. Item, 10 will be taken out of order, and that is Dcr core record number 3, 1, 0 0 1 5. The applicant is Imperia Holdings, Llc. To approve an annual license for storefront, retail commercial cannabis activity located at 7, 6, 7, 7, West Sunset Boulevard.

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01:16:28.890 --> 01:16:45.799

DCR: I understand this applicant is also requesting a continuance, and that the Department is in support. Is there a date? The Department would recommend? Jason clean assistant executive director. The Department recommends continuing item number 10 on today's agenda to February 6th of 2025.

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01:16:46.210 --> 01:16:47.480

DCR: Thank you.

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01:16:48.080 --> 01:16:49.499

DCR: Is there a motion.

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01:16:49.630 --> 01:16:58.889

DCR: this Vice President Nash? I move to continue. Item number 10 to the meeting to be held on February 6, 2,025

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01:16:59.010 --> 01:17:03.020

DCR: is Commissioner with my second there. Thank you, Mr. Wiesel. Please call the roll.

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01:17:04.360 --> 01:17:16.670

DCR: Vice President Nash, aye, Michelle and Lim. Aye, Commissioner Farnby. Aye, Commissioner Melendez. Aye, President Mason. Aye.

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01:17:17.520 --> 01:17:19.050

DCR: the motion passes.

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01:17:19.730 --> 01:17:24.230

DCR: Thank you. I am taking item number 7 out of order. Ms. Wada.

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01:17:32.870 --> 01:17:37.090

DCR: Thank you. This is a deputy city attorney, Watt. I'm going to recuse myself on this matter.

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01:18:00.830 --> 01:18:05.400

DCR: This is Deputy City Attorney Alison Toll, stepping in for Deputy City.

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01:18:05.440 --> 01:18:10.459

DCR: deputy City attorney, Emily Wada during her recusal. Thank you. Thank you.

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01:18:11.710 --> 01:18:27.330

DCR: Item number 7 is Dcr core record number 3, 1 0 2, 1, 2. The applicant is Westwood World, Llc. To approve an annual license for storefront, retail commercial cannabis activity located at 2299 South Westwood Boulevard.

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01:18:27.950 --> 01:18:32.880

DCR: Ms. Diaz, are there any Neighborhood Council or elected office representatives on this item?

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01:18:33.690 --> 01:18:35.319

DCR: Yes, we do.

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01:18:37.010 --> 01:18:39.680

DCR: Sheet. Oh, there's a speaker card.

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01:18:40.880 --> 01:18:45.440

DCR: Okay, thank you at this time, Joanne Dorfman may approach the podium.

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01:18:48.240 --> 01:18:52.059

DCR: President Mason. I also see a raised hand in the virtual meeting. So

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01:18:52.160 --> 01:18:54.700

DCR: would you like me to before you begin.

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01:18:54.760 --> 01:18:56.890

DCR: Ms. Dorfman, would you confirm

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01:18:58.920 --> 01:19:07.819

DCR: caller with phone number ending in 1 0 6, 7? Please state your name, and if you are with the Neighborhood Council or an elected office.

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01:19:08.010 --> 01:19:09.140

DCR: On this item.

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01:19:37.140 --> 01:19:41.259

18184031067: Hi! This is Jennifer Torres, and I am with Council District 5.

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01:19:41.850 --> 01:19:44.510

DCR: Okay. We're gonna allow her to go first, st

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01:19:45.770 --> 01:19:51.470

DCR: and then we'll hear from you. Do you want me to sit down? It's up to you. I'll sit down. I'll call it back up.

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01:19:52.730 --> 01:19:54.030

DCR: You may begin.

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01:19:55.340 --> 01:20:20.210

18184031067: Okay, great. Thank you, Commissioners. So I have submitted a letter on behalf of Katie Yaroslawski yesterday. It's dated December 4, th and I'm going to read it to you guys. So it reads, Commissioners. I am writing to request denial of the annual relicensing permit of Westwood World, LLC. Located at 2299, South Westwood Boulevard.

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18184031067: As this establishment has repeatedly caused several issues within the community.

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18184031067: the applicant has stated he was unaware of the rules preventing him from hosting parties and events.

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18184031067: However, ignorance of the law cannot be used as a defense especially given that laws are publicly accessible, public and accessible. Our city needs responsible cannabis operators and reissuing this license would set a dangerous precedent, encouraging other operators to disregard the rules and wait for enforcement actions to address their violations.

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01:20:55.920 --> 01:21:15.800

18184031067: Given the history of noncompliance by this business operator, we can reasonably expect that corrective measures will continue to be necessary, resulting in further disturbances for the surrounding community. These ongoing concerns indicate a pattern of neglect and disregard for community standards.

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01:21:15.800 --> 01:21:29.800

18184031067: For a more detailed list of updates. Since the last hearing please refer to the letter submitted by the Westside Neighborhood Council, dated November 27, th 2024. I thank you for your time and consideration of this matter.

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01:21:31.230 --> 01:21:32.230

DCR: Thank you.

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01:21:33.130 --> 01:21:36.520

DCR: And at this time, Miss Dorfman, you may reapproach.

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01:21:42.340 --> 01:21:47.280

DCR: Good afternoon, Commissioners. Thank you for time to speak.

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01:21:48.170 --> 01:21:58.840

DCR: so yes, I'm going to go through a couple of points. I would like to say, even since I wrote this letter on behalf of our Council, there's been some updates from last week.

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01:21:59.336 --> 01:22:08.100

DCR: I am happy to report that the applicant has been more open with the communication, and actually has

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01:22:08.510 --> 01:22:13.969

DCR: completed some of the items that were of concern to us that we had listed in our letters.

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01:22:14.397 --> 01:22:18.810

DCR: The street tree has been replaced. It was done on Thanksgiving morning.

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01:22:18.990 --> 01:22:25.070

DCR: and it's the species that was recommended by urban forestry.

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01:22:25.330 --> 01:22:33.019

DCR: So that's completed the flashing lights that had been at the dispensary. We've been monitoring, and the applicant had

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01:22:33.080 --> 01:22:46.369

DCR: indicated that he would modify them, and he did that. So that's completed. But I have some concerns, because there were some issues that we were not aware of, and that it's a sort of a

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01:22:46.530 --> 01:22:51.149

DCR: moving entity here, with the

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01:22:52.310 --> 01:22:59.159

DCR: understanding that there was a cease and desist letter that had gone out to the applicant back in the early fall.

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DCR: and we were unaware of that until recently, and part of it was because of parties that had happened at the dispensary and upstairs.

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DCR: and there was some concern.

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01:23:11.440 --> 01:23:17.960

DCR: I listened to the live stream. I could not be here in person last month, but I listened to the live stream recording.

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DCR: and the building is owned by the applicant's brother and an investor, and this was not known

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DCR: to us until recently. Mr. Shaker did come to our Neighborhood Council meeting, as was the reason why his application was delayed until today. So in the interim, he did attend with his attorney to our Neighborhood Council meeting on November 14, th he did answer some questions from myself and from other members of our Council and members of the public.

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01:23:52.520 --> 01:23:57.699

DCR: Some of those things have actually been corrected or modified. But

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01:23:58.510 --> 01:24:05.302

DCR: There's still many issues in a neighborhood as far as parking as far as trash as far as

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01:24:06.400 --> 01:24:14.460

DCR: a coffee shop that was granted as a change of use for part of the building, because the building has

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01:24:14.470 --> 01:24:25.240

DCR: 2 residential units. It has the retail cannabis store. It has an electrician's office in the back of the parking lot, and it has some garages that were converted

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01:24:25.420 --> 01:24:29.147

DCR: from garage use to a coffee shop

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01:24:29.810 --> 01:24:36.449

DCR: last week on Thanksgiving, when I visited and spoke to Mr. Shaker, he actually said, Would you like to see it? And I said, Yes, I would.

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01:24:36.830 --> 01:24:48.620

DCR: So he took me inside, and I got a look at what's inside. And it's basically garage bays that have been walled up probably prior to the ownership of his brother owning the building.

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01:24:48.820 --> 01:25:02.499

DCR: But it is not a coffee shop, but it's been granted a takeout window, so we have some concerns about something like that being coming in in addition to the dispensary that's already there.

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01:25:04.820 --> 01:25:10.719

DCR: The other thing was that the parties have stopped because there are residential

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01:25:11.010 --> 01:25:13.779

DCR: people living in the units above.

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01:25:15.070 --> 01:25:27.419

DCR: But October 31, st the weekend of Halloween. There were special events that happened within the dispensary, with a food cart, fruit, cart, and a coffee

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01:25:27.660 --> 01:25:33.270

DCR: outside. Coffee concern that came in called loud, loud bucks something like that. And

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01:25:33.280 --> 01:25:52.469

DCR: it was advertised on their website on their Instagram. I spoke to Mr. Shaker about it, and he said, Oh, I didn't know you couldn't do that. And I you know the community. And Dcr has been pretty clear that this cannot happen. So, as a council we are concerned that

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01:25:53.150 --> 01:26:01.659

DCR: Mr. Shaker and his Dispensary do not understand that they are in the business of selling cannabis and not holding events.

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DCR: and Ab. 1775 is not

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01:26:05.870 --> 01:26:15.150

DCR: come into law yet it it was legalized as far as the assembly, but the city of Los Angeles. To my knowledge, no events are allowed to happen.

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01:26:15.180 --> 01:26:17.238

DCR: so we are very concerned.

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01:26:18.030 --> 01:26:22.659

DCR: The other thing that Mr. Shaker did do was, he did cover up a

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01:26:22.700 --> 01:26:35.929

DCR: very suggestive poster that was right in the window of the dispensary that young men had been congregating around and loitering in front of the dispensary, so that he did.

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01:26:37.240 --> 01:26:41.209

DCR: At this time. We just have a lot of concerns that

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DCR: if he's granted the license renewal that some of this may come back and only time will tell if he will

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01:26:51.650 --> 01:26:54.563

DCR: adhere to the laws and the rules.

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01:26:56.200 --> 01:27:06.620

DCR: I don't know if you have any instrument to do conditional use as alcohol entities do. But I would say, if you do, we might

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01:27:06.680 --> 01:27:11.389

DCR: be supportive of a conditional approval for the license, but

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DCR: at this time we're going to leave it in your hands. But we do have serious concerns. That coffee shop may come to be with a takeout window, and that some events still may happen. In fact, a check of their website, their own website this morning. It still shows a picture of one of those cannabis parties on there about goat global

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01:27:35.630 --> 01:27:46.300

DCR: page. And I think if they were really serious about complying, they would take that down because that sends a message that we're still in the party business.

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01:27:46.460 --> 01:27:56.079

DCR: and that that is the biggest complaint of the residents. One other thing I will share. I had a conversation with Mr. Shaker, and

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DCR: he said to me, You know I've I've put my life savings into this dispensary.

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DCR: and I said, I understand that, and I feel for you, I said. But the people who live around you have put their life saving into their home, and they also have a very big stake in the neighborhood.

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01:28:12.130 --> 01:28:14.890

DCR: so that has to be considered as well.

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01:28:15.361 --> 01:28:25.279

DCR: Other than that, you know, we we do have an open line of communication, and I'm hoping that when we go forward that he will become

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01:28:25.838 --> 01:28:28.890

DCR: an upstanding member of the community.

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01:28:29.180 --> 01:28:34.139

DCR: But I know that. We just have a lot of reservations because of the past behavior.

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01:28:34.600 --> 01:28:39.190

DCR: So that is what I have to say unless you have any questions.

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01:28:39.990 --> 01:28:43.950

DCR: Thank you, commissioners. Do you have any questions, Duncan, do you have any questions?

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01:28:47.660 --> 01:28:50.629

DCR: Okay, thank you for being here. Okay, thank you.

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01:28:51.600 --> 01:28:55.839

DCR: At this time we will hear the Department's presentation.

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01:29:00.400 --> 01:29:03.080

DCR: Good afternoon, Commissioners, Jason Klein, assistant of

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DCR: Assistant Executive director here for agenda. Item number 7, Dcr. Core record number 3, 1, 0 2, 1, 2, Westwood World, Llc. This item was originally scheduled before the Commission on August 15th of 2024,

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01:29:18.340 --> 01:29:33.469

DCR: at the request of the commission the item was continued to November 7, th so that the Department would have an opportunity to do a compliance inspection. The Department completed that compliance, inspection, and presented findings on at its November 7, th 2024 meeting

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01:29:34.085 --> 01:29:38.449

DCR: during deliberations and the vote the committee

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DCR: had a tie to to vote. Therefore the matter was continued to this date, so that the committee would have the opportunity to further consider this.

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DCR: In speaking with the compliance and enforcement division

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DCR: they have resolved the matter

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DCR: in in terms of the notice of violation that has been submitted.

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01:30:01.123 --> 01:30:14.210

DCR: Therefore the department still supports the recommendation to issue a license to this business, and members of the Compliance and Enforcement Division are present if you have questions, and that concludes the Department's formal report.

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01:30:14.680 --> 01:30:18.939

DCR: Thank you, Commissioners, any questions for staff.

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01:30:22.550 --> 01:30:24.761

DCR: This is Commissioner Melinus, I believe.

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01:30:25.290 --> 01:30:28.060

DCR: if we could speak to someone in compliance, that'd be great.

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01:30:36.170 --> 01:30:41.079

DCR: Good afternoon, Commissioners. Rocky Wiles, with the compliance and enforcement division

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01:30:41.570 --> 01:30:49.390

DCR: as Mr. Colleen stated. Yes, the item, the vote act failed. So it was continued to today

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01:30:49.470 --> 01:30:51.910

DCR: for new consideration.

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01:30:51.950 --> 01:31:02.519

DCR: Since the last time I was here the Department has reached a settlement with the applicant as of November 21, st

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DCR: we did enter into the settlement agreement

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DCR: with them, following the issuance of a notice violation that we issued on November 19, th which resulted from a site visit where myself and one of my investigators met with the with Mr. Shaker, and also via phone with his legal counselor, Mr. Hodge.

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01:31:28.188 --> 01:31:37.249

DCR: So I walked. You know. I walked the entire business premises just to get a better picture of what was happening, you know, on site

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01:31:38.086 --> 01:31:45.792

DCR: like. As I mentioned, the Nov was issued, and he has met already.

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01:31:46.450 --> 01:31:56.460

DCR: Some of the requirements in that agreement, one of which was payment of you know, a certain amount. And

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DCR: and he did email us copies of those checks. They were overnighted.

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DCR: You know everything

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01:32:04.350 --> 01:32:23.314

DCR: happening so fast. He wanted to make sure that the payment went through before this meeting. Unfortunately, the Office of Finance has been closed all week is what we just found out, so we haven't been able to confirm with with the office of Finance. But we have copies. That he has emailed to us of those of those checks.

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01:32:24.770 --> 01:32:29.249

DCR: that is, if you have specific questions, I'm here to answer them.

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01:32:30.810 --> 01:32:42.000

DCR: This is Commissioner Lim. What was the violations that that was cited for in November? Yes. So based on

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01:32:42.810 --> 01:32:50.238

DCR: further investigation, you know. We went ahead and and looked at some of the we did receive more

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01:32:51.039 --> 01:33:05.380

DCR: social media posts the day of the meeting. And then, in my meeting with the applicant and his attorney. They did admit to many event. Well, 4 events that occurred in 2023

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DCR: and there was one event in January of 2024 of this year we cited them for one of those events in 2023. In that event occurred in August of last year.

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01:33:20.160 --> 01:33:38.089

DCR: The other events were not technically a violation of our regulations, because at that time the regulations stated that special events were prohibited on the business premises and the and those events occurred on the upstairs

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01:33:38.549 --> 01:34:04.059

DCR: residential units. So that was not considered technically a violation. In November of 2023, we did update our regulations to expand. That regulation to include that the operator should not be hosting, participating, or, you know, holding a special events on the business premises or anywhere else. For that matter, you know, as long as

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01:34:04.120 --> 01:34:10.619

DCR: he is not he or she is not a part of that special event. So the regulations have been updated.

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01:34:10.830 --> 01:34:14.569

DCR: and that's why they were cited for the January

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01:34:14.620 --> 01:34:17.909

DCR: the January 2024 event.

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01:34:17.970 --> 01:34:24.810

DCR: the August 2023 event was held on the business premises, and that was confirmed by the by their legal counsel.

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01:34:24.940 --> 01:34:27.390

DCR: So they were cited for 2 events.

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01:34:28.640 --> 01:34:34.160

DCR: There's Commissioner Lim again there, reading some of the

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01:34:34.200 --> 01:34:55.610

DCR: the Neighborhood Council report, there was a cease and desist that was sent by our department. Yes, what? When was that? And what was that for? Yes, so in May, when we we conducted our inspection in May of this year. Because, you know, we received a complaint. So we went out there.

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01:34:56.040 --> 01:35:14.169

DCR: And the complaints were about this consumption lounge, we because, as I explained that at the last meeting, because the upstairs area and this coffee shop were not part of the business premises. We couldn't inspect it. So after we did the the inspection

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01:35:14.640 --> 01:35:29.610

DCR: we you know, we try to. We we conducted an investigation, and we couldn't really find anything to tie a consumption lounge to the business premises. So we issued a cease and desist letter in June June 26th

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01:35:29.630 --> 01:35:33.110

DCR: of this year after

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01:35:33.220 --> 01:35:41.730

DCR: after we issued that season. Desist letter. We didn't receive any more complaints about any other special events. So we thought, you know.

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01:35:41.970 --> 01:35:46.960

DCR: they actually did the job. So that was June, June

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01:35:47.090 --> 01:35:48.910

DCR: June 26th of this year.

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01:35:50.630 --> 01:35:52.209

DCR: This commission on. Thank you.

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01:35:52.380 --> 01:35:55.739

DCR: Welcome. Thank you, Commissioners. Any other questions.

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01:35:55.820 --> 01:36:05.549

DCR: This is Vice President Nash. You mentioned, one event that the applicant admitted to in 2,024. What was the date of that event.

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DCR: That was a January. Let me get that for you.

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01:36:11.400 --> 01:36:18.470

DCR: That is January 2720, 24, actually, yeah.

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01:36:18.530 --> 01:36:24.599

DCR: January, January. Well, and according to his legal counsel, it actually happened on January 14.th

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01:36:31.120 --> 01:36:37.150

DCR: Is the Compliance Department aware of the allegation that there was event in October of this year.

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01:36:39.114 --> 01:36:45.469

DCR: No. Are you referring to the comment that was made by the previous speaker?

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01:36:45.590 --> 01:37:04.240

DCR: Yes, and she referred to a social media post. Yeah, I did see that social media post where they were emphasizing the fact that there was going to be coffee and a fruit cart. That's not, I mean having coffee. There is not a violation. It's not. We don't consider that a special event

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01:37:04.330 --> 01:37:09.810

DCR: as far as the fruit. That would be a violation of the Health Department.

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01:37:09.960 --> 01:37:13.759

DCR: That's not unless it was. I mean, we didn't receive any

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01:37:14.100 --> 01:37:17.079

DCR: confirmation that that was a special event.

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01:37:17.370 --> 01:37:27.320

DCR: If they're just having coffee, this vice President ash again, can you provide some more detail about the

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01:37:28.037 --> 01:37:33.460

DCR: violations that were included in the settlement agreement?

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01:37:36.050 --> 01:37:44.569

DCR: I'm sorry. Could you repeat the question? You only mentioned a couple of complaints that the Department had.

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01:37:44.610 --> 01:37:53.119

DCR: I understand there's also a complaint about the applicant not being fully truthful with the Department, so I'd I'd like to know?

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01:37:54.700 --> 01:37:59.140

DCR: All allegations of wrongdoing that were included in the settlement.

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01:37:59.850 --> 01:38:06.180

DCR: The notice of violation included the the 2 dates for those special events. That's what we cited them for.

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01:38:07.680 --> 01:38:10.230

DCR: and and that's the only thing that was in there.

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01:38:10.830 --> 01:38:21.210

DCR: Those were the the 2 violations that they were cited for. Yes, sir, from the Compliance Department's perspective.

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01:38:21.270 --> 01:38:27.470

DCR: Has the applicant been completely truthful with the department

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01:38:31.550 --> 01:38:33.200

DCR: based on the

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01:38:33.640 --> 01:38:42.210

DCR: based on the testimony that was offered to you at the last meeting, and my subsequent meeting with his attorney and Mr. Shaker.

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01:38:42.220 --> 01:38:47.839

DCR: It seems that some of the statements may not have been correct at the last meeting.

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01:38:48.260 --> 01:38:53.890

DCR: and would one of those statements be concerning the relationship with the owner of the upstairs?

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01:38:56.090 --> 01:39:10.179

DCR: I don't particularly remember if what he said about the the folks upstairs, I based on my conversation with him. On November 14th I did meet the tenant who moved in in July of this year.

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01:39:11.097 --> 01:39:19.170

DCR: Prior to that is, when those other events were occurring upstairs. But it was still a residential unit.

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01:39:21.540 --> 01:39:23.860

DCR: and not part of the business premises

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01:39:25.030 --> 01:39:32.159

DCR: at any time did the Department request any information or documents

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01:39:32.300 --> 01:39:36.779

DCR: or videos that were not provided by the applicant?

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01:39:37.740 --> 01:39:43.359

DCR: No, everything that we've requested from the applicant thus far has been provided to us.

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01:39:43.530 --> 01:39:45.430

DCR: and on a timely basis.

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01:39:45.780 --> 01:39:48.139

DCR: Yes, sir, yes, thank you.

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DCR: Any other questions for Steph.

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01:40:00.187 --> 01:40:05.800

DCR: This is Commissioner Melendez, so rocky at that any of these events.

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01:40:05.940 --> 01:40:08.869

DCR: Were there? Djs or loud music anything like that?

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01:40:10.144 --> 01:40:16.050

DCR: Yes, I believe that it encompassed music and

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01:40:17.170 --> 01:40:22.339

DCR: entertainment in the 2 times that that you were that they were cited for both those events.

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01:40:23.389 --> 01:40:31.300

DCR: We cited them for a special event that in that includes you know, the music and

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01:40:33.416 --> 01:40:39.419

DCR: and Dj, there was also, like I said, some type of entertainment on one of those 2 occasions.

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01:40:40.090 --> 01:40:41.089

DCR: Alright, thank you.

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01:40:44.750 --> 01:40:46.119

DCR: Commissioner Fernby.

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01:40:52.530 --> 01:40:56.210

DCR: Rocky. What was the date of the Nov.

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DCR: November 19? th Okay.

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DCR: okay, I think we're done. Thank you.

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01:41:05.840 --> 01:41:06.660

DCR: Thank you.

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01:41:06.970 --> 01:41:12.359

DCR: At this time we'll hear the applicant's presentation, Mr. Hodge.

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01:41:14.480 --> 01:41:18.060

DCR: Good afternoon. I'm Arthur Honch, app representative.

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01:41:18.450 --> 01:41:28.599

DCR: Thank you for the opportunity. I have a Powerpoint. I think I want to go through that briefly first, st and I don't have a whole lot of time to cover a lot of territory. But as an overview

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01:41:28.700 --> 01:41:46.209

DCR: I studied the testimony and everything that happened at the last hearing, and I think what was happening with the applicant is they were nervous and trying to answer questions, and they also weren't fully aware of the rules because the rules did change regarding events in November of 2023,

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01:41:46.210 --> 01:42:03.590

DCR: and that wasn't really publicized in the city until the ced department started getting out and telling people that in April 20 parties in 2024 the regulations were published and they were noted, but it didn't get spread into the industry after the cease and desist was issued.

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01:42:03.590 --> 01:42:13.350

DCR: This business has been in full compliance. There's been no events whatsoever, and there's no opportunity for it, because the the premises upstairs is now let to other individuals.

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DCR: If I could go through my point presentation, the idea here is to show you that we went through every single of the 16 issues in the Neighborhood Council letter, and address those squarely with the Council by meeting with them and resolving them, taking care of all of them. So I want to take you through quickly and show that we've done that.

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DCR: 1st of all, this is the storefront. It is on the corner of Tennessee and Westwood. It's a beautiful store. They provide full wages and have a nice environment. It's an example of what a store should look like, and it should get licensed. Next slide, please.

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DCR: We have a couple of letters support. This is from the block. Captain Peter Ochco and I've highlighted the the provisions where he he notes that, of course, like any dispensary, there are instances where people attempt to light up, but that's quickly dealt with, and that this business is a good part of the community, and he recommends it. Next slide, please.

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01:43:04.020 --> 01:43:07.039

DCR: Here's the neighbor across the street, Ms. Soleimanani.

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DCR: She states that at her address, right across the street. She's she has them found to be excellent neighbors, and she wants them to get their annual license. And this is the neighbor directly across the street on, on Midvale. Next slide, please.

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01:43:20.420 --> 01:43:42.649

DCR: We studied the the West Side Neighborhood Council letter from October 30.th If there was another letter that was part of the record. I haven't seen it yet, but the November 14th meeting was attended thoroughly. We answered all questions, listened to concerns. The errors were acknowledged and not swept under the carpet. We acknowledged them as learning mistakes and growth issues.

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01:43:42.650 --> 01:43:58.759

DCR: and they've been addressed as issues going forward. The overall corrections. Here's an improved understanding of Dcr rules, especially regarding events. It just wasn't that clear in the beginning? And Dcr. Had to amend it to make it so that people weren't leveraging some offsite to have a party

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01:43:58.760 --> 01:44:25.689

DCR: that was not originally in the in the rules. As President Mason stated, I think her language was. It was a clever way to use the situation to his advantage, and that's the apartment. Well, that rule changed, and it hasn't been used since then, by the way, the coffee shop was downstairs, it was never open. Plans were submitted to building and safety. Those have been reviewed. That's not a coffee shop that was operating upstairs, and there's no coffee shop right now.

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DCR: Next slide, please. Going through the issues. There were 16 of them. The 1st one was that they didn't attend the meeting. That was a horrible communication mistake, and there's no excuse for it. Fortunately they allowed another chance that has been completed, and there's an open line of communication, as you heard from Miss Dorfman next slide, please.

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01:44:42.160 --> 01:45:07.039

DCR: There were. There was a report of Lapd calls. We've looked into this. We don't know what Lapd calls. There were the councilwoman's office said that the Lapd was going to reach out to us. That hasn't happened yet. We didn't hear anything from the councilwoman's office after her statements at the last session. We're hoping to, but we feel like her comments, especially those in the letter which I have a copy of right here are merely echoing those in this report which we've already addressed. Forward.

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01:45:07.210 --> 01:45:34.600

DCR: Next slide, please, as far as events, just to take a look at it. Here's the apartment upstairs patio area. You can see that it's all black. The dispensary building is in color, the the whitish, or like next to the cars is where you would essentially enter. What would be the coffee shop? The area upstairs are private apartments occupied by private people, so you can see why it created an issue, and why it's sort of attached to the building. But again, that issue is resolved now, and there is no consumption level.

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01:45:34.630 --> 01:45:45.509

DCR: Next slide, please. Here's the notice of violation we got. This was investigated thoroughly by Dcr. Looking over the report as well as going to the site again. Next slide, please.

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DCR: The 1st violation was for the onsite event. Vice President Nash. This is the one that you cited in your questioning at the last session, the quote Kazumi event. They were cited for this. It was in in the store, and they confessed to it. They're not fighting it. They made a mistake, and they're hoping to take the penalty and move on.

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DCR: Sec. Next slide, please.

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DCR: Second violation is for their quote anniversary party. This was after the rules changed. Well, they didn't get the memo, and they're going to pay a fine for it dearly, and they've made corrective action that they are ceasing assisting. In fact, they've not done anything since they were told only formally to cease and desist by the Dcr. Back in May of 2024, next slide, please. There is no lounge. Here's the space.

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DCR: You can see it's a vacant unit that's got some storage in it. And this Dorkman was walked through it. Apparently it was garages that were converted. Maybe it'll be a business someday, but it's not now, and it's not a lounge. So those plans were scrapped next slide, please. The tree was replaced. It actually looks great. I saw it the other day. It's matching almost. It won't take long to match up the size of the one next to it. We don't know how it was removed, but it was, and now it's replaced

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01:46:50.950 --> 01:47:13.110

DCR: that issues dealt with the coffee and the fruit. This is unfortunate. It was, I guess, a complimentary situation, but, to be clear, there was no cannabis in the coffee. There was no giving away a free cannabis goods, which are what the regulations clearly covered. This is complimentary coffee. They're not doing this ever again. You don't want to do a good deed and get punished, and it looks like that's what they're trying to do

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01:47:13.110 --> 01:47:14.490

DCR: next slide, please.

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DCR: Apparently there was a joint bowl, and I saw it by the register when I was there. These are at every dispensary. If it says, Buy one, get one that's get one for a penny, you can't do it for free. It doesn't work out in metric. You'd have to. You'd have to take the goods off to the side. So anything free means a penny in this industry. Next slide, please.

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01:47:32.480 --> 01:47:42.110

DCR: The events in the letter were Numbers 8 through 13. These were all investigated, and the ones that were fine, worthy, and confessed to, and they were relevant, have been cited and dealt with. Next slide, please

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DCR: the pulsing neon. This has been corrected. Next slide, please.

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01:47:46.220 --> 01:48:03.119

DCR: Side operations. We have signs at eye level, in addition to the other signage, making sure that it's clear there's no loitering or any consumption of anything. This is right at the entrance to the door. If you look at the other photo of the building, you see, this is at the height of any injuring person. Kids next slide, please.

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01:48:03.120 --> 01:48:27.979

DCR: You'll see that there's the guard as soon as you walk in the door. He's on the right hand side, in the window of the the slide to the left you can see the 3 little white cards. Those are right there as well. The guard is right inside the door to patrol it. The guard is almost always there. Unless he goes on a bathroom break. The guard is required to be on premises. He does not necessarily have to check each person in. That's an employee task. Often the Times. The guard will do that because it's a nice thing for him to do next slide, please.

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01:48:28.410 --> 01:48:41.849

DCR: We have a corrections and commitment to comply with Dcr. Rules, especially on events and promotional activity, keeping a good neighbor policy and erring on the side of leaning toward the neighborhood, not leaning toward the business.

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DCR: If it's pushing the rules, and it might be something that affects the the neighborhood or the business. We want to lean on the side of the neighborhood. Now that we're alerted to all these issues that came out in this letter, and now that we've heard the concerns in the community, and we're learning from mistakes. This social equity applicant has come a long way here, and he's received some stiff penalties for this, and I think they should be allowed to go on next slide, please.

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DCR: but we overall want to thank the Commission, Dcr. And the Neighborhood Council. There's been a lot of action in the past couple of weeks, and I feel that we have. I don't know how much time I have a couple of minutes left.

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01:49:16.931 --> 01:49:24.799

DCR: I wanted to go over a couple of other things that I heard in the testimony from last week that would like to highlight on and make sure that we bear those in mind.

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DCR: 1st of all, and a comment from Commissioner Farming that we are not here at this time

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DCR: for for determining violations as part of an annual license. I think your words were, violations are not part of the annual license consideration. Now, violations are important.

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DCR: Straightforward answers are important communication are important.

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DCR: But what this body, with all due respect, is here for, is evaluating the location, the sequel Clearance, and the staff report which has been given, so I would just say, there's there's a movement or an idea that this Commission should support the staff report and the recommendations of those around. On the other hand, I understand the Commission has a tough decision, because there's a councilwoman here who's written a letter which

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DCR: states things that sound like this might not be a good business. I would suggest that this is going to be a good business, that the things that have happened here were things that happened

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DCR: quite a ways in the past. The party they were cited for was in January. The Dcr Enforcement Division didn't really even get out in the community until May of 2024 alerting people to these kinds of things. Now that they've been alerted to what's going on, they've demonstrated that they want to work with the Neighborhood Council.

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DCR: They want to be a player in the community that plays by the rules, and they want to be compliant at their at their spot. They've not hidden anything or held anything back when it's been requested. When the Dcr enforcement came out and indicated that they were going to issue violations or considering it. We reached out that same day to the city attorney and clarified any questions they might have about what did happen or didn't happen, so they could evaluate the facts clearly.

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DCR: I think it's appropriate for annual licensing issuance, and I hope a great question. Thank you. 10 seconds left.

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01:51:11.460 --> 01:51:15.910

DCR: That's the longest one I've ever done ever. Thank you. Thank you.

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DCR: Commissioners, any questions for the applicants representative.

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DCR: This Commissioner Lim

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DCR: number one. That was an excellent presentation, I think last time you were here last session you were picking the weed from one of your applicants.

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DCR: the concern number one. What happened a year ago is not really that long ago.

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DCR: What bothers me the most is.

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DCR: I perceive that there was a misstatement or an inaccurate statement.

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DCR: The

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DCR: We asked several times, and the Dcr. Asked several times to inspect the second floor.

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DCR: And it's always been well, is, is, you know, says 3rd party tenant, 3rd party tenant we have, we have no control over it.

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DCR: We've learned that this is his brother's premises, and

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DCR: that concerns me that we were denied access.

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DCR: The in the last inspection. We had the Ced Enforcement team there to inspect that, and they told them

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DCR: these are owned by tenants

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DCR: and they didn't get access. We asked several times, and and I'm sure you heard me asking about that second floor unit. And he said, we have no control over. We have nothing to do with it. Those are not our parties.

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01:52:45.330 --> 01:52:50.470

DCR: I feel like that was to be blunt that he lied to me.

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DCR: Let me address that. I studied those sections myself. I was here that day, but I was after the action, so I had to watch it, and I replayed those

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DCR: most, and if you listen again. You'll see most of the questioning. The Mr. Shaker was answering it in the present tense, and was stating that there are apartment people up there that are renting it out. And then the questions were going back and forth between here at the present and the past. So I think there was some confusion on his part, but he was also trying to walk a line of actual, pure truth, and not the reality of truth. By that I mean in his mind.

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DCR: He doesn't have an ownership of it, because it's owned by a trust which is owned by relatives of his. Well, he's right, he doesn't own it. But if you ask him a straightforward question, like in a at a casual environment, hey.

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DCR: you know, is the dispensary, you know. Do you have access to that spot, or you ask him a question. That's more of a loose question. If you're asked in front of a body question, he's trying to answer truthfully and stick with what their moniker was. This is a residential unit. It's outside the rules of Dcr, so they, you know, believed. And it actually was. And Dcr has closed that gap. So this kind of thing won't happen anymore.

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DCR: I think a year is a long time for a social equity applicant. They haven't had their business very long, and the rules are coming out as they operate.

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DCR: Keep that in mind. These businesses are all starting, and the rules and the procedures are all evolving on them. So where they had at 1 point tried to use. Let's assume that. I think the fact is is that they have a trust, and this is why I explained my understanding. They have a trust that owns the business and their family members, not Mr. Shaker, that are on the trust.

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DCR: So the answer is, yes, they have some access and control up there, but not anymore. If you ask him today. No, it's owned by other people. Now the inspection that you mentioned, as I understand, when rocky wilds went out there a few weeks ago, they were, they did actually go upstairs and knock on the door, and it was established that they were there, and the tenants have been there since July. I don't know when the when Mr. Alcon went out there, and I didn't hear from his report that he had been denied access up there. I had heard that he thought there was a

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DCR: coffee shop upstairs and wasn't sure. And it wasn't part of the premises right? This commission the inspection took place on May 15, th 2024. Okay, yeah. So it was. It was my understanding from that that he presumed there was a coffee shop up in upstairs, and he and they didn't inspect it. But the 1st time Dcr. Went, and I, whatever enforcement says, but it's my understanding. The 1st time was when when Ms. Wiles was out there a week or so ago.

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DCR: This is Vice President Nash.

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DCR: My recollection of the last meeting of the questions regarding the

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DCR: ownership of the upstairs came in the context of some of the events that took place and were complained about.

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DCR: and it's my recollection and opinion that Mr. Shaker intentionally

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DCR: tried to distance himself from the upstairs in an effort to distance himself from those events.

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DCR: Now you indicate that his brother is

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DCR: part owner via a trust of the upstairs. Do you know what his effective share of ownership of the upstairs is via the trust. I don't, but I don't know which other family members or distant family members own the trust, but I don't think there's anyone outside of the family that owns it. I'm not trying to imply that he's a minority. I think there's a trust that are some family members that don't include Mr. Shaker that own the building.

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DCR: and it has. It has about 10 units in it.

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DCR: But Mr. Shaker is not a an oh, a part owner via the trust.

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DCR: That's that's what my understanding is. Yes, he's not. Yeah.

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DCR: Was Mr. Shaker aware of the ownership status as of the last meeting.

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DCR: Yes, in the trust status, I believe so just as much as he is now. Yes, thank you.

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DCR: But the questions he didn't answer regarding the trust, and the questions weren't about it. The questions were, Does he own it, and does the business own it, or does the business have leasehold rights there, and the business doesn't have leasehold rights there. They were using it as a permission. It sounded like, from what I heard

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DCR: the residents upstairs. Whoever had the the possession? Maybe it was the owners, or maybe there was a tenant that gave them permission. But the point I guess that I'm trying to make is that residence is

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DCR: is an offside point, and the violations then here

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01:57:41.180 --> 01:57:51.110

DCR: the the violations that respectfully that I heard you sign in on were were regarding eventbrite and the Kazumi entertainment incident and the selling of tickets and all that. And

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DCR: and it wasn't regarding the actual ownership were the questions I heard from you. But I you know I heard different parts.

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01:57:57.800 --> 01:58:01.660

DCR: This is Vice President Nash, again, regarding the Kazumi event.

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DCR: Do you know the date of that event? From this? I think it's August 25th of 2023

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DCR: I I

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DCR: It's in the presentation, and was that inside the premises that was inside the premises?

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DCR: It was a brand event by a group called Scumbags, and they brought her to sign autographs, and it cost a crowd, and they promoted it. The Scumbags people promoted it, and according to Mr. Colleen and the industry as well a brand demonstration, as it was called. A brand demonstration is permissible.

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DCR: But this, this, I think, arguably crossed the line, was the argument because it went upstairs, and it included DJs and stuff like that which are which are the hallmarks of of A, of an event.

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DCR: So did that event take place both inside the premises and upstairs.

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DCR: You know I don't. I? I don't have information specific that it was upstairs other than my assumption that it was because they had access to the upstairs, and I'm assuming that the upstairs was part and parcel of whatever was happening at the time. But the event was downstairs because it was they were trying to promote the cannabis brand and and do the sign in and such down.

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DCR: Thank you.

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DCR: I'm cute.

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DCR: This is Commissioner Lynn.

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DCR: The current. Is there a reason why the

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DCR: the Internet, the web page, still has

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DCR: pictures of the partying to seem to indicate that there's a promoting

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DCR: having events at that location. That's an oversight. They've gone through the Instagrams and the social medias and pulled a number of items. I walked their site, and in addition to them covering up the poster.

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DCR: we've had them adjust. Other features of the store, which may seem innocent, but, given the high scrutiny, are are being removed and changed. For example, there's some decorations in the store that look like

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DCR: They potentially look like toys. They're not toys, but it looked like a toy. And so those are taken down. They've they've gone through and tried to tried to clean it up

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DCR: further and beyond.

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DCR: I'm thinking I'm sorry, Commissioners any other questions.

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DCR: This is Commissioner Melinda. So the

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DCR: The 1st temporary permit was issued September 30, th 2022. Yes.

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DCR: it is Commissioner Lim. I do agree with Miss Commissioner Farmby that we're not here to

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DCR: have these gotcha moments and violations. That's not the position we're at.

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DCR: However, tell me why when an applicant applicant comes here

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DCR: and lies or misrepresent? Because I think I specifically asked, you know, do you have access to upstairs?

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DCR: And he said he did not.

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DCR: And now and yes, we never asked whether this is owned by a family trust. We never asked whether it was this, but the implication

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DCR: that we got was, there was a 3rd party landlord, and he just has a lease to the 1st floor, doesn't have access or second floor even made a point. You can't go upstairs

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02:01:47.910 --> 02:01:53.630

DCR: through the inside of this building. You have to go outside so.

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DCR: And to me, I think that is a problem in terms of lying to this commission

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DCR: respectfully disagree. I think he he went off the rails in terms of having his prepared speech, and was trying to answer questions as quickly as he understood them, and in reviewing it, and you even said it this time. Do you have access upstairs? Answer. No. Why, there's tenants up there. You didn't ask me right now. The past, you know so, and Mr. Shaker's got a law degree. Hold that against him.

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DCR: or give it. Give him credit for it. But he's listening specifically, I think, to questions. His partner is a social equity applicant. I've never seen someone more nervous reading a statement, and he's just. He's he's hoping that this goes for him. Positively. I don't think that they were their best representatives here, which is part of the reason they brought someone to help them get through these issues and try to explain them and hope they'll understand.

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DCR: Mr. Shaker, are you comfortable in approaching at this time.

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02:03:07.640 --> 02:03:09.140

DCR: Hello, Danny Shaker.

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02:03:09.280 --> 02:03:12.060

DCR: Hello! A lot's been said about you.

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02:03:13.890 --> 02:03:17.039

DCR: Your integrity has been called into question.

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02:03:17.050 --> 02:03:23.084

DCR: so I thought it would be a good idea to have you offer a testimony today. Absolutely.

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02:03:24.190 --> 02:03:28.510

DCR: yeah, I I can't take anything back. I

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02:03:29.010 --> 02:03:36.770

DCR: I was caught off guard. I panicked I was not truthful with you guys, it was not my best moment. I am

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02:03:36.990 --> 02:03:42.570

DCR: truly sorry, and we hope to prove ourselves going forward to you guys.

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02:03:42.880 --> 02:03:43.830

DCR: Thank you.

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02:03:44.120 --> 02:03:50.820

DCR: I do believe, per the Neighborhood Council testimony that you have

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02:03:51.150 --> 02:04:10.049

DCR: made actions, taken actions to make yourself to improve your relationship with the community with the business owners up with the block on the block, and your admission just now for me does go a long way. So thank you for that. I do appreciate it. Thank you. I'm sorry again, Commissioners. Any questions for him.

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02:04:12.820 --> 02:04:14.709

DCR: No, okay, thank you.

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02:04:16.850 --> 02:04:19.920

DCR: We are now on to commission deliberations.

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02:04:24.710 --> 02:04:29.909

DCR: This is Vice President Nash. I'm inclined to deny this applicant

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DCR: based on Lamc 104.0 4 a 3 in that I believe that

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DCR: at a minimum. He failed to disclose material facts that we were asking about, and more likely he made material misrepresentations

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02:04:48.040 --> 02:04:53.450

DCR: The applicant, in my opinion, also violated LAMC.

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DCR: 104.0 4 7

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DCR: in failing to comply with the rules and regulations.

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DCR: and and that is in regard to holding events

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DCR: definitely in the premises, and also

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02:05:11.854 --> 02:05:14.520

DCR: in connection with the upstairs, which

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DCR: he apparently did have some relationship with. He tried to distance himself from

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02:05:21.730 --> 02:05:23.915

DCR: President Mason. I do want to.

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02:05:24.710 --> 02:05:27.220

DCR: There's a caller with a raised hand.

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02:05:27.910 --> 02:05:30.810

DCR: It might be the council.

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02:05:32.620 --> 02:05:33.970

DCR: Rep again.

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02:05:34.640 --> 02:05:39.540

DCR: Okay. Then I would have to close deliberations and then go back to

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02:05:39.580 --> 02:05:50.760

DCR: the Council Office presentation, and then we would have to allow the applicant an opportunity to speak to those comments. So you may verify. Yeah, let me confirm 1st

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02:05:50.950 --> 02:05:54.620

DCR: caller with phone number ending in 3, 1, 6, 7.

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02:05:54.710 --> 02:06:01.410

DCR: Please state your name, and if you represent the Council office.

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02:06:15.630 --> 02:06:23.290

18184031067: Hi, yes, this is Jennifer Torres, planning deputy for CD. 5, and I raised my hand just to address

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02:06:23.330 --> 02:06:32.290

18184031067: a statement that was made by the representative, where he stated that the Council Office told

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02:06:32.400 --> 02:06:42.970

18184031067: him, or any other representative of that establishment, that Lapd was going to reach out to him. As far as I know, nobody said that.

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02:06:42.970 --> 02:06:58.190

DCR: Sorry, Miss Torres, Miss Torres, I do have to interrupt you quickly. If we are going to continue your testimony, I need to allow Commissioner Mason to proceed appropriately. So that would require closing deliberations and reopening comment. But that is at Commissioner Mason's

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02:06:58.647 --> 02:07:04.539

DCR: discretion. I did close deliberation. You did okay, all right, you're free to continue.

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02:07:06.230 --> 02:07:10.389

18184031067: Okay, that that was the only point. Should I repeat it?

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02:07:12.270 --> 02:07:14.455

DCR: I think I think we understood.

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02:07:14.890 --> 02:07:21.349

DCR: You said that at no point did your office represent to the applicant that Lapd would be reaching out to them, correct.

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02:07:22.530 --> 02:07:23.530

18184031067: Correct. Yes.

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02:07:23.530 --> 02:07:24.879

DCR: Okay. Thank you.

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02:07:25.750 --> 02:07:26.860

18184031067: Thank you.

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02:07:27.779 --> 02:07:32.089

DCR: Did the applicant's representative want to rebut that, or are we okay?

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02:07:34.800 --> 02:07:52.300

DCR: I'm sorry not to split hairs, but she did say in the session that they would like to reach out, and that was after she listed her 4 issues. We could review it. But that's it was during this session that she made the comment on November 7.th There wasn't some outside communication where they promised it.

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02:07:54.710 --> 02:07:59.280

DCR: Okay, Mr. Clean is showing me that this is actually in the in the report

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02:08:00.030 --> 02:08:03.369

DCR: the November 27th report, which I haven't seen, so

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02:08:06.380 --> 02:08:18.159

DCR: I'm sorry. Could we refer to the let's be clear about the document that we are referring to. This is City Attorney Allison. Toll. Thank you. It's the Westside Neighborhood Council, November 7, th 2024. Report.

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02:08:18.990 --> 02:08:20.409

DCR: Thank you to the commission.

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02:08:22.330 --> 02:08:27.129

DCR: Okay, thank you. I've seen this. Yeah, we're okay.

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DCR: Okay. I'm going to reopen deliberations at this time. Just Commissioner Lynn before you reopen deliberation. Can we open to ask a question that we're still there. Oh, okay, yeah.

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02:08:41.440 --> 02:08:50.239

DCR: this is Commissioner Lim, after we if we approve. Oh, wait. I'm sorry. Who's your question for Jason. Okay.

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02:08:51.100 --> 02:08:54.910

DCR: so that's why I request to reopen. Okay, hang on.

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02:08:55.370 --> 02:08:59.680

DCR: Are we done with the commentary between the Council office and the applicant?

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02:09:15.240 --> 02:09:24.739

DCR: What I don't want us to do is to play paddle tennis with with an alleged comment that really has no bearing on whether or not the license will be

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DCR: granted or not. Okay. So if we're still stuck there, I'm gonna move us past it. Okay, okay, so then let's move on. Okay, thank you. Okay. Then we are closing this part and we are reopening staff presentation. You may ask your question. Thank you.

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02:09:40.255 --> 02:09:46.110

DCR: Procedurally, if an annual license is granted and

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02:09:47.630 --> 02:09:50.599

DCR: that license get renewed every year. Is that correct

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02:09:52.710 --> 02:09:58.189

DCR: nursing glean assistant executive director? That is correct. And if there's a violation

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02:10:00.970 --> 02:10:20.099

DCR: an Nov or an event that takes place during that one year time period. Would that be a factor in renewing the license? Yes, the department can consider violations and businesses falling out of good standing with the city as part of its determination to renew the license for the following calendar.

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02:10:20.410 --> 02:10:21.330

DCR: thank you.

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02:10:23.980 --> 02:10:25.939

DCR: Any other questions for staff.

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02:10:27.280 --> 02:10:33.229

DCR: Okay, we are closing staff presentation. We are reopening commission deliberations.

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02:10:35.990 --> 02:10:39.555

DCR: This Commissioner Lim. I voted against

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02:10:41.160 --> 02:10:48.099

DCR: giving giving the license to the applicant because of the violations that we discussed.

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02:10:49.700 --> 02:10:53.960

DCR: They've made huge progress. They have stepped up. The

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02:10:54.220 --> 02:11:01.750

DCR: council person stated that they took numerous steps to go forward, and is.

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02:11:02.560 --> 02:11:05.509

DCR: And it's not like this is gonna be forever.

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02:11:05.540 --> 02:11:10.750

DCR: They're gonna be on the watch, and if they mess up does something wrong.

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02:11:11.250 --> 02:11:14.140

DCR: we would have a record of what happened here.

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02:11:14.180 --> 02:11:19.439

DCR: and we can always revisit when this license gets renewed.

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02:11:20.170 --> 02:11:26.720

DCR: It seems they've taken substantial steps, and and I'm

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02:11:26.740 --> 02:11:32.740

DCR: with President Mason that when he acknowledged that he lied to us.

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02:11:33.340 --> 02:11:34.930

DCR: That goes a long way for me.

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02:11:35.960 --> 02:11:40.030

DCR: So that's my feeling.

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02:11:40.570 --> 02:12:00.390

DCR: This is President Mason. I'm going to echo what Commissioner Lim has said. We have seen progress. We have seen him work to improve his standing in the community. We have seen an understanding that they are not to host special events we have heard an admission of guilt.

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02:12:00.590 --> 02:12:10.310

DCR: A notice of violation was issued. They are paying for that notice of violation, so I think, from a punitive standpoint.

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DCR: There's nothing further this Commission can do that hasn't already been done to improve their performance as an operator in the community.

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02:12:25.600 --> 02:12:28.010

DCR: Any other deliberations here.

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02:12:30.480 --> 02:12:37.729

DCR: This is Commissioner Melendez, you know they they reissued a temporary in 2022. Right? That's

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02:12:37.740 --> 02:12:41.190

DCR: went on. 5 year 3. What? 3 years? Right? Something like that.

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02:12:41.520 --> 02:12:45.749

DCR: And you know. Obviously, the gentleman is a

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02:12:46.160 --> 02:12:50.229

DCR: it's got to read the rules and regulations to you know what he has to adhere to.

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02:12:50.500 --> 02:12:57.070

DCR: And then and then we run into these other little problems with the Djs. But you know they paid. So you know

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02:12:57.140 --> 02:12:59.169

DCR: everything. Everything's good.

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02:12:59.240 --> 02:13:05.380

DCR: My thing is, it just seems like there's just a little bit of a curve of oversight.

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DCR: And you know you know. Oh, I didn't know, and I just

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DCR: it just gives me pause to think about.

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02:13:14.810 --> 02:13:23.299

DCR: You know. How well do they really know the regulations? And at what point I mean, even though they paid, you know. They say, Oh, yeah, you know, we're at fault. I mean it just

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02:13:23.550 --> 02:13:28.479

DCR: just to me. It just it just kind of use. Me pause. That's it.

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02:13:28.680 --> 02:13:38.399

DCR: Understood. Thank you, Commissioner Commissioner Menendez. You weren't here for the last hearing, but it was an outright.

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DCR: mister, outright lie.

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02:13:41.780 --> 02:13:45.019

DCR: It wasn't. Oh, I didn't know it was

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02:13:45.500 --> 02:13:54.849

DCR: totally different. So and so that's putting it mildly. And so that's why I did not I. My vote was to deny it. Last time.

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02:13:54.940 --> 02:13:58.519

DCR: however, steps have been taken, and

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02:13:58.580 --> 02:14:04.690

DCR: even the Commissioners of the Neighborhood Council stated that they've taken huge steps.

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02:14:11.720 --> 02:14:15.414

DCR: you know the this is President Mason. The reality is is

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DCR: we don't have a crystal ball. We we can't predict any operator's future performance or compliance with the municipal code. Everyone who comes before us is subject

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DCR: to violate those codes and

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DCR: or be fined in an inspection, have deficiencies, or receive a notice of violation. We just don't know it's a chance we grant, and in the hopes that they will honor the municipal code, they will abide by it, and that they will be good community partners in the process of doing business where they stand.

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02:14:55.460 --> 02:14:59.089

DCR: If we give them the license, and they come back next year.

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02:14:59.350 --> 02:15:04.269

DCR: and there is a minor violation. I will remember this applicant.

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02:15:04.540 --> 02:15:11.780

DCR: and I will not in any way give any leeway next time around.

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02:15:12.360 --> 02:15:14.039

DCR: I can assure you of that.

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02:15:14.210 --> 02:15:21.980

DCR: I don't care if it's 1 small violation, and he said, he doesn't understand it. I will not grant. Renew that license. Then

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02:15:24.100 --> 02:15:33.610

DCR: this is City Attorney Alison Toll. I do have to let you know that annual license renewals do not come before the Commission. They are handled by the department.

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02:15:39.880 --> 02:15:44.229

DCR: Well, Commissioner Farmey, I'm going to give you the final words.

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02:15:44.600 --> 02:15:45.620

DCR: If any

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DCR: final words, we should proceed with the vote, then go ahead. I was going to say you should go ahead and make the motion.

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02:15:54.600 --> 02:15:55.350

DCR: Thank you

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02:15:57.430 --> 02:16:18.460

DCR: all right. Item number 7. Dcr core record number 3, 1, 0 2, 1, 2. The applicant is Westwood world, Llc. The business permiss is 2299, South Westwood Boulevard. This Commissioner Farm BI make the motion to approve the Staff's recommendation. As stated.

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02:16:18.760 --> 02:16:20.980

DCR: this is President Mason. I second

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02:16:21.770 --> 02:16:32.959

DCR: Mr. Bezo. Please call the Roll Commissioner Farmy. Aye, President Mason. Aye, Commissioner Nash, I'm sorry, Commissioner Lim.

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02:16:38.799 --> 02:16:40.389

DCR: Can I go out of order?

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02:16:41.719 --> 02:16:43.080

DCR: Commissioner Melendez?

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02:17:03.309 --> 02:17:12.830

DCR: Aye, Vice President, Nash, nay, Commissioner Lim. Nay, the motion passes.

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02:17:13.580 --> 02:17:29.959

DCR: Thank you, Mr. Visa, we are on to item number 6, Dcr. Core record number 3, 1, 0 0 7, 5. The applicant is miracle Leaf, Llc. To approve an annual license for storefront retail commercial cannabis activity located at one

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DCR: we need to and Deputy city attorneys.

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DCR: Emily water needs to return.

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02:17:37.650 --> 02:17:39.720

DCR: Are you returning?

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02:17:40.170 --> 02:17:41.229

DCR: Yes, it was

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DCR: Deputy City attorney. Emily Wada will be returning to the dais to serve as brown ag counsel.

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02:18:08.250 --> 02:18:10.820

DCR: Thank you. This is Deputy City Attorney, Emily Waddo.

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DCR: Okay, thank you. She has returned. A deputy city attorney, Emily Wada has returned. We are on to Item Number 6 Dcr. Core record number 3, 1, 0 0 7, 5. The applicant is miracle Leaf, Llc. To approve an annual license for storefront, retail commercial cannabis activity located at 1 0 4 0 1 South Avalon Boulevard.

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DCR: Ms. Treviso. Are there any Neighborhood Council or elected office representatives? On this item?

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02:18:38.639 --> 02:18:44.719

DCR: No, we do not have a speaker card. Then at this time we'll hear from department staff.

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02:18:47.010 --> 02:18:54.489

DCR: Good afternoon, Commissioners. Jason, clean assistant executive director here for item number 6, Dcr. Core record number 3, 1, 0 0 7, 5.

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DCR: This application is for miracle leaf, Llc.

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DCR: This was originally heard at a prior meeting, and it was continued from the August 15th meeting, due to an alleged owner, landlord, dispute to give the

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DCR: applicants owners more time to negotiate or come to an agreement

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DCR: to date. The Department has not received a lic form, 40, 19, which is the business premises surrender form. Nor have we been notified by the applicant that they lost site control. So the Department's original recommendation to issue an annual license and to adopt the environmental findings pursuant to the class one and class 32 categorical exemptions still stand, and that concludes the Department's report. We are available for questions.

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DCR: Thank you.

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DCR: Are there any questions for Staff

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02:19:48.590 --> 02:19:54.039

DCR: Commissioner of farming, Jason? You said this was from the the let's continue from when

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02:19:54.100 --> 02:20:00.369

DCR: which meeting August 15th oops. Thank you.

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DCR: This Commissioner Lim, has there been any contact with the applicant since August 15, th not as a result.

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DCR: not as it relates to the application, either being withdrawn or the applicant losing site control of the business and surrendering their property, which would result in the abandonment of the application.

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DCR: No, I thank you. This, Commissioner, I understand the applicants here. So, thank you.

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02:20:29.430 --> 02:20:32.690

DCR: Are we any other questions for staff?

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02:20:35.120 --> 02:20:40.977

DCR: Okay? Hearing none, we will close that portion of this item and move on just a moment.

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02:20:45.210 --> 02:20:48.730

DCR: We are moving on to the applicant's presentation.

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02:20:49.320 --> 02:20:57.339

DCR: Mr. Carlos Flores, you may approach the mic. State your name for the record, your relationship to the applicant, and you will have 10 min to present.

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DCR: Thank you all.

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DCR: I'm representing my father, which is Alfonso Flores, and

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DCR: I have the power of attorney

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DCR: that allows me to represent him. And yes, we did resolve the issue, and that's why I'm here.

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DCR: The tenants move out. They end up, not paying me the rent

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DCR: that they owe me a hundred 80,000

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DCR: as a landlord. So I just let that go.

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02:21:28.342 --> 02:21:33.319

DCR: My father and I decided to continue the business, himself and myself.

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DCR: So the building right now it's

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DCR: secure. The notice of default was

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02:21:39.210 --> 02:21:53.290

DCR: secured for with my father than myself. We fixed that issue. I did win at the court of unlawful detainer against the tenants which were my partners. And

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DCR: basically, I do ask

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DCR: for the license to continue, so I can now run it under my father than myself

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DCR: with the same miracle leaf name.

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02:22:09.270 --> 02:22:25.159

DCR: Thank you. This is President Mason. Have you guys submitted the modification request to the department. Lisa, if you recall the attorney that was representing the tenants, Lisaland, yeah, she will be sending all the documents

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DCR: necessary to comply with all the forms or documents that we are in peace with the

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02:22:33.020 --> 02:22:36.160

DCR: old tenants or old partners.

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02:22:36.940 --> 02:22:47.270

DCR: And that's basically right. Now, we had an inspection about 2 weeks ago, and they left

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DCR: the premises on October 20 second. So since then we have not had any activity of

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02:22:56.710 --> 02:23:03.289

DCR: opening the store or selling any products until I come to the hearing and

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02:23:03.741 --> 02:23:08.809

DCR: hear from you guys of what the next step would be if the license will be renewed, or

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02:23:08.900 --> 02:23:16.344

DCR: what's the other steps? But she's willing to send the forms or comply with the forms.

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DCR: There was a renewal fee that I had to pay 4,233, which I have the receipt here with me that I paid it yesterday. Actually, it was on the first.st because.

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DCR: as it was due in November first, st and then they extended to December first.st

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DCR: So I went and paid the fee myself to renew the license.

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DCR: And I have the receipt here as payment made and renewing the license.

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02:23:46.380 --> 02:23:49.670

DCR: Thank you. This is President Mason. Remind me.

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02:23:49.780 --> 02:23:56.889

DCR: you and your father. What percentage ownership do you have in this venture 51%. Okay. Thank you.

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02:23:57.740 --> 02:23:59.880

DCR: Any other questions for the applicant.

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DCR: Commissioner Farmey, how you doing? How are you?

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DCR: Good! So you say the tenants left on October 20 second. Yes. Have you had any communication with them since? No, my attorney advised me not to have we been communicating with Lisa, which was their attorney.

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02:24:16.630 --> 02:24:21.559

DCR: Okay? And still is their attorney. It's been with the with legal. So they are returning

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02:24:22.280 --> 02:24:35.389

DCR: the 49% kind of that was the negotiation of them not paying me the rent they owe me, and returning the 49% that they used to own. So now my father and I will acquire the 100%.

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02:24:35.630 --> 02:24:41.350

DCR: Okay, this is great. Thank you. What's your father's 1st name again, Alfonso

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02:24:41.830 --> 02:24:45.110

DCR: last name Flores, and my name is Carlos Flores.

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02:24:46.190 --> 02:24:46.890

DCR: Perfect.

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DCR: Well, this commission, so are you still doing business as elevate?

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02:24:50.920 --> 02:24:54.559

DCR: Or did you change the name? We are changing the name.

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02:24:54.960 --> 02:25:01.169

DCR: so it's going to be Miracle Leaf and I created an Llc. A different Llc. As a DbA.

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02:25:08.960 --> 02:25:14.139

DCR: Thank you. Any other questions. Commissioners, this Commissioner, lib. I have a question for the staff.

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DCR: Okay? Then we will close the applicant's presentation

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02:25:18.010 --> 02:25:24.650

DCR: item portion of this item and reopen the department presentation this Commissioner, limp

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02:25:25.300 --> 02:25:36.009

DCR: in. Should this matter be continued until we get the modification and approve the modification to reflect the 100 ownership.

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02:25:39.321 --> 02:25:42.339

DCR: Jason, clean assistant executive director for Dcr.

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02:25:43.170 --> 02:25:48.849

DCR: Mr. Flores is the 51% social equity individual applicant.

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DCR: and his equity stake is what is most important in terms of making sure that it complies with municipal code. Section 104, 20.

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DCR: How that equity for the other shareholders gets redivided.

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DCR: You know, we'll have to do the Modification Review to see if Mr. Flores's son meets the requirements to be an owner. But if he does not, then of course, we would not approve the modification request, and they would have to submit a new modification to try to transfer that 49% ownership

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DCR: based on my hearing of the testimony. It sounded like the applicant entity, which is miracle leaf, LLC. Is dropping the DBA that they would have operated under, and they would just operate under a DBA for miracle leaf which would not have to be registered because it's

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DCR: just the the legal name without the LLC. There and

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DCR: ownership modifications don't have to come back before the body. If the applicant entity is changing, or there is a change of the location that would have to come back before this body if a new application was submitted.

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DCR: This Michelin. Thank you. It's no, no, not yet any other questions for staff.

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DCR: Okay, we are closing staff presentation on this item, and we will reopen the applicants. Presentation

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DCR: just to confirm with DC. Art of the approval of myself. I was already approved to have a license under my name. It's just that my father

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DCR: was Number 75, which I was like 200, and something. So phase 3 was my actual name to come up with my own license. So we decided to, you know, go with my father's because I was the landlord, the owner of the building. So kinda conflict of interest. That's why we put that one together. But just to confirm that myself was already approved

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DCR: with Dcr, if they have to go that process. So thank you, commissioners, any other questions for the applicant.

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02:27:57.810 --> 02:28:00.999

DCR: Okay, then, thank you so much. You're welcome. Thank you.

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DCR: We are on to deliberations, if any.

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02:28:04.690 --> 02:28:09.860

DCR: I think everything's been resolved. I think so. I remember. Yeah, yeah.

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02:28:10.800 --> 02:28:26.270

DCR: yeah, this Commissioner Lim. I remember the last time he was here it was quite stressful and a huge problem, and I am glad that everything got resolved hopefully. It's going to work out. That's why we continued it right. That is why we continued it exactly.

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DCR: Well, then, it sounds like we're ready for a motion.

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02:28:30.690 --> 02:28:38.260

DCR: This is Vice President Nash. Regarding item number 6, Dcr core record number 3, 1, 0 0 7, 5

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DCR: for the business located at 1 0 4 0 1 South Avalon Boulevard.

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DCR: I move to adopt staff recommendations, as stated in their staff report, dated December 1, st 2,024 is Commissioner Melendez. I second. Thank you, Ms. Trevis. I'll please call the roll.

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DCR: Vice President Nash. Aye, Commissioner Melendez. Aye, Commissioner Formby. Aye, Commissioner Lim. Aye.

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02:29:05.310 --> 02:29:09.190

DCR: President Mason. Aye, the motion passes. Thank you.

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02:29:09.660 --> 02:29:24.709

DCR: We are on to item number 8, Dcr core record number 3, 2, 0 0 3, 3. The applicant is Glen Oaks, retailer, LLC. To approve an annual license for storefront retail commercial cannabis activity located at 1, 3, 5,

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02:29:24.820 --> 02:29:31.480

DCR: 6, 7, Glen Oaks Boulevard. Mr. Visa. Are there any Neighborhood Council or elected office representatives? On this item?

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02:29:31.550 --> 02:29:37.729

DCR: No, we do not have a speaker card nor a raise hand. Okay, thank you. Then, at this time we'll hear from Staff.

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02:29:38.770 --> 02:29:59.620

DCR: Thank you, President Mason. Good afternoon. This is licensing Analyst Anika Ballard. I will present item number 8 for the Department of Cannabis Regulation, Dcr, core record number 3, 2, 0 0 3, 3 is associated with Glen Oaks, retailer, LLC. The applicant seeks an annual license for the type, 10, retail commercial cannabis activity.

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DCR: The business is located at 1, 3, 5, 6, 7, Glen Oaks Boulevard, Sylmore, California. 9, 1, 3, 4, 2. In the Sylmar community plan area within Council district 7.

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DCR: The applicant was issued temporary approval by Dcr. With an effective date of January 16, th 2024. Since that time the applicant has completed all requirements for the issuance of an annual license. In accordance with Lamc, section 104.0 6. The applicant currently possesses a State provisional license, c. 10 0 0 1 3, 6, 1 lic. To conduct retail with on-site sales, commercial cannabis activity.

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DCR: which is active through June 28, th 2025. The applicants is subject to the requirements of Lemc, section 104.2 0 for the social equity program.

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DCR: To comply with the equity share requirements, seias must possess unrestricted ownership of their share of the social equity.

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DCR: applicant business, a proportional right to vote and to the profits and include code mandated language as part of the application process. Dcr. Reviewed the corporate and ownership documentation provided for this applicant and determined that the applicant met the minimum equity share requirements at that time.

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DCR: On or about October 17, th 2024 Dcr. Provided notice of the community Meeting and Cannabis Regulation Commission meeting by mail to the owners and occupants of all property within 700 feet of the property line of the business premises. Notice was provided in accordance with the municipal code.

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DCR: 2 virtual community.

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DCR: 2 virtual community meetings were held, the 1st on November 14, th and the second on November 18th of this year.

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DCR: During the meeting, members of the political corps were forwarded

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DCR: 2 min each to speak about the application.

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DCR: Dcr also accepted online, written input through the date of the community meeting

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DCR: comments in favor comments in favor of the application mentioned good security measures.

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DCR: Gummins, in opposition, stated that the business exposes high school students to marijuana fumes and dangerous traffic conditions

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DCR: and compliance inspection was recently conducted, and the representative from the Compliance and Enforcement Division is in attendance and available to provide an overview of the compliance activities associated with this location. At the end of this licensing presentation.

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DCR: based on the Department's analysis, the proposed project is consistent with the criteria for class one and class 32. Categorical exemption pursuant to Ceqa guidelines.

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DCR: Since the project meets all of the requirements, and none of the applicable exceptions apply. It is appropriate to determine. This project is categorically exempt.

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DCR: The staff report lists a number of reasons. Dcr. Or the Commission may deny a license.

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DCR: At present Dcr. Is not aware of any existing facts or circumstances to deny this annual license for the reasons in Lamc.

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DCR: Section 104.0 4. Therefore Dcr. Recommends the Commission adopt the recommendations included in the staff report and approve the issuance of the this annual license

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DCR: that concludes licenses. Presentation for this item. Compliance and enforcement will not now provide their review.

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02:33:20.380 --> 02:33:41.160

DCR: Good evening, Commissioners. Hector Alley Khan, Senior management Analyst Enforcement Division this report is for 1, 3, 5, 6, 7. Glen Oaks Boulevard. A compliance inspection was conducted on October 17, th 2024, and a notice to correct was issued November 26, th 2024, so roughly about a week ago.

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DCR: The 5 deficiencies that were identified at the location. Well, 1st let me start off with our compliance team did did meet with their general manager, Mark Herberger.

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DCR: and all deficiencies that were identified during the inspection was debriefed with this individual at the end of the inspection. So the 5 deficiencies that were identified was the display of license which is the designated neighborhood liaison contact information on site was different than what's on the Bcr record. That is a minor violation.

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DCR: The second deficiency

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DCR: was identification of employees. The employee personnel files did not include the employee number in the personnel files, which is a minor violation. The 3rd deficiency identified was graffiti was identified on the exterior wall of the building frontage, and also a minor violation.

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DCR: 4th deficiency is the no loitering, no public drinking or public smoking consumption or cannabis consumption on site. Those signs were not posted at the exterior, also a minor deficiency.

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DCR: The 5th deficiency identified was metric.

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DCR: and during the inspection. We identified 2 products that identified less

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DCR: less on inventory than was than what was identified within metrics, which just means the reconciliation of the product. This way they can confirm that to us. So those deficiencies were identified during inspection. It was the brief with Mr. Mark Herberger, and at present we have not been contacted in regards to corrective action, but given given the fact that they do have the December 26

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DCR: provide that directive action any any questions, it's that's considered minor.

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DCR: Yes, all deficiencies are minor.

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DCR: This is President Mason. Any other questions for Staff?

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DCR: This is a Commissioner Melendez, did you?

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DCR: When the when you guys conducted the inspection. Was there any report of being able to smell any odor of the of the product?

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DCR: No, that's 1 of the 1st things our compliance inspectors do upon walking up to the premises. They take that smell test to see if there's any any smell of odor or cannabis smells from the street or front edge of the building. So there's there was no odor, so no violation correct, no deficiency of odor. I think

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02:36:12.060 --> 02:36:14.679

DCR: any other questions for staff commissioners.

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02:36:20.130 --> 02:36:22.840

DCR: Okay, hearing none. Thank you. All right, thank you.

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02:36:23.710 --> 02:36:26.450

DCR: We will move on to the applicant's presentation.

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02:36:31.070 --> 02:36:35.889

DCR: and we don't have a speaker card for the applicant, Mr. Viso, is there someone in the queue?

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02:36:36.850 --> 02:36:40.850

DCR: I don't see a raise hand, but I can make an announcement

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DCR: if the applicant's representative is in the virtual meeting. Please. Dial star 9 to raise your hand.

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DCR: There is no raised hand in the virtual meeting.

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DCR: Okay, then we will close this portion of the item, and we will move on to deliberations.

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DCR: Commissioners.

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DCR: I would have liked to have heard from the applicant to ask about the status

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DCR: of complying with the notice to correct. But we'll have to miss that opportunity this time.

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DCR: President Mason, I believe.

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02:38:09.544 --> 02:38:16.520

DCR: The representative was had raised her hand during public comment. But I don't recall the number.

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02:38:19.290 --> 02:38:21.159

DCR: Let me make the announcement one more time.

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DCR: If the applicant's representative is on the virtual meeting, please Dial Star 9 to raise your hand.

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DCR: Yeah, there is no raised hand.

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DCR: Okay, thank you. We will close this portion of the item and move on to deliberations. As stated,

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DCR: Commissioners, I said my piece, this Commissioner might definitely agree with you.

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02:39:23.080 --> 02:39:34.590

DCR: These are minor violations, but I feel uncomfortable approving a license when there's a pending notice to correct, and no affirmation that they've been taken care of.

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02:39:34.910 --> 02:39:47.009

DCR: This Commissioner Lance, I agree, especially since they just got their temporary issue at the beginning of the 2,024. So there's not really much of a history for us to go on to see if they're, you know, good operators or not

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DCR: in this Commissioner for me, according to the Ncc. That was basically, it looks like maybe a week

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02:39:57.220 --> 02:40:00.629

DCR: little over a week ago. They have like a 30 days

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02:40:00.870 --> 02:40:05.210

DCR: to be in compliance correct. Yeah.

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DCR: However, as this Commissioner Lim has pointed out, they did an interview interview after inspection, and informed them of these violations, and knowing that there's going to be a hearing today, you would think.

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DCR: and I'm not saying we should deny it. I think the best approach would be to continue it, and make sure that those items were taken care of.

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02:40:28.790 --> 02:40:35.340

DCR: and and I agree with you on that. This is President Mason in keeping with tradition. We do like to hear a progress report

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02:40:35.480 --> 02:40:37.969

DCR: when there's a pending notice to correct.

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DCR: and unfortunately, by being absent, we're not being afforded that opportunity, so I'd be more inclined to continue as well. Are you looking to continue sooner at a closer date, or at a later date, like sometime in March, or are we looking at sometime in February?

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DCR: Oh, it's how busy

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DCR: we don't have that calendar that tells us how many items are scheduled for future meetings. So

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DCR: because I think I think for me. You know, by those 30 days of compliance which should be up by then, so they should have either complied or not. So it it would be easy enough for us to be able to go into into February. But you know I'm I'm okay with going into March.

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02:41:26.250 --> 02:41:30.509

DCR: This is President Mason. So we are at capacity for January 16.th

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DCR: And so the 1st available meeting would be February 6.th

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DCR: After that. It's February 20, th March 6, th and March 20.th So

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DCR: do we have a motion.

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02:41:43.090 --> 02:42:02.600

DCR: This is Commissioner Lim in regards to Dcr. Core record number 3, 2, 0 0 3, 3 for business. Located at 1, 3, 5, 6, 7, Glen Oaks Boulevard. I make a motion to continue the hearing to February 6, th 2025 second. Thank you, Mr. Fiesel, please call the Roll

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02:42:03.230 --> 02:42:09.280

DCR: Commissioner, Lim. Aye, Commissioner Farnby. Aye, Commissioner Melendez. Aye.

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02:42:10.550 --> 02:42:36.390

DCR: Vice President Nash. Aye, President, Mason, aye, the motion passes. Thank you. I know. But and I thought about that. But before we go there, out of deference to the fact that we do have a council office on. Hold waiting. I'm going to take Item 12 out of order and consider that. Now

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DCR: I'll let you guys turn your pages.

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DCR: and that is Dcr core record number 3, 2, 0 0 4, 8. The applicant is L. And E. Retail Llc. To approve an annual license for storefront, retail, commercial cannabis activity located at 4, 3, 6, 9, South Van Ness Avenue.

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DCR: Miss Treviso.

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DCR: Are there any neighborhood council or elected office representatives on the line.

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DCR: I will make the announcement to have them raise their hand. If they're on the virtual meeting.

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02:43:14.810 --> 02:43:16.339

DCR: please. Dial star 9,

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02:43:17.900 --> 02:43:24.390

DCR: caller with phone number ending in 6, 2, 6, 4. Please state your name, and whether you're with the Neighborhood Council.

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02:43:48.260 --> 02:43:48.980

TELEPHONE_USER: Hello!

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DCR: Yes, please state your name, and whether you're with the Neighborhood Council.

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02:43:55.700 --> 02:43:58.529

13238186264: No, I'm actually with the Council Council Office

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02:43:59.660 --> 02:44:00.400

DCR: Council.

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02:44:00.400 --> 02:44:06.589

13238186264: Fernando Montero. Yes. Fernando Monterodriguez with Council. President Harris, Spouse's office. Council district 8.

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02:44:08.920 --> 02:44:09.640

DCR: Go ahead.

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02:44:10.675 --> 02:44:11.620

DCR: You may proceed.

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13238186264: We would like to record.

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02:44:13.100 --> 02:44:17.040

13238186264: Sure. Sure, we would like to request that this item be continued

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02:44:17.790 --> 02:44:23.790

13238186264: to ensure that they're actually in compliance of municipal code 1 0, 4.4,

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13238186264: and you know, ensure that the applicant has done his due process

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02:44:29.330 --> 02:44:33.760

13238186264: of convening and taking to account the the concerns of the residents.

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13238186264: as several of them have talked earlier during the public comments.

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02:44:40.030 --> 02:44:44.120

13238186264: We feel like it's shortsighted to approve this license at this moment.

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02:44:53.206 --> 02:45:07.140

DCR: When you. This is President Mason. Hello, Mr. Rodriguez, thank you for calling in today, when you speak on 104.4 compliance. Can you expand on that? On what your concerns are?

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DCR: Yes.

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13238186264: Well, I mean, you heard from at least a dozen folks today.

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13238186264: We have also letters from the Blood Clubs

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13238186264: and some of the other folks that spoke against this were the Newwood Council.

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13238186264: which I believe were not

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13238186264: taken into account, or they're not in in favor of this

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13238186264: of this applicant having a license, and the way they're they're conducting their business there. So I think,

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13238186264: those items

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13238186264: prostitute us to revisit and make sure that the applicant is actually compliant. He doesn't seem to be a good neighbor to the community, and, in fact, he receives it appears that it's he's being negligent and dismissive of the community.

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13238186264: So with that in mind the Council Office would like to request a continuation

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13238186264: so that we can make sure that he's in.

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TELEPHONE_USER: Compliance.

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DCR: Okay. Understood. Thank you. Commissioners, any questions for the Council offices. Representative.

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DCR: okay, and oops. Sorry.

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02:46:17.370 --> 02:46:20.058

DCR: This is Commissioner Farny.

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02:46:21.350 --> 02:46:30.749

DCR: is it any specific issue or item, that that you or the the Councilman's office has. Regarding this, this applicant.

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13238186264: Yes, I mean, I think you know, we're coming to a hearing

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13238186264: after it's been evaluated by the Ccr.

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13238186264: And you know my observation of the report of the that is, of

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13238186264: that we share with our office.

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13238186264: you know it. It seems like the the report itself from Pcr. Is not

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13238186264: taking into account the various complaints and the various concerns that have been raised by

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13238186264: the immediate residents that live above the property adjacent to the property, and other stakeholders that have to pass by this business. So

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13238186264: I think you know.

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13238186264: we need to come back to this to make sure that we have actually done our due diligence.

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13238186264: and be sure that the business is, in fact, in compliance.

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13238186264: the astended to be by the municipal code 1 0, 4.4 at this moment. It's it's

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13238186264: I don't necessarily, you know, like, I don't know if a lot of programs with outreach, I know that there's been

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13238186264: a call for service to this location by law enforcement, and

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13238186264: on the report it indicates that there's nothing, and I did nothing correct

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13238186264: in the report. It indicates that the applicant reached out to the Neighborhood Council, and that is incorrect.

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13238186264: So based on those inaccuracies and those inconsistencies we're asking that the African, this hear it or this

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13238186264: this stuff be be continued so that we can look at it and make sure that

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02:48:02.580 --> 02:48:06.850

13238186264: we've done our due diligence as a as an officer.

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02:48:06.850 --> 02:48:07.570

TELEPHONE_USER: Department.

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02:48:12.560 --> 02:48:14.819

DCR: This is Commissioner Melendez Fernando.

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02:48:14.960 --> 02:48:20.810

DCR: Are you aware that the that the Ccr. They would that they oh.

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DCR: go about and make sure before they when they do inspections, or before they bring this before us as a recommendation that

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DCR: usually there's no odor that can come from that building. They also have security guards that have to be on

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DCR: after working during the hours of operation.

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DCR: And what I'm looking here for the 38 against applications, or just a general amount of of negativity that's being lobbed at this business, which isn't even open because they haven't even had a temporary permit issued to them. So I'm just wondering. Is this just a general? You just don't want this in your neighborhood, I mean, what is this.

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13238186264: Is that a general? We don't want that in our neighborhood. I think it's a general

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13238186264: acknowledgement that residents are concerned about this property.

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02:49:14.570 --> 02:49:21.210

13238186264: and so we need to make sure that we've done our due diligence, and it doesn't appear that the investigator, whoever did the investigative report.

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13238186264: conducted this in a thorough manner.

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13238186264: So you know, because we because there's a couple of different gaps, I'm asking that the Commission

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13238186264: continue this page for a later time, so that we can do our due diligence.

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13238186264: and ensure, in fact, that this operator will be a good operator and a good neighbor to the community.

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13238186264: I think the community has indicated that they're not necessarily an opposed

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13238186264: to a business of this type, but they're just opposed to the way the operator has been has been conducted in business. So if you are looking, and say that the business is having an operation.

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13238186264: and yet the community are saying that this business has, in fact, been in operation. There's already a conflicting message that either you don't have accurate information as a Commissioner, or we don't have an accurate information

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13238186264: as the Council Office for constituents. So again, because of that, I think we need to revisit this, this.

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13238186264: this issue at a later time, when we both have

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13238186264: accurate information on whether or not the operator is operating in good faith or operating, or the operator is being dismissed to the community.

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13238186264: and and not necessarily abide by.

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13238186264: by the expectation that our sales floor has.

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TELEPHONE_USER: Forbid!

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DCR: This is President Mason. Can you tell me when the community's concerns were elevated to the Council office.

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13238186264: I want to say that there's a letter dated or an email correspondence, dated the December 1st to the Council office, and.

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DCR: Okay.

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13238186264: You know, he just came to my attention this afternoon, so

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13238186264: I think the community has been vocal about their opposition.

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13238186264: I think they were present at the hearing.

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13238186264: I want to say back in November.

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13238186264: but you know they, you know at this point they're they are reaching out, and they're doing their their efforts of

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02:51:04.930 --> 02:51:06.860

13238186264: making sure that they get involved

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13238186264: and ensure that any business that comes into the community.

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13238186264: It's a good neighbor to them.

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DCR: Okay, any other questions for? Thank you for that. Any other questions for the Council Office representative.

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DCR: Okay, hearing none. Thank you for calling in.

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13238186264: We do have.

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02:51:33.380 --> 02:51:34.170

TELEPHONE_USER: That's true.

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02:51:34.460 --> 02:51:38.910

DCR: You're welcome at this time. We will hear from the department staff.

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DCR: Good afternoon. This is licensing Analyst Danica Balor. I will present item number 12 for the Department of Cannabis Regulation.

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DCR: Dcr. Core record number 3, 2, 0 0 4, 8 is associated with L. And E. Retail, Llc.

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DCR: The applicant seeks an annual license for type 10. Retail commercial cannabis activity. The business is located at 4, 3, 6, 9, South Van Ness Avenue, Los Angeles, California, 9 0 0 6 2. In the West Adams, Baldwin Hills, Lemurt community plan area within Council district 8.

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DCR: The applicant has not yet been issued. Temporary approval by Dcr. The applicant is actively completing all requirements for the issuance of an annual license in accordance with Lamc, section 104.0 6. The applicant does not currently possess a State provisional license.

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DCR: The applicant is subject to the requirements of Lamc, section 104.2 0 for the social equity program to comply with the equity share share requirements. Seias must possess unrestricted ownership of their share of the social equity, applicant business.

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DCR: a proportional right to vote and to the profits and include code mandated language as part of the application process. Dcr. Reviewed the corporate and ownership documentation provided for this applicant and determined. The applicant met the minimum equity share requirements at this time.

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DCR: On or about October 17, th 2024 Dcr. Provided notice of the community Meeting and Cannabis Regulation Commission

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02:53:14.930 --> 02:53:25.219

DCR: meeting by mail to the owners and occupants of all property within 700 feet of the property line of the business premises. Notice was provided in accordance with the municipal code.

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DCR: 2 virtual community meetings were held, the 1st on November 14, th and the second on November 18th

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DCR: of this year.

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DCR: During the meetings members of the public were afforded 2 min each to speak about the application. Dcr. Also accepted online written input through the date of the community meeting. The oral and written comments provided by the public were in strong opposition of this application. Commenters expressed concerns about safety, risk, and negative impact

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02:53:53.790 --> 02:54:12.629

DCR: on the community's positive trajectory and property values, residents, referenced odor, lack of cleanliness, crime, neighborhood quality of life, property, upkeep and the owner's lack of familiarity with the neighborhood and proactive responsibility to mitigating crime

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DCR: based on the department's analysis. The proposed project is consistent with the criteria for a class one and 32 categorical exemption pursuant to ceqa guidelines.

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DCR: Since the project

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DCR: meets all of the requirements, and none of the applicable exceptions apply. It is appropriate to determine. This project is categorically exempt.

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DCR: The Staff report lists a number of reasons.

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DCR: Dcr. Or the Commission may deny a license.

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DCR: At present Dcr. Is not aware of any existing facts or circumstances to deny this annual license at the reason for the reasons in Lamc. Section 104.0 4, therefore, Dcr. Recommends

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02:54:59.780 --> 02:55:08.970

DCR: the Commission adopts the recommendations included in the staff report and approve the issuance of annual license. I will now turn it over to

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DCR: Assistant Executive Director Jason Colleen.

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DCR: Jason clean assistant executive director. I just wanted to highlight for the Commission.

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DCR: That Council, District 10 was referring to a correspondence Council district 8. Sorry I apologize. Council district 8,

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DCR: was referring to a submission within your secondary submissions for today's meeting.

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DCR: It's on page 4 of 6 at the top

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DCR: right hand corner of the document. It says, item 12. And then it starts. Page one of 3. There is correspondence that was submitted to commission personnel for consideration today, dated Monday, December second.

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DCR: and that communication that letter is there for your review and consideration.

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DCR: We have reviewed this correspondence.

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DCR: As

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DCR: we have stated, this business does not currently have temporary approval, therefore there should be no smells of order, odor, or anything else. I do know that. The Commission Enforcement Division.

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DCR: would be responsible for doing any investigations, as it relates to the item. We have not received a complaint or done a compliance inspection for this specific item. Therefore, there is nothing to report today in terms of violations. Again, this business should not be operating. They do not have a local license to operate. End of story.

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DCR: Thank you.

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DCR: Any other questions for staff commissioners.

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DCR: This is Commissioner Lim. I'm looking at the Second Commissioner. Lim. Hold on! He started. Commissioner Farny sounded off first. That's okay. It's Commissioner Farny. We've we've heard quite a bit from

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DCR: the Councilman's office about a lot of complaints from the residents. If the

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DCR: business is not operating, it's not open. What's the

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DCR: what are we talking about here?

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DCR: Again, assistant executive Director Jason Klein. Great question, Commissioner Farny be based on the letter?

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DCR: It is alleged that within the residential side of the building there can be a strong smell of marijuana. Again, there should be no cannabis on site at the business premises, and we have not received a complaint of unlicensed commercial cannabis activity to be investigated.

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DCR: Therefore, a compliance. Inspection has not been done on this property. They do not have a license to operate, so there should not be any cannabis present. Given the fact that it is a residential portion above the ground floor retail, there can be residents within the building who are consuming cannabis

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DCR: And then there were references made on page the 1st paragraph of page 3 of 3,

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DCR: that the people who live in the building were unaware of the proposed plans to open a cannabis business at the location.

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DCR: And there's allegations that the applicant misrepresented information as part of this meeting, you know, and unfortunately, the Department does not attend these meetings between the applicant and the community. We do know what was stated in Dcr's community meeting that we advocated, and we've summarized that information in these notes. And I will turn it back over to you. Thank you.

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DCR: Hmm.

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DCR: Any other questions for Staff Commissioners just Commissioner Lim.

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DCR: The City Council pointed out that

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DCR: the applicant did not meet its obligation because they they did not meet with the Neighborhood Council.

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02:59:16.300 --> 02:59:21.329

DCR: My understanding is that they're not required to meet with them. They need to give proof

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DCR: that they made an offer to meet with them

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DCR: as my understanding that we have seen that proof to make to meet with them.

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DCR: Is that correct? That is correct? Thank you.

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DCR: Okay.

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02:59:44.890 --> 02:59:47.320

DCR: Any other questions for department staff.

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02:59:50.870 --> 02:59:55.739

DCR: Then we are closing this portion of this agenda. Item.

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DCR: I do have 4 speaker cards

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DCR: who are all purporting to represent the applicant. I do not want 4 people at the podium. I will allow 2 people at the podium, so if you can decide

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DCR: or 2 people at a time, so if you can decide amongst you who the 1st 2 will be. Please approach. You will have a total of 10 min

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DCR: between all 4 of you.

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DCR: Good afternoon, commissioners. My name is Norag Vala Gyozi, and I'm the legal representative of the applicant. All 4 of us filled out the cards just in case we wanted to kind of say our piece, but I feel we're already on the on, on the same page. As to

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DCR: I frankly, confusion as to all the all the neighborhood backlash we're having. It's not an operational business. There's no cannabis. We don't know where the smell is coming from. There is residential properties above next to us.

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DCR: people are free to do in California. Whatever they need to do is legal. If someone's using cannabis in their

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DCR: residents, we can't control that can't police that.

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DCR: as far as the comment was made from the community member that

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DCR: the applicant refused to provide security. That's also blatantly incorrect.

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DCR: We are required by law to have

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DCR: security guards there at all operating hours.

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DCR: Most are depending on the neighborhoods and

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DCR: interaction some operators have with the neighborhood. They choose to even have armed guards there. 24, 7 for their safety, neighborhood safety. That's the decision that we haven't made yet. But that's something we can definitely consider if

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DCR: Neighborhood Council is highly

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DCR: suspicious about criminal activity. One thing I can say from my experience representing a lot of cannabis businesses and just being in the industry

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DCR: for the past 8, 9 years is where there are

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DCR: operational cannabis facilities, especially storefronts, their security cameras, their floodlights, their security guards tend to be, at least for that immediate block, maybe

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DCR: kind of a neighborhood watch situation a little bit. If there is any people loitering any any situation where it's not even their patrons. But some people might be loitering. They usually be telling you we can loiter here. Move on. We'll go where we need to go.

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DCR: again. Not an operational business. There has been no law enforcement incidences, no one's called and complained about illegal cannabis activity. Not at that facility keep in mind. This is one of those lottery, winning social equity applicants. So that was decided in 2020. They've been essentially

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DCR: paying rent at the facility all this year up until this point

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DCR: to be able to get to this point where where they can get their local approval, the State license, they can finally open the doors.

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DCR: And again, it's a social equity business.

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DCR: no deep pockets, I can. I'm sure you can understand a lot of money that's gone into this, and we're so close to it, and as far as

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03:03:04.650 --> 03:03:23.360

DCR: I think a comment was made, where? Oh, as far as we received the Dcr's notice regarding the committee be regarding our notice of complete application on November 14, th which was the date of the Committee. The Neighborhood Commission hearing but there was a second opportunity for the 18th So

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DCR: in the meantime, we've reached out to the Commission to request an ability to appear. The email bounced and the email that we get is usually from the Dcr spreadsheet. Since then it's been updated. We're gonna re reach out to the community to up

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DCR: offer to appear once again.

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DCR: But in the meantime the client that was contacted

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DCR: from the Rotary Club and attended their meeting for where he was present for over an hour concerns were raised. He expressed exactly the same.

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DCR: so the answers were similar. We're not operating there. There shouldn't be smell. I don't know where the smell is coming from. If there is a smell, it's not us. Once we're operating, we're definitely are required by law to have security. We're gonna have security. We're gonna have cameras.

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03:04:11.580 --> 03:04:13.509

DCR: Everything is going to be above board.

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03:04:13.520 --> 03:04:31.883

DCR: And like the Commission mentioned, and like the Dcr mentioned, there hasn't been any issues with law enforcement, any sort of complaints? No, it's again, it's non operational. There's no, there hasn't been. There hasn't been an operation for them to violate anything as far as operational inspections or anything like that, so that that hasn't happened.

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03:04:34.550 --> 03:04:36.180

DCR: one second.

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03:04:45.530 --> 03:04:59.909

DCR: as far as being a good neighbor, I guess the only thing I can say was, besides reiterating the fact that this is not an operational business is, if there's any sort of a concern from the community that we're not going to be good neighbors or the applicants not going to be good neighbor.

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03:04:59.950 --> 03:05:20.680

DCR: Not sure why they would have that idea. But we can. Obviously we will offer to meet with them again, alleviate any concerns they have. We can reiterate address issues that they might specifically have regarding security or or whatever it'd be, you know, work with them to figure out how we move forward where this the concerns aren't there other than that

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03:05:22.000 --> 03:05:25.649

DCR: I'm I'm not sure if there's much more for me to say, I don't know if

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03:05:26.680 --> 03:05:28.539

DCR: someone else wants to save it.

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03:05:30.536 --> 03:05:35.739

DCR: Hi, Eugene Papuk, you know. We've come a long way.

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DCR: It's been 5 years guys. You know, we have. Covid held us back. And then there was phases, and and you know, processes and all that. And and finally, we got here.

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DCR: You know. We personally believe that the neighborhood of the community is one of the most important things that to be together. And so

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DCR: when I learned that the president of the Gramercy Rotary Club reached out to our landlord

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DCR: and my landlord told me, Hey, give me the phone number, that's all I needed. I I reached out right away.

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DCR: We were offered to do a Zoom Meeting for an hour and a half

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03:06:10.930 --> 03:06:18.440

DCR: guys. I've answered every single question and concern that they may have had. Okay, I was blunt

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DCR: and I didn't sugarcoat anything.

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DCR: You know. I believe that there is 0 reason

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DCR: not to issue the license today. Once again, we are poor.

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DCR: We're poor.

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03:06:32.870 --> 03:06:35.640

DCR: Okay. We don't have thousands of dollars laying around.

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03:06:35.890 --> 03:06:41.529

DCR: you know and and I've answered every single question and concern they had.

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DCR: you know, at the end of it I've emailed the same president saying if there was what what the next step should be, you know, because I offered for them to come over and take a look at the place as well.

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DCR: and the answer was, well, at this point. No, but we'll let you know, you know.

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DCR: as far as the

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DCR: 15.th We got notified, like I said, on the 14.th It was in 1 h. It was impossible to make

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DCR: so you know, for the 15th meeting. I missed it.

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DCR: I'm sorry I missed it. I was busy doing something else.

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DCR: Okay? And I completely missed it. I knew that the meeting was there, and then I forgot

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DCR: my partner forgot God. Honest truth we forgot. But let me assure you

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DCR: that for 5 years of getting to this and getting there, we would have never, on purpose.

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DCR: insult, or or not wanted to be or not do something with the community. In fact, when we had this meeting that was bombarded for an hour and a half nonstop.

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DCR: We came to a very nice solution that we wanted a speed bump

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DCR: right outside. And so I thought that was great, that we were getting some vote together with the community, you know, and the offer is still there, and it stands, and rather than paying and continuing this somewhere else, because we've met all the requirements. We did everything. You know, we're experienced operator, which we had 0

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DCR: just never. We didn't have any problems. We are completely, we know everyone by face

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03:08:19.190 --> 03:08:24.349

DCR: the people that live there. I know every single person. None of them are here. Not one neighbor is here

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DCR: from the immediate facility right? They know us.

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03:08:27.550 --> 03:08:33.630

DCR: Well, yeah, right? Right. What? What do you? I'm talking about? The actual building right?

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DCR: No, you may not. The only valid

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DCR: concerned. I'm sorry I'm again. I'm blunt.

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03:08:42.050 --> 03:08:51.150

DCR: but I've been through this a thousand times in this series, and I know the only concern was that I wasn't there somewhere. Why, I rented an apartment

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03:08:51.710 --> 03:08:59.419

DCR: at 43, 73 apartment number 4. That's right upstairs. I'm available in case there's a fire

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03:08:59.680 --> 03:09:13.359

DCR: or something else. I'm right there to help it, so I speak for the project. Please approve it today, so that the money that we would need to spend more for rents and lawyers could go to the community

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DCR: to benefit the community, really. And we don't want a fake relationship guys.

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DCR: you know my emails. And you know my number. Good to call. Please address the Commission. Only thank you. Thank you very much.

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03:09:25.050 --> 03:09:30.800

DCR: Thank you very much. Thank you for being here. Don't go. Oh, don't go.

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DCR: Presentation. I'm sorry there is a raise hand in the virtual meeting. I'm not certain

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DCR: if it's a rep, an additional rep for this.

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DCR: They've yeah. Time has expired, you may confirm who it is with time they actually have a minute and 18 seconds left.

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DCR: Oh, we don't have any other reps. I'm not sure who that is, I will check

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DCR: caller with phone number ending in 6, 2, 6, 4, please state, your name and whether you represent this item.

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03:10:10.100 --> 03:10:17.550

13238186264: It's Fernando for the Council office again. I would like to make another statement, if possible. Commissioners.

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03:10:21.471 --> 03:10:27.249

DCR: Is this in response to something that the applicant has said? Or is it something new.

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13238186264: It is in response, and it is to reiterate the request that this item be continue, especially in light, that the

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13238186264: operator or the proposed operator just indicated that he missed

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13238186264: a very key meeting with community. We understand that that was an oversight on his part, but.

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DCR: Okay.

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13238186264: You know it would be prudent. He would be responsible for us to continue to approve this.

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13238186264: Think we need to come back to it.

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DCR: So before everybody starts to talk, I'm going to

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DCR: Say that we heard you the 1st time. What I'm trying to avoid is a back and forth, because this is in a community meeting space that affords that kind of opportunity. And in all due respect we did hear from you before, and the applicant is going to be tempted to respond. And it's gonna get into that type of dialogue that we are hoping to avoid here today.

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13238186264: Understand? Appreciate your yeah, but that's fine. Thanks.

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DCR: Thank you.

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DCR: and I'm I'm sorry, Kumsha. I would like to respond to that, and then clarify Mr. Popak's

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DCR: comment regarding missing a meeting. The the meeting that was quote unquote, missed was the community meeting where people call to give their concerns and the applicants simply they're present listening to them. You're not allowed to respond. You don't. You don't get to comment back you just there sitting and listening.

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DCR: That was the only thing that was missed, and that was because

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DCR: the the notice came from the Dcr. On the 14th the meeting was on the 14.th There was another one on the 18.th In the meantime he had the meeting with the Gramercy. There was. All the meetings were getting confused for him. That's the only reason why it was missed.

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DCR: but as far as

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DCR: he's supposed to be required to there, just to hear all these comments, and we heard the comments. The response is the same, there's no real foul there.

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DCR: Okay, thank you. Commissioners, any questions for the applicant.

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DCR: This Commissioner Lim, in one of these meetings, do you know if the applicant stated that the neighborhood does not deserve the same level of

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DCR: chair as Beverly Hills.

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DCR: You want to answer that. So

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DCR: yeah, no, no problem. So you know, the only Beverly Hills is not Central Los Angeles, that's a fact.

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DCR: They're 2 different things. So they were talking about. They had concerns but safety.

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DCR: It would be around there, and all that other stuff.

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DCR: and I explained to them that

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DCR: you know there it what I meant by it's not Beverly Hills. It's not Beverly hills. The police response. Time is not as fast. The property values are not, as you know, are not \$2030,000,000.

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DCR: I grew up. Both my parents

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DCR: were were on welfare all their life. They were handicapped, and we came as I came in this country in 1989. I was 11 years old. I was born in Minsk, Soviet Union. Okay?

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DCR: And you know. There's 1 thing I married a Mexican woman here. I have 5 daughters with her

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DCR: that are Mexican, American, and what is really really hurtful is, there are 2 things I hate in this world. This is bully and discrimination, and I feel I'm being discriminated against. I'm sorry it is the God honest truth here.

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DCR: that's what I feel like, and that is not appropriate and is not cool, and I won't stand for it, just because I have an accent doesn't mean absolutely anything. I grew up poor. And like, I said, You know, we

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DCR: yeah, I'll just stop there. Thank you.

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DCR: I believe the comment you're referencing was made regarding

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DCR: the concerns that cannabis businesses, lower property values invite crime. And then it was an again hour and a half.

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DCR: Direct conversation was just him, and the entirety of the Gramercy Club with every Member Council person, whoever might have been present there grilling the applicant which he was answering questions similarly to the answers I gave. In a sense, where there's no, there's no activity, there's we require to have security. We're going to have security. We're going to abide by all laws.

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DCR: Thank you. I just wanted to get clarification regarding that comment because it could be deemed to be derogatory comments. I see how that could be interpreted that way, but I guess the the contention was that

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DCR: I think it was specifically regarding property values something like that. It was more about trusting the community and relying on the community upstairs, Maria, if something is wrong, if their alarm is ringing. She gives me a call directly. That's exactly what I meant, guys. Okay, I'm more

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DCR: reliant on the upstairs, limited neighbors

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DCR: and all, and all the neighbors there and the community, I would hope in the future, you know.

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DCR: That's that's all that was, you know.

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DCR: Thank you. I'm sorry. Hi, this is President Mason. Thank you for explaining that there was a comment made that in interacting with the tenants

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DCR: prior early on that

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DCR: There was a misrepresentation about the type of business that was going to be operating near. Can anyone speak to that remark?

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DCR: I guess we'd last like to ask clarification on what interactions? I'm not sure what that's referencing. The only interaction we've had. It was made during the public comment, did you hear that at all?

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DCR: Not the comment itself, but okay. But

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DCR: to respond to that. So here's the thing. If you didn't hear the comment, I don't really want you to speak to it, because it might lead to a misrepresentation on your part. Oh, you've repeated the comment. I thought that you were quoting it, but

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DCR: the comment was that during the tenant interaction there was a misrepresentation about the type of business that was going to be

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DCR: doing, you know, operating at that facility or location.

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DCR: Can you tell us what Mr. Colleen just handed to you, and what you were reading the supplemental document that was, I think you referenced before. That's titled

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DCR: page one is page 1 1 out of 3,

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DCR: and it's some Gramercy Block club. And I I'm not sure which paragraph. This is 1, 2, 3, 4, 5th paragraph.

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DCR: and I mean, I can read that if you like, and then say the Nope.

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DCR: These are other reasonable.

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DCR: I see that it says nobody representing

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DCR: the owner or the operator reached out to us.

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DCR: or or any of us, about their plans on, or intentions. I don't think we're required to reach out to the Rotary Club regarding any of our plans. They are a block club.

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DCR: correct, and we're required to reach out to the neighborhood community and ask to appear. That's the extent of requirement.

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DCR: But, like the operator, said the second, he found out that the Rotary Club wants to

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DCR: hear from us. He directly contacted them, and said, How can I help you? I'm sorry. My question was specific to the tenants who reside upstairs. Not the Block club.

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DCR: Right? I'll read this next sentence. Then

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DCR: I I wouldn't know. It's it's I don't. I wouldn't know who the people living in the building or who would made that comment.

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DCR: I mean, okay, thank you, commissioners any other questions, you know.

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DCR: So, Commissioner Farny, I have a couple

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DCR: regarding the meeting that was missed

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DCR: that we that's being referenced. Was there any attempt to reschedule or reconnect.

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DCR: and for to have that meeting

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DCR: there wasn't, because there was no point, because the next meeting was this one and the point of us attending that meeting is for us to hear the community comments right? So the next meeting is going to be sometimes several months from now. I don't. I don't.

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DCR: This item is not going to be on agenda anymore.

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DCR: But okay, well, let me let me ask this question. Then

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DCR: I hear what you're saying, but

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DCR: I guess what I'm getting at is considering. Knowing the circumstances, the surrounding

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DCR: concerns from from residents in the in the area.

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DCR: Was there an attempt by you all to reach out to them

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DCR: regardless. Well, yeah, I texted the president of Gravis Rotary Club. You know. What should the next step be? And what was the response? The response was, I'll ask the neighbors if they want to come and do a tour.

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DCR: My response. Thank you.

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DCR: Okay.

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DCR: great, thank you. I'm sorry this Commissioner Lim. I thought the way I read the report was because of November 14.th There was no attendance.

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DCR: Wasn't there another one? November 18.th And did you guys attend November 18? th That's that's the problem. We received the emails regarding the complete application on the 14th from the Dcr, so we definitely didn't make that date. The 18th was supposed to be the next one that we're supposed to attend. But there was confusion on that, because he had the meeting with Gramercy Club. He is, he thought, that it's the same thing in.

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DCR: There was a confusion as far as the attendance, but again his attendance at that point is simply just to

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DCR: be there and listen to what the comments are. So the applicant, this commissioner, the applicant, did not attend the November 14th and 18

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DCR: community meeting.

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DCR: not that I'm sure I don't think so. I think you can't. You're not there, not yet.

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DCR: Okay, thank you. Right.

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DCR: Before you go. This is President Mason. I just wanted to point out the meetings on the 14th and the 18th come from the department.

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DCR: and they are virtual. The other meeting that he has held with the community was between him and the Gramercy Block Club. So we're talking about 2 different entities hosting meetings correct, but that was also virtual over Zoom. That's where the confusion was.

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DCR: Okay, Commissioner Farny. Thank you.

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DCR: What's your expected time of opening

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DCR: as soon as we're allowed to meaning.

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DCR: We have our state license pending. We're reach the

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DCR: scientific review portion where they're expecting the

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DCR: I think, for social equities. They're still okay with substantial progress letter. But we reached out to the Dcr. To provide that. And I guess the response was, we're

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DCR: last week I got a response from the Dcr stating that they're processing, or they're gonna generate that letter or whatever. So we can provide it to the State so they can issue the state license. And once we have the local final approval.

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DCR: we'll open doors.

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DCR: Okay, one more question.

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DCR: Commissioner Farby. Just wanna be. I'm just gonna ask you directly right? I mean, there's a lot surrounding this. There's 38 folks from

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DCR: the meeting that had nothing but negative things to say

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DCR: in your opinion. Can you tell me? What do you believe the issue is? I mean, this is, I can be quite honest with you. Since I've been on this commission I haven't seen

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DCR: that many folks that had that many comments negative comments, while also, at the same time, I know that you're not open, but there's some something I feel that's missing here. So I'm asking you the direct question. I honestly, I represent several

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DCR: cannabis operators, and I've been to these meetings virtually informally, and then I agree with you. I've never seen so much community backlash on a non operational business before, and

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DCR: I think

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DCR: to answer your question. I'm a little bit confused as to why that is, I think it had to do with some sort of a misunderstanding, or at least maybe a clash of personalities. Maybe during that one

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DCR: Gramercy Club Club meeting.

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DCR: But,

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DCR: I I can assure you, and the community that whatever that misunderstanding is, we can all definitely clarify that clear that out. Make sure that everything's above board, and as far as there, there. One thing there hasn't been was reluctance to speak to the community and and and

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DCR: listen to what the concerns are.

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DCR: A lot of the concerns raised were

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DCR: premature, as again, we were not operational like, if there'd be. If the operator is being grilled about cannabis, smell and drug use, and all of that meaning like that's unsafe around your buildings like, well, I'm not open. I don't know who's doing that. What else can I say? You know, besides promising that in the future, once I'm open, I'm going to have security, and I'm going to make sure there's no loitering, and if there is drug use or any sort of illegal activity, there are security guards kind of act as a security for that can say the whole neighborhood, but at least for that block.

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DCR: As much as I mean. That's that's as much as I can say.

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DCR: but as far as what the reason is, I I think it's a miscommunication, or some some sort of a disconnect. Where.

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DCR: between between what's

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DCR: the between what's actually happening and what this is? It's like a hypothetical scenario like, oh, this is this thing is going to be bad in the future, because currently there's cannabis smell not not our fault. We don't know what the smell is coming from

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DCR: Other than that. I'm sure you guys already know at this point it's a retailer. Everything's prepackaged out of all the cannabis operators. Retailers have the minimal amount of smell. There's all these Hvac systems with negative air pressure where it sucks the air in doesn't let the smell, even if there's the slightest odor within the store usually

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DCR: never leaks out into the public or the surrounding areas. So this is Commissioner Melendez. A couple questions for you.

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DCR: where are you at with the building and safety to be able to open. Are you guys did you guys already have all your plans approved to be able to come in and and operate a cannabis store. Correct our architect.

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DCR: I submitted all the documents, I think, as far as the occupancy permit. This is, it's been retail. So we didn't have to really mess with that other than that. Plans already. Go. I think

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DCR: we're only waiting for the.

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DCR: It's from what I understand from my conversation with the architect that we're all only waiting for Dcr Pool.

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DCR: And the other question is, is, how long have you actually had that physical property? How long have you been at that location in terms of paying rent.

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DCR: It's 5 years.

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DCR: So this. So this, this has been.

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DCR: So you had controllers for 5 years. This property.

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DCR: Correct. Alright.

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DCR: that's all my questions. Thank you.

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DCR: Thank you, commissioners. Any other questions.

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DCR: Okay, thank you for your presentation. Thank you very much. We're moving on to deliberations.

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DCR: Who's got first? st

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DCR: This Commissioner Lynn, in regards to they may have not attended the November 14th and November 18th community meeting. However, it's very clear that they did participate in 2 other community meetings with the Rotary Club and the Block group. The Block Club is being referred to as the Rotary Club.

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DCR: So there's only 1 1 other. Okay? One. Okay, yeah. The Rotary Block club so met there for an hour and a half or so. So it seems that

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DCR: the idea of knowing the concern of the community has been there.

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DCR: And I'm assuming this comment that was made was at the Rotary Club, and not at the Virtual because Black club

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DCR: the block, because he didn't attend the November 14th and 18th hearing. So he didn't make that comment there. So I I do believe he has met his obligations

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DCR: and the 38 against the applicant. It's a i commend the neighborhood that they

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DCR: but rallied together. I commended they came here and voice their concern. I mean, that's a very strong community and a very strong outreach. But

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DCR: I do. Place hasn't opened.

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DCR: It's not. It's it's if we base our decision on fear.

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DCR: then it's we're gonna have a huge problem. It's they met the requirement

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DCR: there's a lot of. And the applicant is aware of the concern of the community. It served this purpose. And and I hopefully, they'll address those issues. So I'm sorry. I'm sorry you cannot. I'm sorry. No outbursts. Sorry.

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DCR: thank you.

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DCR: That's it. Okay, thank you. So this is President Mason, and here's their

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DCR: couple of places where I'm stuck.

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DCR: I heard Mr. Rodriguez from CD. 8 say that there has been an Lapd call for this location.

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DCR: I heard the applicants representative say, there has not been an Lapd call for that location that's of huge concern to me, because it does speak to safety.

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DCR: And until I I it's we're closed. We're straight deliberations at this point.

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DCR: So for me.

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DCR: Until I get clarification for that. It's hard for me to approve the license.

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DCR: I respect the concerns of the community.

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DCR: and there's a tone that I've heard here today that from the second speaker that leads me to believe that

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DCR: it's highly possible some things have been said that are very disrespectful and offensive towards the community. I've heard the word bombarded.

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DCR: I've heard this is not Beverly Hills. I've heard that I am blunt and

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DCR: I don't know going forward, even if you do get a license. I don't know who's gonna patronize you if that's how you're talking to people. But

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DCR: that's for you to work out for me. It's the Lapd calls.

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DCR: Okay, this is a commercial farm, but that's my piece here. I I don't know how you thank you.

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DCR: This just says talking right? Okay.

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DCR: I this Commissioner farmy. I I don't know how you reconcile it is or it isn't. And it's not. It's not clear to me. You know, and I think the other piece is around the representative from from the councilman's office is referencing, trying to find out all of the information. I don't know what he's referencing regarding that. This place is not open yet.

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DCR: so I'm not sure what that means, either. The the other piece to this is that you know, I mean, unless we're talking about.

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DCR: you know, which has not been stated, and I do not want to make any insinuations here, but the place is not open, so we should assume that there is no activity happening there unless the maybe there is activity happening there, and the okay and that, and that the community is is kind of responding to that.

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DCR: You know. And I, you know, I for me, you know, as a commission, I know that we have a set of parameters that we that we make our make our decisions on, but I'm kind of I'm sorry. I'm sorry we're not doing this. That's warning number one. That's warning number one for you both.

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DCR: If there's a second warning, you will be escorted from the meeting. We are not doing this.

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DCR: Thank you.

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DCR: Thank you. President Mason. So I I just wanted to just highlight those

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DCR: points, because I you know, I think that those things are. You know they they don't seem to be at least reconciled for me. But the number one issue is really around. Lapd, call and response or lack of

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DCR: no, you may not. No, you may not. No, you may not. That's warning number one for you Commissioners.

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DCR: It's an innuendo, and this is

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DCR: underlying innuendo that something, some activities going on when you have 38 people that's there.

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DCR: But is that enough for us to continue?

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03:32:27.910 --> 03:32:32.719

DCR: And if we continue it, what are we asking to see if there's a police?

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DCR: Item, I'm not sure what continuance would be, for

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03:32:38.760 --> 03:32:41.849

DCR: I think that's what Fernando's asking is

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03:32:42.170 --> 03:32:53.840

DCR: is for us to continue it so they could kind of suss out what's going on and be able to bring the community together with the applicant, and try to have a little more

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03:32:53.960 --> 03:33:10.519

DCR: of a solid answer, and give us a little more solid, concrete information. So that way we can make a good, well founded decision, based on, you know all the information that will be you know, given to us at the next meeting. Should we continue it?

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03:33:11.370 --> 03:33:17.030

DCR: I'm going to go on record as saying, that CD. 8 has. I am.

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DCR: ma'am.

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DCR: that Council District 8 has been a huge proponent of social equity. I don't really believe that it's

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DCR: an attack towards this or any act of discrimination towards this particular applicant.

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DCR: I think they're doing their job as a council office. The community has raised some concerns, and they're asking to be able to

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DCR: suss out those concerns having been placed on notice on December first, st and this is December 5.th I just don't think they've had enough time to even begin to figure out what they're investigate. I don't know. I'm just guessing. You know, what their investigation is gonna look like and what kind of outcomes they're looking from for that.

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03:34:11.720 --> 03:34:34.220

DCR: I'll stop there. Yeah, yeah, Commissioner. Farming. I you know I I heard what you're saying, Commissioner Lamb, regarding like, what is it to look at. I think, for me kind of thinking about meeting the obligations around reaching out to the Neighborhood Council. I get that. I think that that's clear. But I do think that it is something to be said

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DCR: in this process around making that connection. I think it's 1 thing to do the requirement.

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DCR: That's great. But I think it's also important when we think about this industry as partners coming into the neighborhood to meet with the folks who live there, that's important, right? And so, while I think the attempt to reach out, and we've heard the reasons why the the meeting was missed.

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DCR: That's that's totally fine, but I do think it's important for that connection to happen. There's a lot of people who have some concerns the places close. There's a disconnect there. If there is at least an attempt

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DCR: to continue this, I would hope

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DCR: that there would be some sort of conversation that would take place with the applicant and with the people in the in the community right at at minimum. That should happen. And I think if that if that can take place

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DCR: that can come back before us hopefully everything will be good, and then we can go on. I would hope that that would be the case, but for me it's just a lot of things here that just

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03:35:44.060 --> 03:35:45.200

DCR: okay

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DCR: just doesn't add up for me. You know, based on what we've heard from all parties. That kind of leads me to to be more inclined to have the continuance, to at least to have people have the opportunity to speak with each other and meet with each other, and hopefully have a different kind of outcome as they come back before us.

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03:36:06.750 --> 03:36:10.199

DCR: And to Commissioner Farny's Point, I would hope that

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DCR: should such a meeting take place, that the Council Office would also be present

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03:36:19.380 --> 03:36:21.299

DCR: any further deliberations.

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03:36:22.350 --> 03:36:30.589

DCR: the only question would be the continuation date, yeah, what date the 20.th Yeah, how about that? February? This is good.

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03:36:30.650 --> 03:36:34.149

DCR: We have the 6, th and we have the 20th

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03:36:34.503 --> 03:36:42.919

DCR: I'm going to close deliberation for just a moment to reopen the department presentation because Jason did raise his hand to say something a while ago.

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03:36:46.250 --> 03:36:56.939

DCR: Thank you, President Mason. You've already clarified it. I just wanted to make sure that folks were not conflating the community meeting that Dcr conducts to get the community input which goes in this report with.

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03:36:57.030 --> 03:37:02.010

DCR: you know their requirement to, you know, make a good faith effort to actually meet with

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03:37:02.100 --> 03:37:19.259

DCR: the Neighborhood Council. They did provide proof that they attempted to meet with the Neighborhood Council and I just wanted to clarify that the meetings that they weren't able to attend which were ours, where we just collect the community. Input. And they were not required to attend that. So thank you for that clarification. Thank you. Okay, we're back to deliberations

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03:37:20.760 --> 03:37:22.329

DCR: or a motion

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03:37:22.590 --> 03:37:43.559

DCR: motion. Yeah, this is a Commissioner Lim in regards to number 12, Dcr. Core record number 3, 2, 0 0 4, 8 for business, located at 4, 3, 6, 9, South Venice Avenue. I make a motion to continue this to February 20th 2025. Commissioner Melendez. I second, thank you, Mr. Visa, please call the Roll

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03:37:44.200 --> 03:37:50.719

DCR: Commissioner Lim. Aye, Commissioner Melendez, aye, Commissioner Farnby, aye.

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03:37:51.310 --> 03:37:58.010

DCR: Vice President Nash. Aye, President Mason. Aye, the motion passes. Thank you.

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03:38:00.320 --> 03:38:05.790

DCR: The time is 5 24. The Commission is now at recess. For the next 30 min

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04:19:21.740 --> 04:19:30.249

DCR: we may begin. Thank you. The time is 6 0. 5 Pm. And the commission meeting is resuming.

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04:19:30.750 --> 04:19:54.200

DCR: We are at item number 9, which is Dcr. Core record number 3, 1, 0 1 0 5. The applicant is Ventura oaks ventures Llc. To approve an annual license for storefront, retail, commercial cannabis activity located at 4, 3, 2, 4, West Jefferson Boulevard, Mr. Vizo. Are there any Neighborhood Council for elected office representatives? On this item.

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04:19:54.280 --> 04:20:01.979

DCR: No, we do not have a speaker card, nor is there a raise hand in the virtual meeting. Okay, then, at this time we'll hear the staff's presentation.

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04:20:03.380 --> 04:20:10.509

DCR: Good evening. This is licensing analyst Alan Dubois. I will present item number 9 for the department of Cannabis Regulation.

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DCR: Dcr core record number 3, 1, 0 1 0 5 is associated with Ventura oaks ventures Llc.

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04:20:17.880 --> 04:20:23.300

DCR: The applicant seeks an annual license for the type 10 retail commercial cannabis activity.

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04:20:23.460 --> 04:20:37.879

DCR: The business is located at 4, 3, 2, 4, West Jefferson Boulevard, Los Angeles, California, 9, 0 0 1 6. In the West Adams bottom hills, Lemurt community plan area within Council district 10.

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DCR: The applicant was issued temporary approval by Dcr. With an effective date of July 1st 2021. Since that time the applicant has completed all requirements for the issuance of an annual license in accordance with Lamc, section 104.0 6.

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DCR: The applicant currently possesses a State provisional license, c. Ten-zero, 0 0 0 8, 3, 2 lic. To conduct retail with on-site sales. Commercial cannabis activity, which is active through June 30, th 2025.

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DCR: Pardon me.

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DCR: The applicant is subject to requirements of Lamc, section 104.2 0 for the social equity program to comply with the equity share requirements. Seias must possess unrestricted ownership of their share of the social equity, applicant business.

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DCR: a proportional right to vote and to the profits and and include code mandated language

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DCR: as part of the application process. Dcr. Reviewed the corporate and ownership documentation provided for this applicant

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DCR: and determine that the applicant met the minimum equity share requirements. At that time.

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04:21:51.880 --> 04:22:10.839

DCR: On or about October 17, th 2024 Dcr. Provided notice of the community Meeting and Cannabis Regulation Commission meeting by mail to the owners and occupants of all property within 700 feet of the property line of the business premises. Notice was provided in accordance with the municipal code.

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04:22:11.140 --> 04:22:18.550

DCR: 2 virtual community meetings were held, the 1st on November 14, th and the second on November 18th of this year.

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04:22:18.670 --> 04:22:29.350

DCR: During this the meeting members of the public were afforded 2 min each to speak about the application. Dcr also accepted online, written input through the date of the community meeting.

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DCR: one community, one community member against the application stated that the community already has issues with liquor stores, parking and trash.

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04:22:39.900 --> 04:22:54.380

DCR: A compliance inspection was recently conducted, and a representative from the compliance and Enforcement Division is in attendance and available to provide an overview of the compliance activities associated with this location at the end of this licensing presentation.

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04:22:54.460 --> 04:23:05.850

DCR: based on the department's analysis. The proposed project is consistent with the criteria for class one and class 32. Categorical exemption pursuant to ceqa guidelines.

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04:23:06.070 --> 04:23:12.420

DCR: Since the project meets all of the requirements, and none of the applicable exemptions apply. Exceptions apply.

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04:23:12.890 --> 04:23:16.619

DCR: It is appropriate to determine. This project is categorically exempt.

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04:23:16.780 --> 04:23:22.750

DCR: The staff report lists a number of reasons. Dcr. Or the Commission may deny a license. At present

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DCR: Dcr. Is not aware of any existing facts or circumstances to deny this annual license. For the reasons in Lamc. Section 104.0 4, therefore, Dcr. Recommends the Commission adopt the recommendations included in the Staff Report and approve the issuance of this annual license. That concludes licensing presentation for this item, compliance and enforcement will now provide their review.

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04:23:52.330 --> 04:24:04.389

DCR: Good evening, Commissioners. My name is senior management analyst, Christina Campos and one of the supervisors. With our compliance and Enforcement division, I'm going to provide a summary for 4, 3, 2, 4, West Jefferson Boulevard.

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DCR: A compliance and inspection was conducted on December 6, th 2023, we issued a notice to correct on January 29, th with 5 deficiencies, which were all corrected prior to the deadline of February 26th of this year, and they passed our compliance inspection.

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DCR: Some of the deficiencies that were identified by the compliance inspector included trash and debris on the street.

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DCR: The video surveillance timestamp was off by 5 min. The No loitering sign was not posted inside or outside

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DCR: the there was cannabis

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DCR: flower that was visible from the outside, which is actually no longer part of our regulation, as of May of this year.

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DCR: and the licensee did not install an electronic age verification device at the point of sale.

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DCR: We did do a follow-up inspection, and they did correct all of their deficiencies. And again the compliance inspection did pass as of February 26th of this year.

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04:25:08.280 --> 04:25:09.550

DCR: Any questions?

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04:25:12.250 --> 04:25:13.570

DCR: It's Commissioner Farnby.

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04:25:14.110 --> 04:25:22.970

DCR: Welcome! How are you doing? Good? I didn't see the status of the of the

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04:25:23.210 --> 04:25:27.799

DCR: violations. From what I have here were all of those minor.

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DCR: the the violations they were. They ranged from minor to moderate. Is it okay for you to identify absolutely the violation? For the graffiti was minor.

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DCR: which was resolved. They did clean the area.

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DCR: and they there was graffiti, which they painted over.

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DCR: The violation for the video surveillance time being off was moderate.

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04:25:55.040 --> 04:26:03.570

DCR: Again, they did correct that the violation for the no, the no loitering sign that was minor.

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04:26:04.990 --> 04:26:09.279

DCR: the one for the the showing of the the cannabis flower

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DCR: that was moderate. But again, that's no longer part of our regulation. And then the major one was the age of verification device, which they did not have at the point of sale. But they did correct it by automating their system so that a photo Id would be pushed into the registers to confirm the age of verification at the point of sale.

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04:26:28.200 --> 04:26:30.090

DCR: That was not major.

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04:26:31.260 --> 04:26:32.120

DCR: Thank you.

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04:26:33.570 --> 04:26:48.159

DCR: So this Commissioner Lim, the age verification, was not in regards to entering the premises, but tracking it so that the same id would be verified at the cash register. Yes, okay, thank you.

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04:26:49.620 --> 04:26:55.248

DCR: And this is Commissioner. So you're saying the age identification was that a moderate or or a major that was

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04:26:55.720 --> 04:26:57.890

DCR: the major one. There's a major.

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DCR: Thank you.

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04:27:03.620 --> 04:27:05.870

DCR: Thank you. Any other questions for Seth.

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DCR: Okay, thank you. Thank you, and at this time you'll hear the applicants presentation. We do have someone here. Kevin Williams.

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DCR: We had someone here.

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DCR: anyone on the zoom.

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04:27:26.511 --> 04:27:28.139

DCR: Yes, sir, it's a raised hand

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04:27:28.440 --> 04:27:36.639

DCR: caller with phone number ending in 8, 9, 4, 4. Please state your name, and whether you represent the applicant, you have 10 min to address the Commission.

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04:27:49.860 --> 04:27:57.622

17148158944: Hi! I apologize. I had to leave but but yeah, I'm I'm available for for any questions. I don't have

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04:27:58.100 --> 04:28:00.840

17148158944: A lot of comment. I'm not really prepared. I'm actually on the road right now.

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DCR: Who are we speaking to?

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17148158944: This is Kevin Williams.

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DCR: Thank you.

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17148158944: I was there in person, but I had to leave apologize.

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17148158944: Thank you.

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DCR: What's your relationship to the app.

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17148158944: So I am a

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17148158944: I am the chief compliance officer, for Illicana, Illa. Owns 49% of Ventura oaks ventures along with our social equity partner, Chanel Michaels, who owns 51% of Ventura oaks ventures.

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17148158944: and so I am the I'm the chief compliance officer and the named manager of vitera ventures.

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DCR: Thank you, commissioners, any questions for the applicant. I do thank you. This is Commissioner Farnby. Did you hear from the compliance officer some of the violations that were cited.

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17148158944: Yes.

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DCR: Okay, can you give us a status update on those.

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17148158944: Oh, we we addressed all of them immediately. As quickly as we could. Yeah.
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17148158944: but yeah, as far as I'm concerned, the only thing that might be ongoing is, you know, the ongoing battle is always to keep the alleys and the and the trash clear, and things like that. But as far as the the significant violations we we address all of those.

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DCR: Okay?

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DCR: And it's Commissioner Farmey. Again, if I heard correctly, these were cited earlier this year in January.

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DCR: Is that correct?

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17148158944: You know, I don't know the exact timing of the violations. I thought they might have been at the end of at the end of the year. But yeah, I don't. I don't have that in front of me. I don't know the exact date of the of the violations. I do know. We I do know that we address them within the window.

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04:29:55.360 --> 04:29:56.570

DCR: Okay, thank you.

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DCR: This is President Mason. The inspection was on December 6th of 2023, almost a year ago.

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DCR: This Commissioner Lim, in regards to the age, verification.

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17148158944: Was that a software issue? Or was that a.

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DCR: A procedural issue.

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17148158944: I think it's procedural. Mostly we we have a security kiosk and and do the age of the electronic age verification at the entrance.

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17148158944: We just did not have a communication of that to our point of sale system at the register, and you know we've tried to do

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17148158944: We don't. We don't walk our customers around, you know. We don't like a lot of the stores. Had, you know, a personal like a bud tender that walks around with the customer. We don't do that. We let them kind of browse, and then select a bud tender, and then go to the register. When they feel like it, kind of more traditional shopping, and I think that that bit us in the butt a little bit, because we didn't have the proper tie, but we do have that in place now.

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04:31:06.540 --> 04:31:08.290

DCR: Any other questions.

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04:31:13.080 --> 04:31:18.149

DCR: Okay, hearing none. Thank you for calling in. We're sorry you couldn't stay with us.

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04:31:19.797 --> 04:31:21.080

17148158944: No, thank you.

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04:31:22.270 --> 04:31:31.529

DCR: Okay, we are closing the applicants presentation and on to deliberations, if any. If there are no deliberations, then we can go into the motion

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DCR: looks good. I mean, they've been open since 2021. There's really no complaints, and they handled all their

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DCR: all their notice to correct. So I I think it's solid operator.

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DCR: That's like a year ago.

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04:31:46.810 --> 04:31:51.973

DCR: Okay, this is a Commissioner farmy on item number 9,

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DCR: Dcr core record 3, 1, 0 1 0 5. The applicant is Ventura oaks.

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DCR: Llc.

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DCR: The premise business premise is located at 4, 3, 2, 4, West Jefferson Boulevard. I make a motion to adopt the staff's recommendation. As stated.

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DCR: Vice President Nash seconds the motion.

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DCR: Thank you, Mr. Vizo, please call the Roll Commissioner Farny. Aye, Vice President Nash. Aye, Commissioner, Lim. Aye.

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DCR: Commissioner Melendez, aye, President Mason. Aye, the motion passes. Thank you.

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DCR: We're on to item 11 Dcr. Core record number 1, 0 1, 8 0 2. The applicant is the little cottage caregivers, Llc. To approve an annual license for storefront, retail commercial cannabis activity located at 9 7 9 North La Brea Avenue.

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DCR: Mr. Vizo are there any Neighborhood Council or elected office representatives on this item.

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DCR: No, we do not have a Speaker card nor a raise hand. Okay, thank you.

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DCR: Then we'll hear from the department at this time.

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DCR: Good evening. This is licensing analyst Alan Dubois. I will present item number 11 for the Department of Cannabis Regulation.

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DCR: Dcr core record number 1 0 1, 8 0 2 is associated with the little cottage caregivers, LLC. The applicant seeks an annual license for the type 10 retail commercial cannabis activity.

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DCR: The business is located at 979 North La Brea Avenue, Los Angeles, California, 9 0 0 3 8 in the Hollywood Community plan area within Council District 5. The applicant was issued temporary approval by Dcr. With an effective date of March 19, th 2019.

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DCR: Since that time the applicant has completed all requirements for the issuance of an annual license in accordance with Lamc, section 104.06.

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DCR: The applicant currently possesses a State provisional license. C. 1, 0, dash 0003, 3, 9. Dash lic

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DCR: to conduct retail with on-site sales. Commercial cannabis activity, which is active through June 27, th 2025.

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DCR: The applicant is not subject to the requirements of Lamc, section 104.20 for the social equity program.

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DCR: On or about October 17, th 2024 Dcr. Provided the notice of the community Meeting and Cannabis Regulation Commission meeting by mail to the owners and occupants of all property within 700 feet of the property line of the business premises. Notice was provided in accordance with the municipal code.

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DCR: 2 virtual community meetings were held, the 1st on November 14, th and the second on November 18th of this year.

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DCR: During the meeting, members of the public were afforded 2 min each to speak about the application.

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DCR: Dcr also accepted online, written input through the date of the community meeting.

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DCR: One testimony was provided in support of the application.

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DCR: A compliance inspection was recently conducted, and a representative from the Compliance and Enforcement Division is in attendance and available to provide an overview of the compliance activities associated with this location. At the end of the licensing presentation

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DCR: based on the Department's analysis, the proposed project is consistent with the criteria for a class one and class 32. Categorical exemption pursuant to the ceqa guidelines.

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DCR: Since the project meets all of the requirements, and none of the applicable exceptions apply. It is appropriate. To determine this project is categorically exempt.

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DCR: The Staff report lists a number of reasons. Dcr. Or the Commission may deny a license. At present Dcr. Is not aware of any existing facts or circumstances to deny this annual license. For the reasons in Lamc. Section 104.0 4. Therefore, Dcr. Recommends the Commission adopt the recommendations included in the staff Report, and approve the issuance of this annual license that concludes licensing's presentation for this item. Compliance and enforcement will now provide their review.

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DCR: Good evening, and Commissioners, I'm senior management analyst Christina. Compost with the compliance and Enforcement division.

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DCR: I'm going to provide a summary for 9 7, 9, North La Brea, the little college Care cottage caregivers.

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DCR: A compliance inspection was conducted on October 17, th and a notice to correct was issued on November 13, th

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DCR: with a deadline of December 13, th

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00:04:37.550 --> 00:04:44.150

DCR: the Compliance inspector identified the following deficiencies, which have all been addressed to some degree.

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00:04:44.870 --> 00:04:57.920

DCR: The 1st is a use of DbA. The use of herbarium was not a dba that was registered with Dcr. They have submitted a MoD to use the DbA herbarium.

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00:04:58.360 --> 00:05:08.110

DCR: the display of license, the neighborhood liaison, contact information, and Dcr license was not posted for public viewing. They did

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00:05:08.250 --> 00:05:13.879

DCR: correct this deficiency by posting the sign, and we did, and sent us a picture of it.

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00:05:14.877 --> 00:05:19.150

DCR: Their video surveillance footage was not maintained for 90 days.

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00:05:19.648 --> 00:05:31.589

DCR: To address this they did request additional hard drive which is to be added this week in order to store the 90 days of video footage which is required.

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00:05:32.480 --> 00:05:40.119

DCR: And this is a moderate violation, and they did they.

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00:05:40.230 --> 00:05:50.900

DCR: a non employee vendor signed the limited access area log, however, was not escorted by an employee into in the limited access area.

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00:05:51.500 --> 00:06:04.167

DCR: and they were walking freely. To correct this issue. The policy was written in their standard operating procedures, and they train their. They retrain their staff regarding

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00:06:04.690 --> 00:06:10.480

DCR: the regulations for the limited access area and for them to walk

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00:06:10.954 --> 00:06:20.220

DCR: for outside vendors to not be able to walk freely in these limited access areas, and they also

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00:06:20.280 --> 00:06:30.000

DCR: did not post the no loitering sign as well, which is a minor violation. And this was posted, and a picture of it was sent to us.

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00:06:30.800 --> 00:06:41.400

DCR: and another deficiency that they had where there was a discrepancy with their inventory and metric. This was also corrected. There was a discrepancy of one of their products, which was

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00:06:42.073 --> 00:06:46.810

DCR: it was the display item which was not counted for.

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00:06:46.870 --> 00:06:51.160

DCR: So when they we did their inventory, it matched up with metric.

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00:06:51.460 --> 00:07:04.360

DCR: The Department did receive 2 complaints for this location. One was back in March of 2021, and the complaint alleged that the operators are advertising on their delivery vehicles, and not checking IDs.

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00:07:04.460 --> 00:07:08.350

DCR: selling to minors, and having events and giving away free cannabis.

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00:07:08.460 --> 00:07:17.269

DCR: In August of 2023 a complaint was received alleging the sale of mushrooms and illegal delivery operations out of the location.

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00:07:17.460 --> 00:07:23.749

DCR: When we did our compliance inspection. We did also have a special investigator conducting investigation.

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00:07:24.303 --> 00:07:25.350

DCR: He was.

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00:07:25.380 --> 00:07:32.769

DCR: He assisted with the inspection, and in reviewing the business premises he confirmed that the operator is not currently engaged in delivery.

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00:07:32.850 --> 00:07:36.140

DCR: and all the regulations were being followed properly.

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00:07:36.570 --> 00:07:42.279

DCR: The complaints at this time have been closed, and none of the none of the violations were observed.

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00:07:44.020 --> 00:07:45.319

DCR: Any questions.

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00:07:46.130 --> 00:07:48.530

DCR: Yes, this is Vice President Nash.

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00:07:48.700 --> 00:07:53.200

DCR: What was the allegation concerning concerning the illegal delivery.

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00:07:53.580 --> 00:08:08.380

DCR: the illegal delivery? The complaint just alleged that they were illegally delivering delivery operating out of the location. So that's all that was there. But when we went out there they weren't they didn't have a delivery

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00:08:08.400 --> 00:08:10.519

DCR: vehicle. They weren't delivering.

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00:08:11.000 --> 00:08:12.420

DCR: Okay, thank you.

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00:08:12.880 --> 00:08:16.673

DCR: This is supposed to be a type 10 retail I'm assuming. So

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00:08:17.100 --> 00:08:24.939

DCR: I had a question on the temporary approval status for the display of license. Can you

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00:08:24.970 --> 00:08:33.760

DCR: talk about that for the display license 5, a, 2, I, let's see

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00:08:34.150 --> 00:08:40.309

DCR: so the Dcr license, which should be displayed. That's what you're referring to. They did not have it up.

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00:08:40.732 --> 00:08:52.660

DCR: But since we did give them the notice to correct, they did post it. They did. Okay? And what's with the status of temporary approval? If they if they're in compliance

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00:08:53.392 --> 00:09:00.790

DCR: they do have temporary approval, as of 3, 1920, 19. They have their temporary approval.

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00:09:00.880 --> 00:09:02.230

DCR: Right? Jason. Okay.

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00:09:02.240 --> 00:09:03.330

DCR: Alright. Got it.

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00:09:03.710 --> 00:09:04.857

DCR: Alright. Thank you.

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00:09:07.730 --> 00:09:10.189

DCR: Thank you. Any other questions. Commissioners.

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00:09:11.450 --> 00:09:14.240

DCR: Okay, thank you. Thank you. Thank you, Seth.

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00:09:14.520 --> 00:09:17.249

DCR: We are on to the applicant's presentation.

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00:09:20.080 --> 00:09:26.279

DCR: I don't want to butcher your last name. So I'm just. That's Lucier Brianna Lucier. Okay, thank you.

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00:09:26.974 --> 00:09:30.620

DCR: I have a Powerpoint. Did I? Did it get in?

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00:09:31.150 --> 00:09:33.390

DCR: Cause? If not, I need my phone.

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00:09:34.240 --> 00:09:36.219

DCR: This is number item 11.

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00:09:41.940 --> 00:10:01.169

DCR: Okay? So the little cottage caregivers, LLC. Has undergone a transformative journey, originally thriving under herbariums management. This dispensary faced significant challenges from December 2021 to June 2024, with 3 different management groups overseeing operations. I was there for all 3.

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00:10:01.850 --> 00:10:07.250

DCR: Despite these disruptions, in July 2024, it was returned to its rightful owners

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00:10:07.490 --> 00:10:11.150

DCR: at the time. Daily sales had dropped to \$300 a day.

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00:10:11.210 --> 00:10:19.779

DCR: but began to rise immediately under herbarium's management, reaffirming the resilience and strength of this iconic location at 979 North Abrea.

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00:10:20.080 --> 00:10:34.359

DCR: Since its establishment on July 20, on July 1, st 2,018, herbarium has demonstrated vast expertise in dispensary management, a steadfast commitment to compliance and a dedication to community engagement.

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00:10:35.800 --> 00:10:55.399

DCR: Today herbarium Weho looks to a bright future with compliance and community involvement as guiding principles from hosting off-site, fully compliant charity events and neighborhood cleanups to considerable investments in operational integrity. We remain focused on uplifting the the local community and setting new standards for excellence.

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00:10:57.700 --> 00:11:22.159

DCR: The upgrades to the facility that have happened since July was the recently prior management had painted the entire building black. It looked really it was a bringing. It brought the whole community down. Nobody liked it. We painted the whole thing white again, put in glittery epoxy flooring. There have been other interior improvements and enhanced security measures. We've added more alarms, more more sensors and more cameras.

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00:11:22.560 --> 00:11:40.289

DCR: Our barium Wehoe places the highest priority on safety security and community collaboration security at this location is managed by active security solutions, Inc. A trailblazing female-owned business, led by Patricia Donaldson, one of the directors of the Hawthorne Chamber of commerce

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DCR: as the 1st woman business owner in enterprise security in the State of California. Patricia has been at the helm of active security solutions for an impressive 38 years, setting industry standards in safety and innovation.

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DCR: This location is fortified with 30 high definition security cameras, steel doors equipped with magnetic locks and a robust odor control system to maintain a secure and community friendly environment.

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DCR: In addition to these measures, security guard coverage ensures consistent on-site vigilance.

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00:12:12.270 --> 00:12:26.290

DCR: further strengthening its commitment to the neighborhood herbarium Weho has appointed Brianna Lucier myself as its neighborhood liaison fostering open communication and ensuring that community concerns are addressed promptly and professionally

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00:12:29.820 --> 00:12:33.750

DCR: at herbarium Wehoe. We take pride we take pride in.

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00:12:34.680 --> 00:12:40.860

DCR: is there? Oh, just that might be just this. Oh, okay.

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00:12:41.030 --> 00:12:53.470

DCR: At herbarium Wehoe. We take pride in being active stewards of our local environment, our community cleanup initiatives are a cornerstone of our commitment to making a tangible, positive impact in neighborhoods. We serve

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00:12:53.750 --> 00:13:03.869

DCR: organized regularly. These events bring together our team and volunteers to remove, litter, beautify public spaces, and foster a cleaner, healthier environment for everyone.

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DCR: from railway tracks to public parks. Our efforts extend beyond our walls, demonstrating our dedication to giving back to the community in meaningful ways.

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00:13:13.310 --> 00:13:23.609

DCR: Through these cleanups we plan to cultivate stronger bonds with our neighbors. Ensuring that herbarium Weho remains a trusted and respected partner in the community's growth and well-being

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00:13:26.570 --> 00:13:31.959

DCR: at herbarium. Weho giving back is more than a mission. It's a core value.

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00:13:32.030 --> 00:13:39.619

DCR: Our commitment to supporting local families and fostering community connections is reflected in our regular regular charity initiatives

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00:13:39.900 --> 00:13:45.480

DCR: from organizing toy drives during the holiday season to hosting, Turkey donation events off-site.

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00:13:46.220 --> 00:13:49.649

DCR: we strive to bring joy and relief to those in need.

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00:13:49.810 --> 00:13:58.250

DCR: These efforts not only create moments of happiness for underserved families, but also help strengthen the bond between herbarium and the community. It serves.

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00:13:58.720 --> 00:14:10.439

DCR: Through these acts of generosity we affirm our we reaffirm our dedication to uplifting the lives of those around us while demonstrating that our success is shared with the people who make our neighborhood special.

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00:14:10.980 --> 00:14:13.569

DCR: and that is all. Thank you.

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00:14:14.150 --> 00:14:19.760

DCR: Thank you. Thank you for the presentations Commissioners. Any questions.

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00:14:21.690 --> 00:14:35.140

DCR: Commissioner Farming, how you doing? So you had mentioned that you had been here in all 3 iterations of the right. Okay, do you recall the issue? That was that was mentioned? That happened in

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00:14:35.410 --> 00:14:37.990

DCR: 2021 regarding the delivery

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00:14:38.530 --> 00:14:44.680

DCR: they they said, so they wanted. There were delivery cars and a delivery service during that time.

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00:14:44.790 --> 00:15:06.509

DCR: and the car is set or barium on them. And the Dcr. Approached us and said, Hey, that's not okay. And we said, Okay, we'll have it removed immediately. It was covered immediately. I sent them pictures. I'm sure that they can go back in the in the file somewhere and find that. And it's it's me interacting with them as well. Yeah, we rectified it immediately. Thank you.

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00:15:08.890 --> 00:15:11.450

DCR: Thank you for that. Any other questions, commissioners.

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00:15:12.700 --> 00:15:15.969

DCR: Thank you very much. Thank you for staying with us this evening. Thank you.

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00:15:16.720 --> 00:15:25.519

DCR: We are closing the applicant's presentation and moving on to Commissioner deliberations. If any. If there are none, we may have a motion.

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00:15:28.350 --> 00:15:28.865

DCR: Okay?

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00:15:30.539 --> 00:15:54.160

DCR: Item 11, no deliberation. Okay. Item, 11, Dcr court record number 1, 0 1, 8 0 2. The applicant is to little College, little cottage caregivers, Llc. The business premise is located at 9 7, 9 North La Bria Avenue, I make a motion to adopt the staff's recommendation to state in the report

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00:15:54.280 --> 00:15:55.879

DCR: she will end as a second.

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00:15:56.150 --> 00:16:01.260

DCR: Thank you, Mr. Vizo. Please call the Roll Commissioner Farny. Aye.

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00:16:01.660 --> 00:16:08.909

DCR: Commissioner Melendez. Aye, Commissioner Lim. Aye, Vice President Nash. Aye.

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00:16:09.150 --> 00:16:12.660

DCR: President Mason. Aye, the motion passes. Thank you.

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00:16:13.570 --> 00:16:15.030

DCR: Item 12.

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00:16:16.910 --> 00:16:24.607

DCR: Item 13. Would be the no. I just wanted to see if we were all still here.

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00:16:27.520 --> 00:16:49.689

DCR: Item 13, Dcr core record number 3, 2, 0 0 4, 7. The applicant is grand era incorporated to approve an annual license for storefront, retail commercial cannabis activity located at 5, 3, 2, 4, East York Boulevard. Mr. Vizo. Are there any Neighborhood Council or elected office representatives on this item.

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00:16:50.180 --> 00:16:59.049

DCR: No, we do not have a Speaker card, nor is there a raise hand in the virtual meeting. Okay, thank you. Then, at this time we'll hear the department presentation.

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00:17:01.620 --> 00:17:08.819

DCR: Good evening. This is licensing Analyst Alan Dubois. I will present item Number 13 for the department of Cannabis Regulation.

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00:17:08.890 --> 00:17:34.500

DCR: Dcr core record number 3, 2, 0 0 4, 7 is associated with grand Era, Inc. The applicant seeks an annual license for the type, 10 retail commercial cannabis activity. The business is located at 5,324 East York Boulevard, Los Angeles, California, 9 0 0 4 2 in the northeast Los Angeles community plan area within Council district 14.

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00:17:34.530 --> 00:17:48.290

DCR: The applicant has not yet been issued. Temporary approval by Dcr. The applicant is actively completing all requirements for the issuance of an annual license. In accordance with Lamc. Section 104.0 6.

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00:17:48.320 --> 00:18:13.769

DCR: The applicant does not currently possess a State provisional license. The applicant is subject to the requirements of Lamc, section 104.2 0 for the social equity program to comply with equity share requirements. Seias must possess unrestricted ownership of their share of the social equity, applicant business, a proportional right to vote and to the profits and include code mandated language

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00:18:13.770 --> 00:18:20.309

DCR: as part of the application process. Dcr. Reviewed the corporate and ownership documentation provided

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DCR: for this applicant and determined that the applicant met the minimum equity share requirements. At that time.

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DCR: On or about October 17, th 2024 Dcr. Provided notice of the community Meeting and Cannabis Regulation Commission meeting by mail to the owners and occupants of all property within 700 feet of the property line of the business premises. Notice was provided in accordance with the municipal code.

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00:18:46.460 --> 00:18:53.830

DCR: 2 virtual community meetings were held, the 1st on November 14, th and the second on November 18th of this year.

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00:18:53.850 --> 00:18:59.229

DCR: During the meeting members of the public were afforded 2 min each to speak about the application.

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00:18:59.290 --> 00:19:03.919

DCR: Dcr. Also accepted online written input through the date of the community meeting

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DCR: comments provided but by the public were in support of the application citing that the applicant has remained compliant and increased security in the neighborhood

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00:19:12.740 --> 00:19:31.750

DCR: based on the Department's analysis. The proposed project is consistent with the criteria for a class one and class 32. Categorical exemption pursuant to ceqa guidelines. Since the project meets all of the requirements, and none of the applicable exceptions apply. It is appropriate to determine. This project is categorically exempt.

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00:19:31.820 --> 00:19:48.459

DCR: The Staff report lists a number of reasons. Dcr. Or the Commission may deny a license. At present Dcr. Is not aware of any existing facts or circumstances to deny this annual license for the reasons in Lamc, section 104.0 4.

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00:19:48.480 --> 00:19:59.959

DCR: Therefore Dcr. Recommends the Commission adopt the recommendations included in the staff report, and approve the issuance of this annual license. That concludes the Department's presentation for this item.

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00:20:00.460 --> 00:20:02.109

DCR: Thank you.

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00:20:02.964 --> 00:20:07.859

DCR: There is no report from the Compliance Enforcement Division.

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00:20:08.370 --> 00:20:14.400

DCR: So we are. Are there any questions for staff. I do have 2 questions.

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00:20:15.580 --> 00:20:16.300

DCR: It's good.

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00:20:16.630 --> 00:20:17.440

DCR: Okay.

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00:20:17.740 --> 00:20:22.139

DCR: So we have a letter here from Captain.

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00:20:22.960 --> 00:20:32.450

DCR: Yes, I'm sorry, chief of Police Jim McDonald and Jay, home captain and commanding officer from the northeast

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00:20:32.850 --> 00:20:35.080

DCR: northeast area.

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00:20:35.090 --> 00:20:37.569

DCR: The letter is dated

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00:20:37.820 --> 00:20:52.950

DCR: December 3, rd 2024. It's a letter opposing the granting of a license and it does discuss that if the license is granted, they have some proposed conditions. Most of the conditions are covered under municipal

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00:20:52.970 --> 00:21:01.200

DCR: under the municipal code, anyway. But there were 2 that jumped out, that I asked questions. About. One was number 9,

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00:21:01.230 --> 00:21:17.820

DCR: which reach the exterior windows and glass doors of the store shall be maintained substantially free of signs and other materials from the ground to at least 6 feet in height above the ground, to permit surveillance into the store by police or private security.

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00:21:18.080 --> 00:21:36.840

DCR: and the other one was Number 14. The operator shall attend periodic meetings with the Lapd. The Council Office and community members to discuss ongoing operations, recent complaints, and shall revise operational procedures to address issues to the satisfaction of lapd

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00:21:37.540 --> 00:21:41.410

DCR: are these 2 requests covered in the municipal code.

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00:21:43.233 --> 00:21:48.057

DCR: From item number 9. Generally stores do

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00:21:48.790 --> 00:22:08.140

DCR: keep their windows visible from the exterior. That would be a great question for the applicant. I I don't offhand know what this site looks like. Some of the businesses did have frosted windows, and of course Lapd likes to be able to do investigations and observations from the public right of way. As opposed to having to go in

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00:22:09.770 --> 00:22:17.340

DCR: So I don't know if Number 9 would be specifically applicable to this location, and then for Number 14

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00:22:17.882 --> 00:22:39.629

DCR: the operator is not required to engage in periodic meetings with the Lapd Council Office community members. However, that is definitely a bad best practice. They are required to post their neighborhood liaison that has to be available within 24 h, and if a member of the city, family or community needed to reach out about a complaint.

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00:22:39.630 --> 00:22:53.839

DCR: it would be best addressed to the neighborhood liaison, and then, of course, if Lapd has an issue with the location, they may not be in good standing. There's been a citation or something. They can bring it to the attention of Dcr. Specifically the compliance and Enforcement division.

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00:22:53.840 --> 00:23:08.489

DCR: and then they would do the follow up and take any necessary action, and sorry Jason, clean assistant executive director, providing the testimony, and I am reviewing the Cannabis Regulation Commission correspondence that we did get from the northeast

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00:23:09.090 --> 00:23:22.399

DCR: station. This is not a public convenience or necessity request those would have to be vetted before by the city council, and approved before it could come before this body. This is part of phase 3 retail round 2

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DCR: and as stated on the 1st page of the report. The second paragraph that starts with, please be advised.

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00:23:33.390 --> 00:23:54.879

DCR: They're saying that a review indicates that 24 cannabis type, 10 licenses. I'm adding the type 10. There are allowed within that community plan area. And currently, there have been 19 of those licenses issued. So this area has not reached undue concentration. So the this applicant does not require a PC. And finding from the Council.

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00:23:55.880 --> 00:24:02.299

DCR: thank you. I was just concerned. Because I know that with respect to Number 9,

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DCR: they have to show the neighborhood liaison sign.

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00:24:05.510 --> 00:24:08.090

DCR: and if they've been granted the

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00:24:09.900 --> 00:24:17.170

DCR: signage by the Health Department and pass that inspection. That would be something that would have to be displayed in the front window as well. I just

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00:24:17.670 --> 00:24:21.380

DCR: hope that Lapd understands that as well.

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00:24:21.853 --> 00:24:24.759

DCR: Those are my only 2 questions. Thank you.

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00:24:25.060 --> 00:24:26.990

DCR: Any other questions. Commissioners.

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00:24:32.400 --> 00:24:41.537

DCR: Okay. I'm sorry. This is Emily Water, deputy city attorney.

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00:24:43.300 --> 00:24:47.549

DCR: I'll save for the edification of the Commission, but also

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00:24:47.660 --> 00:24:50.129

DCR: for any future letters from Lapd.

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00:24:51.410 --> 00:24:56.810

DCR: Municipal code. Section 104.0 6 b.

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00:24:57.990 --> 00:24:59.163

DCR: I think.

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00:24:59.960 --> 00:25:05.100

DCR: Where is it? B. 2 Roman numeral 6

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00:25:05.320 --> 00:25:12.049

DCR: says that the Commission may, if it grants a license. It may impose conditions to adjust public safety concerns based on evidence of the record.

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00:25:12.150 --> 00:25:20.149

DCR: and I would advise the Council in this matter that if if it wanted to do that, it would, it would be advisable to

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00:25:20.675 --> 00:25:26.899

DCR: get further information from Lapd, because while this letter provides some very basic general information.

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DCR: I don't think that there's necessarily very specific information in here that would allow you to impose those public safety

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00:25:34.557 --> 00:25:41.900

DCR: limitations on this license. There's a general verment that there's been 65, part one crimes in the vicinity. But

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00:25:42.914 --> 00:25:51.015

DCR: it's not gonna where the vicinity is, how large that is, and how that may or may not be tied to the business, and

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00:25:51.800 --> 00:26:02.810

DCR: you know, etc. So I think if if the Commission were inclined, I would advise you to request to speak to someone from Lapd, just to further substantiate the allegations in this letter.

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00:26:03.730 --> 00:26:05.080

DCR: Thank you for that.

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00:26:08.159 --> 00:26:25.179

DCR: I do not have a speaker card on behalf of this applicant. Is there someone on the line, Mr. Visa? There is a raised hand in the virtual meeting? Thank you. Caller, with phone number ending in 4,306. Please state your name, and whether you represent the applicant, you have 10 min to address the Commission.

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00:26:30.690 --> 00:26:36.270

13104034306: Hello, Commission. Thank you, Alan, very much. My name is Molly Pitlock. I am

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00:26:36.640 --> 00:26:40.259

13104034306: licensing and Compliance Council for Grand Area, Inc.

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13104034306: And

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00:26:43.920 --> 00:26:52.230

13104034306: we. This is the 1st time we are learning of this lapd letter. Gene, can you please repeat what data was issued? I apologize.

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DCR: I tucked it away. I'm sorry this is President Mason. The letter from Lapd to this commission is dated

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00:27:04.940 --> 00:27:07.670

DCR: December 3, rd 2024.

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00:27:09.110 --> 00:27:19.099

13104034306: Okay, thank you so much. We have. This is the 1st we're hearing of that and the Lapd has not reached out to us, so we would. Certainly

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00:27:19.220 --> 00:27:26.549

13104034306: we will certainly work with Lapd moving forward. And I appreciate you bringing that to our attention.

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13104034306: I was going to get up today to talk about grander. It's a social equity license, a lottery winner.

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13104034306: It is working very hard to finish its city and state, licensing in compliance with all state and city laws.

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00:27:42.840 --> 00:27:46.510

13104034306: so that it can open the business the owners have worked so hard to establish.

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00:27:47.680 --> 00:27:53.479

13104034306: They have no complaints or opposition at both of it at either of its community meetings.

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00:27:54.230 --> 00:27:58.879

13104034306: And, most importantly, here, grand era meets all the criteria for issuance of the license.

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13104034306: The diagrams are substantially the same as those submitted to Dcr.

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13104034306: They have always provided Dcr. With timely and truthful responses to requests for information.

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13104034306: They have passed social equity review with the Dcr.

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00:28:11.550 --> 00:28:18.440

13104034306: They've never denied the Dcr. Or anyone. Access to the premises had a license revoked or failed an inspection.

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00:28:18.680 --> 00:28:21.316

13104034306: There have been no complaints or

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00:28:22.240 --> 00:28:31.770

13104034306: police reports or anything that we're aware of, or any other issues that would create a significant public safety concern or was documented by law enforcement.

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00:28:32.323 --> 00:28:35.219

13104034306: Apparently, except for this December 3rd letter.

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00:28:36.640 --> 00:28:38.180

13104034306: That we are unaware of

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00:28:39.830 --> 00:28:49.350

13104034306: regarding the business premises. The licensed premises fully comply with the land use and zoning requirements in Lamc. As Mr. Colleen stated.

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00:28:49.500 --> 00:28:54.630

13104034306: this is in the Northeast Los Angeles Community Plan area that has not reached undue concentration.

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13104034306: The owners and the managers do not hold office in any agency of the state or city related to commercial cannabis.

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00:29:01.930 --> 00:29:10.470

13104034306: There has not been a conviction related to the licensed premises regarding any type of illegal or not unlicensed cannabis activity for the past 5 years.

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13104034306: and then, finally, none of the owners have a disqualifying conviction

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00:29:16.090 --> 00:29:20.159

13104034306: or a disqualifying civil judgment concerning illegal cannabis activity.

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13104034306: Therefore, grandera, respectfully request or

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13104034306: and there are mutual. The requirements for approval of its annual license, and respectfully request the Commission. Approve the issuance.

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00:29:30.610 --> 00:29:33.509

13104034306: Thank you very much, and I'm here to take the questions.

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00:29:34.040 --> 00:29:36.230

DCR: Thank you, commissioners, any questions.

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00:29:40.980 --> 00:29:43.450

DCR: I don't think we have any questions for you tonight.

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00:29:43.880 --> 00:29:45.180

DCR: Thank you for joining us.

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00:29:46.220 --> 00:29:55.350

13104034306: Thank you so much before before I finish. How are we able to get a copy of that letter? Because it wasn't submitted on the

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00:29:55.994 --> 00:30:00.730

13104034306: submissions, either secondary or the initial submissions for the hearing.

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00:30:01.270 --> 00:30:03.409

DCR: This letter was just received today.

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00:30:04.240 --> 00:30:08.679

DCR: as I'm sorry. This is Josie Trebizo, Commission Executive Assistant.

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00:30:09.330 --> 00:30:15.870

DCR: The letter was received today and distribute it today, and we will.

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00:30:15.870 --> 00:30:18.370

13104034306: Be posting it on the website.

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00:30:18.906 --> 00:30:19.979

13104034306: Thank you.

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00:30:23.120 --> 00:30:31.480

DCR: Thank you. Question deliberations, gentlemen, if any.

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00:30:34.320 --> 00:30:40.689

DCR: I'll call for a motion. This is Mr. Vice President Nash. Altogether. Choir. Go ahead, Nash.

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DCR: Regarding item number 13, DC. Record number 3, 2, 0 0 4, 7 for the business located at 5, 3, 2, 4, East York Boulevard.

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00:30:50.610 --> 00:30:57.310

DCR: I move to adopt staff recommendations, as stated in their staff report, dated December 1, 2,024.

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00:30:57.690 --> 00:30:59.249

DCR: Wish you Melinda's a second.

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00:30:59.690 --> 00:31:08.589

DCR: Thank you, Mr. Wiesel. Please call the roll. Vice President Nash. Aye, Commissioner Melendez. Aye, Commissioner Farny. Aye.

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00:31:09.020 --> 00:31:14.649

DCR: Commissioner, Lim. Aye, President Mason. Aye, the motion passes. Thank you.

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00:31:15.830 --> 00:31:25.819

DCR: Item 14. Dcr. Core record, number 3, 2, 0 0 1, 2. The applicant is Gdnla, incorporated

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00:31:25.830 --> 00:31:34.750

DCR: to approve an annual license for storefront, retail commercial cannabis activity located at 1 1 8, 3, 4 West Jefferson Boulevard.

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00:31:34.780 --> 00:31:39.500

DCR: Ms. Treviso. Are there any Neighborhood Council or elected office representatives on this item?

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00:31:39.690 --> 00:31:45.680

DCR: No, we do not have a speaker card nor a raised hand in the virtual meeting. Okay, then, at this time we'll hear from staff.

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00:31:47.940 --> 00:31:55.800

DCR: Good evening. This is licensing analyst Alan Dubois. I will present item number 14 for the Department of Cannabis Regulation.

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00:31:56.000 --> 00:32:03.210

DCR: Dcr. Core record number 3, 2, 0 0 1, 2 is associated with Gd. And La Inc.

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00:32:03.270 --> 00:32:08.590

DCR: The applicant seeks an annual license for the type, 10 retail commercial cannabis activity.

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00:32:08.650 --> 00:32:19.280

DCR: The business is located at 1, 1, 8, 3, 4 West Jefferson Boulevard in the Palms Mar Vista del Rey, Community plan area within Council district 11.

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00:32:19.430 --> 00:32:26.640

DCR: The applicant was issued temporary approval by Dcr. With an effective date of March 26, th 2024.

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00:32:26.650 --> 00:32:37.349

DCR: Since that time the applicant has completed all requirements for the issuance of an annual license. In accordance with Lamc, section 1 0 4.0 6.

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DCR: The applicant currently possesses a State provisional license. C. 1, 0, dash 0, 0, 1, 3, 6, 5. Dash lic

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00:32:48.180 --> 00:32:56.490

DCR: to conduct retail with on-site sales. Commercial cannabis activity which is active through June 29, th 2025.

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00:32:56.670 --> 00:33:00.689

DCR: The applicant is subject to the requirements of the Lamc section

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00:33:00.910 --> 00:33:05.350

DCR: 1 0 4.2 0 for the social equity program

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DCR: to comply with equity share requirements. Seias must possess unrestricted ownership of their share of the social equity, applicant business.

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00:33:13.980 --> 00:33:31.439

DCR: a proportional right to vote and to the profits and include code mandated language as part of the application process. Dcr. Reviewed the corporate and ownership documentation provided for this applicant and determined that the applicant met the minimum equity share requirements at that time.

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00:33:32.230 --> 00:33:50.679

DCR: On or about October 17, th 2024 Dcr. Provided notice of the community Meeting and Cannabis Regulation Commission meeting by mail to the owners and occupants of all property within 700 feet of the property line of the business premises. Notice was provided in accordance with the municipal code.

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00:33:50.990 --> 00:33:58.830

DCR: 2 virtual community meetings were held, the 1st on November 14, th and the second on November 18th of this year.

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00:33:58.930 --> 00:34:04.509

DCR: During the meeting, members of the public were afforded 2 min each to speak about the application.

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00:34:04.660 --> 00:34:09.749

DCR: Dcr also accepted online written input through the date of the community meeting.

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00:34:09.820 --> 00:34:19.429

DCR: The oral and written comments provided by the public were in favor of the application, stating that the business provided security, and that the staff are very helpful.

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00:34:19.730 --> 00:34:38.639

DCR: based on the department's analysis. The proposed project is consistent with the criteria for class one and class 32. Categorical exemption pursuant to ceqa guidelines. Since the project meets all of the requirements, and none of the applicable exceptions apply. It is appropriate to determine. This project is categorically exempt.

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00:34:38.719 --> 00:34:55.359

DCR: The staff report lists a number of reasons. Dcr. Or the Commission may deny a license. At present Dcr. Is not aware of any existing facts or circumstances to deny this annual license. For the reasons in Lamc. Section 104.0 4.

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00:34:55.480 --> 00:35:06.940

DCR: Therefore Dci recommends the Commission, adopt the recommendation in the Staff Report, and approve the issuance of this annual license. That concludes the Department's presentation for this item.

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00:35:07.720 --> 00:35:10.949

DCR: Thank you, Commissioners, any questions for the department?

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00:35:13.970 --> 00:35:24.469

DCR: Okay, hearing none. Mr. Vizo, is there someone on the line? I do not have a speaker card for this? Yes, there is a raised hand in the virtual meeting. You may confirm

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00:35:24.730 --> 00:35:33.319

DCR: caller with phone number ending in 8, 6, 6, 7. Please state your name, and whether you represent the applicant, you have 10 min to address the Commission.

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00:35:40.070 --> 00:35:41.590

13103448667: Yes. Hi! Good evening.

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00:35:41.780 --> 00:35:44.010

13103448667: Can you guys hear me? Am I? Can you hear me.

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00:35:44.410 --> 00:35:46.130

DCR: Yes, we can hear you.

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00:35:47.190 --> 00:35:54.590

13103448667: Good evening. Sorry for the difficulty there. My name is Anthony Trujillo. I am the attorney for the applicant Gd. In La.

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00:35:54.620 --> 00:36:01.600

13103448667: and I would 1st up like to thank the Commission members and Dcr. For all their efforts, and getting this annual process put together

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13103448667: and done so quickly and faster time, but I just would like to say that

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13103448667: Gd. And La has met all the requirements.

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00:36:09.560 --> 00:36:15.929

13103448667: There's no reason why the license shouldn't be issued, and we really are trying to make a serious effort.

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00:36:15.970 --> 00:36:24.369

13103448667: Take the social equity thing serious. One of our owners is a 1st generation American. They got his citizenship last year, and he manages this store

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00:36:24.670 --> 00:36:29.559

13103448667: and the other. Guy's a 27 year old kid that had been in cannabis for years.

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00:36:30.080 --> 00:36:37.390

13103448667: And so we're really taking the social equity part serious, we have. The only one of our 1st investments was into someone to clean the street out here.

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00:36:37.400 --> 00:36:41.639

13103448667: We put Christmas light and try to make the neighborhood better is all we can do with our budgets.

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00:36:41.840 --> 00:36:52.600

13103448667: But we're we're fully interested in being a hundred percent compliant and trying to do this the legal way, regardless of what that takes, what the laws are. They are now. So we appreciate your time, and hopefully you'll approve us for.

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00:36:52.600 --> 00:36:53.450

TELEPHONE_USER: Licensing.

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00:36:54.690 --> 00:36:57.120

DCR: Thank you. Thank you so much for calling in

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00:36:57.170 --> 00:37:03.479

DCR: Commissioners any questions for the applicants or Attorney Commissioner Farby.

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00:37:04.470 --> 00:37:12.890

DCR: You had mentioned the social equity applicant. What are some of the can you talk a little bit about some of the things to utilize in the program?

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00:37:15.500 --> 00:37:24.929

13103448667: We haven't had a huge about of the program, but we're one of the 1st licenses. I don't know. We have the cumulative. So we actually have 2 social equities that were combined.

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00:37:25.070 --> 00:37:37.130

13103448667: But one of them. We haven't been able to get many of the Grants. There haven't been that many available. I know we've saved some money on some of the fees, I think, and they've recently told us that we could apply to get a 20%

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00:37:37.470 --> 00:37:40.629

13103448667: re some sort of reseller on our taxes.

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00:37:40.660 --> 00:37:58.319

13103448667: but I mean it hasn't been as there hasn't been as many, but it's just a benefit to give them a chance to own their own business. I mean, Mr. Ortiz owns a real percentage of his business now, and has. He's not just an employee. He's been in other businesses and seeing what happens when you have a chance and work hard, but aren't given shares.

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00:37:58.520 --> 00:38:03.230

13103448667: and that's really benefited, that it's been not the grants. I guess that was your question. I'm sorry.

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00:38:04.550 --> 00:38:11.280

DCR: Yeah, that was the I. Wanna, yeah. The question was around any of the benefits of the program that you've utilized.

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00:38:12.390 --> 00:38:36.180

13103448667: It's worked in the regard that they were given a chance at a business. I mean, I do think you guys have given them the hardest business in the history of the world, with, I think, possibly the highest taxes of any business in America with La having a 9% sales tax, so I mean you made it hard on them, but they can't raise financing or use banks, but I mean it helped them.

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00:38:36.310 --> 00:38:40.330

13103448667: I mean, they would not have had these would not have had this opportunity, and he deserved it.

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00:38:45.262 --> 00:38:49.380

DCR: Alright. Okay, okay.

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00:38:51.680 --> 00:39:13.349

DCR: this is President Mason. I'm going to help Commissioner Farny out. The city offers a suite of services to social equity applicants, and his question had to do with whether or not you have taken advantage of any of those services, such as the pro bono program, the C. Grant, the one-on-one counseling.

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00:39:16.440 --> 00:39:17.630

13103448667: Actually.

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00:39:17.680 --> 00:39:25.950

13103448667: I didn't know we haven't as much as we should have. That's correct. And I appreciate you reminding us what I know about

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00:39:26.450 --> 00:39:30.569

13103448667: I mean, I'd appreciate that. Are there sea Grant funds available still.

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DCR: The application period. Not at this time. No, they'll announce when they are available again.

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00:39:38.560 --> 00:39:40.849

TELEPHONE_USER: Oh, that's but great! There might be more available.

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00:39:42.720 --> 00:39:46.080

DCR: If the State says there will be the unnecess, there will be.

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00:39:47.190 --> 00:39:53.009

13103448667: Oh, that would be great, I mean because it has this program. At 1st I was skeptical of some of the benefits, and it was too hard for them. But

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00:39:53.130 --> 00:39:58.629

13103448667: as long as they, if they don't have to have majority control the way it's possible. And it does help people.

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00:39:58.840 --> 00:40:03.130

13103448667: They can't have to be 1%, one person. So that's unexpected. That wasn't working.

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00:40:03.710 --> 00:40:11.690

13103448667: And that's why the city's having all these crazy problems with these side deals and stuff because they can't be real owners and have to be 1%. And you raise capital to survive in the city.

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00:40:13.360 --> 00:40:17.899

DCR: Understood. Thank you so much for calling in commissioners any other questions.

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00:40:19.430 --> 00:40:26.430

DCR: Okay, then we will close this item and move on to deliberation, if any. If not, I will take a motion.

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00:40:27.110 --> 00:40:29.440

DCR: Mr. Melinda, said I,

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00:40:30.840 --> 00:40:37.439

DCR: I'd like to address item 14 Dcr corps record number 3, 2, 0 0 1, 2

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00:40:38.900 --> 00:40:45.210

DCR: like for the business premises located at 1, 1, 8, 3, 4, West Jefferson Boulevard.

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00:40:45.500 --> 00:40:50.939

DCR: I moved to adopt staff recommendation, as stated in their staff report, dated December 1, st 2024.

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00:40:51.180 --> 00:40:58.600

DCR: Vice President Nash seconds the motion. Thank you, Mr. Wiesel, please call the Roll Commissioner Melendez. Aye.

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00:40:59.130 --> 00:41:06.380

DCR: Vice President Nash. Aye, Commissioner Farny Commissioner Lynn. Aye.

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00:41:06.630 --> 00:41:16.670

DCR: President Mason. Aye, the motion passes. Thank you. Item 15, is Dcr court record number 3, 2 0 0 1 1. The applicant is

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00:41:16.800 --> 00:41:33.479

DCR: holdings, Llc. To approve an annual license for storefront, retail commercial cannabis activity located at 2 0 9, 2, 4, West Van Owen Street, Miss Treviso? Are there any Neighborhood Council or elected office representatives on this item.

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00:41:33.940 --> 00:41:42.099

DCR: No, we do not have a Speaker card, nor is there a raise hand in virtual meetings. Okay, then, thank you. At this time we'll hear the Department's presentation.

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00:41:43.760 --> 00:41:50.849

DCR: Good evening. This is licensing analyst Alan Dubois. I will present item number 15 for the Department of cannabis regulation.

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00:41:50.930 --> 00:41:58.660

DCR: Dcr core record number 3, 2, 0 0 1. 1 is associated with Asarov holdings, Llc.

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00:41:58.710 --> 00:42:03.829

DCR: The applicant seeks an annual license for the type 10 retail commercial cannabis activity.

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00:42:03.920 --> 00:42:16.099

DCR: The business is located at 2 0 9, 2, 4, West Van Owen Street, in the Canoga Park, Winnetka, Woodland Hills, West Hills Community plan area within Council District 5.

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00:42:16.160 --> 00:42:29.209

DCR: The applicant has not yet been issued. Temporary approval by Dcr. The applicant has completed all requirements for the issuance of an annual license in accordance with the Lamc. Section 104.0 6.

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00:42:29.340 --> 00:42:47.339

DCR: The applicant currently possesses a State provisional license, c. 1001, 4, 6, 5, lic. To conduct retail with on-site commercial cannabis activity, which is active through July 8, th 2025.

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00:42:48.170 --> 00:42:55.389

DCR: The applicant is subject to the requirements of Lamc, section 104.20 for the social equity program.

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00:42:55.400 --> 00:43:03.549

DCR: To comply with equity share requirements, seias must possess unrestricted ownership of their share of the social equity, applicant business.

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00:43:03.570 --> 00:43:08.809

DCR: a proportional right to vote and to the profits and include code mandated language

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DCR: as part of the application process. Dcr. Dcr. Reviewed the corporate and ownership documentation provided for this applicant and determined that the applicant met the minimum equity share requirements at that time.

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00:43:22.870 --> 00:43:38.489

DCR: On or about October 17, th 2024 Dcr. Provided the notice of the community Meeting and Cannabis Regulation Commission meeting by mail to the owners and occupants of all property within 700 feet of the property line of the business premises.

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00:43:38.520 --> 00:43:41.630

DCR: Notice was provided in accordance with the Municipal Code.

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00:43:42.070 --> 00:43:49.019

DCR: 2 virtual community meetings were held, the 1st on November 14, th and the second on November 18th of this year.

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00:43:49.060 --> 00:43:55.210

DCR: During the meeting, members of the public were afforded 2, 2 min each to speak about the application.

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DCR: Dcr also accepted online written input through the date of the community meeting.

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DCR: Dcr. Did not receive any oral or written testimony for or against this applicant.

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00:44:05.620 --> 00:44:26.260

DCR: based on the Department's analysis. The proposed project is consistent with the criteria for a class one and class 32. Categorical exemption pursuant to ceqa guidelines. Since the project meets all of the requirements, and none of the applicable exceptions apply it. Is it appropriate to determine this project is categorically exempt.

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00:44:26.310 --> 00:44:32.609

DCR: The staff report lists a number of reasons. Dcr. Or the Commission may deny a license. At present

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00:44:32.690 --> 00:44:43.280

DCR: Dcr. Is not aware of any existing facts or circumstances to deny this annual license for the reasons in Lamc, section 1 0 4.0 4.

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00:44:43.330 --> 00:44:54.970

DCR: Therefore Dcr. Recommends the Commission adopt the recommendations included in this staff report and approve the issuance of this annual license that concludes the Department's presentation with this item.

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00:44:55.330 --> 00:44:59.160

DCR: Thank you, Commissioners, any questions for the department.

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00:45:00.300 --> 00:45:04.780

DCR: Okay, that's enough. Then we are moving on to the applicant's presentation.

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00:45:05.680 --> 00:45:12.450

DCR: I do have a speaker card for Michael Asarov.

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00:45:12.500 --> 00:45:14.389

DCR: Hello, Hi!

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00:45:14.710 --> 00:45:18.203

DCR: My name is Michael Ossaroff Bossroff holdings. Llc.

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00:45:18.790 --> 00:45:21.770

DCR: I want to thank the Commission for giving me the ability to

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00:45:21.830 --> 00:45:27.790

DCR: run this business and own this. It's a blessing. I also want to thank Jason killing, even though he just walked away.

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00:45:28.146 --> 00:45:37.940

DCR: The webinars he does are incredible. I've watched every single one. Not being an attorney and navigating through this process has just been gold. What he does.

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00:45:38.528 --> 00:45:43.119

DCR: I also just want to thank just everyone. I mean, I have 2

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00:45:43.130 --> 00:45:47.480

DCR: cannabis felony arrests. And that's how I qualified for the social equity program

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DCR: and so the ability to do what I'm doing now is just incredible.

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00:45:52.810 --> 00:45:56.450

DCR: I? Just thankful.

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00:45:58.320 --> 00:45:59.913

DCR: Thank you.

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00:46:01.900 --> 00:46:14.800

DCR: this is our question and answer period for you other than the Webinars. Have you used any other social equity? I have not. Okay. Thank you, commissioners. I have no questions. Thank you for being here. Commissioners. Any questions.

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00:46:16.400 --> 00:46:22.779

DCR: This is Commissioner Lim. How close are you to opening up your store. I'm open. Oh, you are open. Okay?

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00:46:25.380 --> 00:46:26.800

DCR: Any other questions?

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DCR: All right. Thank you so much. Thank you. We are on to deliberations. If any

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00:46:33.740 --> 00:46:35.780

DCR: hearing none. I'll take a motion.

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00:46:35.810 --> 00:46:39.600

DCR: This Commissioner Lim. In regards to Number 15, Dcr.

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00:46:39.620 --> 00:46:56.349

DCR: For record number 3, 2, 0 0 1 1 for business located at 2 0 9, 2, 4, West vent Owen Street. I make a motion to adopt the staff report, dated December 1, 2024, Commissioner Melendez. I second. Thank you, Mr. Visa, please call the Roll

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00:46:56.500 --> 00:47:03.230

DCR: Commissioner. Lim. Aye, Commissioner Melendez. Aye, Commissioner Formby. Aye.

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00:47:04.030 --> 00:47:09.539

DCR: Vice President Nash. Aye, President Mason. Aye, the motion passes. Thank you.

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00:47:10.150 --> 00:47:14.900

DCR: Item 16 is Dcr core record number 3, 1, 0 1, 9, 8.

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00:47:14.920 --> 00:47:31.210

DCR: The applicant is platinum alliance, Llc. To approve an annual license for storefront, retail commercial cannabis activity located at 3,707 South Main Street. Mr. Vizar, are there any Neighborhood Council or elected office representatives? On this item.

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00:47:31.250 --> 00:47:39.379

DCR: we do not have a speaker card, and there is no raised hand in the virtual meeting. Okay, then, at this time we will hear the Department's presentation.

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00:47:40.380 --> 00:47:47.529

DCR: Good evening. My name is Ethan Spaulding. I will present item number 16 for the Department of Cannabis Regulation.

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DCR: Dcr. Core record number 3, 1, 0 1 9 8 is associated with platinum Alliance, Llc.

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00:47:55.980 --> 00:48:01.899

DCR: The applicant seeks an annual license for the type 10 retail commercial cannabis activity.

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DCR: The business is located at 3 7 0 7 South Main Street.

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00:48:07.070 --> 00:48:12.419

DCR: in the southeast Los Angeles Community plan area within Council District 9.

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00:48:12.850 --> 00:48:19.860

DCR: The applicant was issued temporary approval by Dcr. With an effective date of November 21, st 2024.

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00:48:19.980 --> 00:48:29.829

DCR: Since that time the applicant has completed all requirements for the issuance of an annual license in accordance with Lamc. Section 104.0 6.

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DCR: The applicant currently possesses a state provisional license. C, 1, 0, dash 0, 0, 1, 3, 2, 4 dash lic.

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00:48:42.320 --> 00:48:49.699

DCR: To conduct, retail with on-site sales, commercial cannabis activity which is active through June 12, th 2025.

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00:48:50.100 --> 00:48:56.870

DCR: The applicant is subject to the requirements of Lamc, section 104.2 0 for the social equity program.

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00:48:57.130 --> 00:49:05.910

DCR: To comply with the equity share requirements, Scias must possess unrestricted ownership of their share of the social equity, applicant business.

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DCR: a proportional right to vote and to the profits and include code mandated language

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DCR: as part of the application process. Dcr. Reviewed the corporate and ownership documentation provided for this applicant and determined that the applicant met the equity share requirements at this time. At that time.

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DCR: On or about October 17, th 2024 Dcr. Provided notice of the community Meeting and Cannabis Regulation Commission meeting by mail to the owners and occupants of all property within 700 feet of the property line of the business premises.

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DCR: Notice was provided in accordance with the municipal code.

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DCR: 2 virtual community meetings were held, the 1st on November 14, th and the second on November 18th of this year.

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DCR: During the meeting, members of the public were afforded 2 min each to speak about the application.

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DCR: Dcr. Also accepted online written input, through the date of the community meeting.

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DCR: Dcr. Did not receive any oral or written testimony for or against this applicant

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DCR: based on the Department's analysis. The proposed project is consistent with the criteria for a class one and class 32. Categorical exemption pursuant to Ceqa guidelines.

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00:50:18.490 --> 00:50:23.399

DCR: Since the project meets all of the requirements, and none of the applicable exemptions apply.

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00:50:23.680 --> 00:50:27.599

DCR: It is appropriate to determine. This project is categorically exempt.

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00:50:28.020 --> 00:50:33.189

DCR: The staff report lists a number of piece, a number of reasons. Dcr. Or the Commission may deny a license.

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00:50:33.300 --> 00:50:43.840

DCR: At present Dcr. Is not aware of any existing facts or circumstances to deny this annual license for the reasons in Lamc. Section 104.0 4.

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00:50:43.990 --> 00:50:55.689

DCR: Therefore Dcr. Recommends the Commission adopt the recommendations included in the staff report and approve the issuance of this annual license that concludes the Department's presentation for this item.

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00:50:56.950 --> 00:51:02.059

DCR: Thank you. Are there any questions for the department at this time.

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00:51:03.250 --> 00:51:11.909

DCR: Okay, hearing none. Mr. Vizo, is there a caller for this applicant? There is a raised hand in the virtual meeting? Okay, thank you.

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00:51:12.390 --> 00:51:20.849

DCR: Caller with phone number ending in 7, 3, 5, 4. Please state your name, and whether you represent the applicant, you have 10 min to address the Commission.

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00:51:31.350 --> 00:51:36.099

18182847354: Good evening. Madam President and honorable Council members, I'm Naric Radanian

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00:51:36.240 --> 00:51:41.439

18182847354: Council for Platinum Alliance. We thank you for this opportunity.

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00:51:41.540 --> 00:51:46.180

18182847354: and I would like to make myself available for any questions you may have.

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00:51:48.300 --> 00:51:52.100

DCR: Thank you for. Thank you for calling in commissioners any questions.

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00:51:54.400 --> 00:51:56.030

DCR: Okay, hearing none.

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00:51:56.520 --> 00:52:01.320

DCR: We are closing the applicant's presentation and moving on to deliberation. If any.

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00:52:03.180 --> 00:52:05.330

DCR: hearing none, I'll take a motion.

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00:52:05.770 --> 00:52:12.679

DCR: This is Vice President Nash. Regarding item number 16, Dcr. Core record number 3, 1, 0 1, 9, 8

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00:52:12.980 --> 00:52:23.060

DCR: for the business located at 3, 7, 0 7 South Main Street. I move to adopt staff recommendations, as stated in their staff report, dated December 1, 2,024.

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00:52:23.360 --> 00:52:27.560

DCR: Yeah, Commissioner Melendez, I second, thank you, Mr. Wiesel, please call the roll.

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00:52:27.680 --> 00:52:37.399

DCR: Vice President Nash. Aye, Commissioner Melendez. Aye, Commissioner Farny. Aye, Commissioner, Lim. Aye.

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00:52:37.690 --> 00:52:45.180

DCR: President Mason. Aye, the motion passes. Thank you. Item 17 is Dcr. Core record number 3, 1, 0

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00:52:45.520 --> 00:53:03.209

DCR: 1, 3, 5. The applicant is ceremony dispensary number one to approve number 0 1 to approve an annual license for storefront, retail commercial cannabis activity located at 1 9, 7, 0 7 to 1 9, 7 0 9 Nordoff Street.

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00:53:03.520 --> 00:53:08.919

DCR: Mr. Vizo. Are there any Neighborhood Council or elected office representatives? On this item?

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00:53:09.070 --> 00:53:16.639

DCR: We do not have a Speaker card, and there is no raised hand in the virtual meeting. Thank you. We will take the Department's presentation at this time.

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00:53:17.720 --> 00:53:24.629

DCR: Good evening. My name is Ethan Spaulding. I will present item number 17 for the Department of Cannabis Regulation.

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00:53:24.940 --> 00:53:33.690

DCR: Dcr. Core record number 3, 1, 0 1, 3, 5 is associated with ceremony. Dispensary number 0 1.

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00:53:33.740 --> 00:53:39.029

DCR: The applicant seeks an annual license for the type 10 retail commercial cannabis activity.

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00:53:39.270 --> 00:53:43.819

DCR: The business is located at 19 7, 0 7,

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00:53:44.470 --> 00:53:54.410

DCR: through 19 7, 0 9, Nordoff Street, in the Chatsworth Border Ranch Community Plan area, then Council District 12.

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00:53:54.700 --> 00:53:58.880

DCR: The applicant has not yet been issued. Temporary approval by Dcr.

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00:53:59.200 --> 00:54:05.519

DCR: Since that time the applicant has completed all requirements for the issuance of an annual license in accord

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00:54:05.730 --> 00:54:09.359

DCR: with Lamc. Section 104.0 6.

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00:54:09.520 --> 00:54:12.880

DCR: The applicant currently possesses a state provisional license.

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00:54:12.900 --> 00:54:28.339

DCR: C. 1, 0, dash 0 0 1, 3 0 4 lic. To conduct retail with on-site sales. Commercial cannabis activity which is active through May 26, th 2025.

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00:54:28.980 --> 00:54:35.300

DCR: The applicant is subject to the requirements of Lamc, section 104.2 0 for the social equity program

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00:54:35.580 --> 00:54:49.300

DCR: to comply with equity share requirements. Seias must possess unrestricted ownership of their share of the social equity, applicant business, a proportional right to vote and to the profits and include code mandated language

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00:54:49.570 --> 00:55:00.590

DCR: as part of the application process. Dcr. Reviewed the corporate and ownership documentation provided for this applicant and determined that the applicant met the minimum equity share requirements. At that time.

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00:55:01.690 --> 00:55:09.709

DCR: On or about October 17, th 2024 Ecr. Provided notice of the community Meeting and Cannabis Regulation Committee

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00:55:09.920 --> 00:55:11.270

DCR: Commission meeting

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DCR: by mail to the owners and occupants of all property within 700 feet of the property line of the business premises.

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DCR: Notice was provided in accordance with the municipal code.

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DCR: 2 virtual community meetings were held, the 1st on November 14, th and the second on November 18th of this year.

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00:55:29.360 --> 00:55:34.109

DCR: During the meeting members of the public were afforded 2 min each to speak about the application.

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00:55:34.380 --> 00:55:38.940

DCR: Dcr also accepted online written input through the date of the community meeting

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00:55:39.330 --> 00:55:49.929

DCR: 2 community meaning 2 community members, provided testimony against the issuance of this license due to a present cannabis odor at the location

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00:55:50.720 --> 00:56:00.980

DCR: based on the Department's analysis. The proposed project is consistent with the criteria for a class one and class 32. Categorical exemption pursuant to ceqa guidelines.

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00:56:01.120 --> 00:56:07.100

DCR: Since the project meets all of the requirements, and none of the applicable exemptions apply. Exceptions apply.

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00:56:07.170 --> 00:56:10.759

DCR: It is appropriate to determine. This project is categorically exempt.

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00:56:11.000 --> 00:56:24.789

DCR: Staff report lists a number of reasons. Dcr. Or the Commission may deny a license. At present Dcr. Is not aware of any existing facts or circumstances to deny this annual license for the reasons in Lamc. Section 104.0 4.

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00:56:25.060 --> 00:56:32.950

DCR: Therefore Dcr. Recommends the Commission adopt the recommendations included in the Staff Report, and approve the issuance of this annual license

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00:56:32.980 --> 00:56:35.899

DCR: that concludes the Department's presentation for this item.

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00:56:36.200 --> 00:56:43.910

DCR: Thank you so much, Commissioners. Any questions for Staff. This is Commissioner Melendez. I'd like to once again ask Jason a quick question.

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00:56:43.960 --> 00:56:53.470

DCR: Jason. Again the complaint comes across that there's an odor being emitted from the from the establishment.

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00:56:54.106 --> 00:56:59.763

DCR: Is it a not when you guys bring this before us.

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00:57:00.610 --> 00:57:03.720

DCR: I'm trying to figure out a word. This. It's usually

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00:57:04.470 --> 00:57:11.523

DCR: you guys have already gone out to check out space and know that it that that odor doesn't come from the establishment.

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00:57:13.297 --> 00:57:24.259

DCR: Jason, clean assistant executive director. When we do get an odor complaint, we look to see whether or not the business is allowed to operate, and what the status of the business is at the time the complaint comes in

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00:57:35.060 --> 00:57:40.889

DCR: no template based on I'm looking at the background section of the staff report.

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00:57:41.250 --> 00:58:03.959

DCR: and you know they have not received temporary approval by Dcr, so, of course, this business is not allowed to sell cannabis and any cannabis smoke that would be observed being consumed in and around the area. Would not be necessarily associated with their operations. It is something that we would look into. But generally it is

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00:58:04.010 --> 00:58:10.639

DCR: the the department's experience that cannabis consumption and the cannabis odor

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00:58:10.800 --> 00:58:28.100

DCR: for businesses that do not have temporary approval is unassociated with the actual applicant. It's associated with folks that live in and around the area, and or, you know, purchase cannabis from another location, and they're just consuming it. Okay, thank you. I apologize for the lengthy answer.

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00:58:28.620 --> 00:58:29.560

DCR: No problem.

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00:58:30.990 --> 00:58:33.090

DCR: Any other questions. Commissioners.

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00:58:36.400 --> 00:58:38.530

DCR: any other questions? Commissioners?

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00:58:40.150 --> 00:58:48.069

DCR: Okay, then, thank you. We'll close out this portion of the item and then we'll move on to the applicants. Presentation.

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00:58:51.140 --> 00:58:58.230

DCR: I apologize. I sent you all to the wrong building. We have a few images you should have 3. Go back.

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00:58:58.280 --> 00:59:20.239

DCR: You can go back one. There we go. So we started with that. So 1st of all, madam President, Commissioners, thank you very much for having us here today and allowing us to present this annual application. As we embarked on this journey, we asked ourselves, How will we be beneficial and positive neighbors to the neighborhood? Yes, go ahead, please state your name for the record, your relationship to the applicant.

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00:59:20.569 --> 00:59:29.130

DCR: Ceo. Yes. So as we embarked on this journey, we asked ourselves, how will we be a beneficial and positive neighbor to the neighborhood.

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00:59:29.190 --> 00:59:42.879

DCR: At ceremony we will operate with the highest standards of product, quality, service, and public safety. Our robust security measures ensure compliance with city and state regulations, with the focus on community safety and preventing cannabis, diversion.

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DCR: Environmental stewardship is a core principle for ceremony. Our facility is designed to mitigate odor impact through advanced air filtration systems, including negative pressure zones and Merv 11 particulate inline filters ensuring a clean and respectful environment.

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00:59:58.550 --> 01:00:08.720

DCR: We're also committed to supporting the local economy by hiring our workforce from Northridge, offering specialized training and apprenticeship to build a skilled and effective team.

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01:00:09.000 --> 01:00:16.110

DCR: The property at 1 9, 7, 0 7, 7, 0 9. Nordoff wasn't easily distinguished from the surroundings in Northridge.

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01:00:16.240 --> 01:00:22.840

DCR: but ceremony located between 2 gateways at Nordoff, and Corbin wanted to change that by elevating neighborhood

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01:00:23.130 --> 01:00:24.880

DCR: with innovative design.

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01:00:24.990 --> 01:00:32.550

DCR: we believe we can make a bold statement announcing this neighborhood as a place of its own distinct stunning and thought provoking with what we've done here.

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01:00:32.570 --> 01:00:36.290

DCR: We started this project about

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01:00:36.590 --> 01:00:59.510

DCR: 4 years ago. It was our very 1st construction project we shot for the moon. It was a full tenant improvement. We prided ourselves on being fully legal, holding ourselves to the letter of the law going to La Dbs when everyone said, just open. Just go. Don't worry about permits, we said, no, we're going to do our Meps. We're going to do our building permits.

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01:00:59.550 --> 01:01:04.560

DCR: It costed us a tremendous amount of money and a lot of time huge learning curve.

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01:01:04.610 --> 01:01:12.130

DCR: But we've gotten there. If you flip to the next slide you'll see that. We now have.

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01:01:12.990 --> 01:01:41.300

DCR: That's a actual photo. The cabinets have just started to go in. The shelves are going in next week. We regarding the cannabis smell. It's all boarded up. We've had a few break-ins, so we boarded it up. There's no cannabis operations. If you go to the last slide you'll see there is a smoke shop in the Strip Mall. And people come in. They buy their papers, and who knows what they're smoking or whatnot. So there is riffraff. We just installed the gate. You can go further down, actually

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01:01:41.563 --> 01:01:59.480

DCR: to the right of that. You can't really see here. There's a gate that we installed that had for the parking in the rear. It wasn't there before we'd have riffraff there at night. Doing what they do. So now we're able to stop them from going in. So we've made investments to the building. We're not done with the facade that's coming in January, but

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01:01:59.570 --> 01:02:01.049

DCR: you know where we

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01:02:01.240 --> 01:02:08.759

DCR: we're thrilled to be where we are and we it'd be extremely gratifying if you guys approve the the annual application. So we can make this happen?

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01:02:10.660 --> 01:02:19.589

DCR: Thank you for being here. Didn't I see you guys in the elevator? You did. Okay? And I sent you that way. Jason was eating the cake.

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01:02:20.070 --> 01:02:25.199

DCR: Thank you for joining us this evening. Commissioners. Any questions for the applicants.

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01:02:25.490 --> 01:02:29.800

DCR: Mr. Farmy, when are you expecting to ready to go?

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01:02:31.210 --> 01:02:34.129

DCR: We're hoping to call the

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01:02:34.190 --> 01:02:44.740

DCR: Dcr. For an inspection. At the top of the year. So sometime in the 1st or second week of January, we think we'll be ready to call for that. All cameras are in full surveillance is in

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01:02:44.760 --> 01:03:12.919

DCR: all that's done. Except the cameras on the exterior, which once we wrap up the facade. We'll mount those. But the whole surveillance system is in all the cabinet. All the mill work is going in. The shelves are going in right now. We have our final electrical inspection next week. We hope we've already passed our plumbing. We've passed our Hvac. We've had a preliminary inspection by the building inspector got all our handicap stuff on. We're full 88, compliant, we are. Yeah, we're

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01:03:12.980 --> 01:03:34.089

DCR: we're good. We're ready to open. And this is Josh Hockerman. I'm the social equity candidate. This is my partner, Josh. We met 5 years ago, and it's Josh and Josh. I think we met in 2015 2015, was it? It's been a while, was it 15? No, it's been an adventure, was it? 10 years? 5 years? You 2 are funny?

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01:03:34.520 --> 01:03:43.909

DCR: Well, thank you for that? Commissioners? Any questions, any other questions. Sorry. This is a type 10. Only this is just retail. Just retail. Yeah.

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01:03:47.740 --> 01:03:51.089

DCR: okay, alright. Congratulations. Thank you very much, sir.

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01:03:51.230 --> 01:03:52.570

DCR: Thank you again.

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01:03:53.216 --> 01:03:57.620

DCR: We're closing out your presentation and moving on to deliberations, if any.

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01:03:58.690 --> 01:04:01.050

DCR: It's nice to have cheery.

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01:04:02.090 --> 01:04:14.360

DCR: I don't know for a minute I thought they were going into a skit. I'm like you've sat through a lot today. Yes, you have. Of course you have.

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01:04:15.212 --> 01:04:18.376

DCR: There are pumpkin squares in the room.

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01:04:20.480 --> 01:04:24.789

DCR: Hearing no deliberations, we'll move on to the motion.

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01:04:24.830 --> 01:04:37.949

DCR: It is Commissioner Lim in regards number 17, Dcr. Core record number 3, 1 0 1, 3, 5 for the business located at 19707219709, Nordoff Street.

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01:04:37.970 --> 01:04:46.110

DCR: I make a motion to adopt. The staff report, dated December 1, 2024, Vice President Nash. Seconds.

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01:04:47.520 --> 01:04:48.950

DCR: \$50.

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01:04:50.240 --> 01:05:00.810

DCR: Mr. Vizo, please call the Roll Commissioner. Lim. Aye, vice President, next. Aye, Commissioner Farby. Aye, Commissioner Melendez. Aye.

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01:05:00.880 --> 01:05:04.530

DCR: President Mason. Aye, the motion passes. Thank you.

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01:05:07.170 --> 01:05:14.340

DCR: There really are pumpkin squares in the elevator.

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01:05:16.245 --> 01:05:25.099

DCR: Item 18 is Dcr core record number 3, 1, 0 0 7, 7. The applicant is Otc. Van Nuys.

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01:05:25.110 --> 01:05:34.350

DCR: to approve an annual license for storefront, retail commercial cannabis activity located at 5 2, 4, 2 North Van Nuys Boulevard.

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01:05:35.320 --> 01:05:39.989

DCR: Mr. Visa. Are there any Neighborhood Council or elected office representatives? On this item?

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01:05:40.060 --> 01:05:47.239

DCR: We do not have a Speaker card. There is a raised hand. I'm not certain if that would be the Neighborhood Council Rep.

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01:05:47.660 --> 01:05:49.050

DCR: You may verify

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01:05:52.430 --> 01:06:00.239

DCR: caller with phone number ending in 8, 4, 4, 2, please state your name, and whether you represent the Neighborhood Council or an elected office.

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01:06:08.950 --> 01:06:12.079

18184298442: Hello! My name is Joey Evans, and I am the social equity.

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01:06:13.330 --> 01:06:17.034

DCR: Okay the Commission President has not called on you yet. So we're.

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01:06:17.320 --> 01:06:17.720

18184298442: Okay.

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01:06:17.720 --> 01:06:18.780

DCR: Back in the queue.

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01:06:20.550 --> 01:06:25.459

DCR: Thank you for verifying at this time. We'll go ahead and hear the Department's presentation.

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01:06:26.940 --> 01:06:34.000

DCR: Good evening. My name is Ethan Spaulding. I will present item number 18 for the Department of Cannabis Regulation.

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01:06:34.250 --> 01:06:42.230

DCR: Dcr. Core record number 3, 1, 0 0 7 7 is associated with Otc. Van Nuys.

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01:06:42.370 --> 01:06:47.350

DCR: The applicant seeks an annual license for the type, 10 retail commercial cannabis activity.

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01:06:47.600 --> 01:06:58.870

DCR: The business is located at 5, 2, 4, 2 North Van Nuys Boulevard in the Van Nuys, North Sherman Oaks community Plan area within Council District 4.

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01:06:59.140 --> 01:07:06.090

DCR: The applicant was issued temporary approval by Dcr. With an effective date of July 26, th 2022.

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01:07:06.210 --> 01:07:15.449

DCR: Since that time the applicant has completed all requirements for the issuance of an annual license in accordance with Lamc. Section 104.0 6.

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01:07:15.720 --> 01:07:35.529

DCR: The applicant currently possesses a State provisional license. C. 1, 0, dash 0, 0 1 0 3 7. Dash lic to conduct retail with on-site sales, commercial cannabis activity which is active through May 19, th 2025.

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01:07:36.360 --> 01:07:41.690

DCR: The applicant is subject to the requirements of Lamc, section 104 20

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01:07:41.720 --> 01:07:43.900

DCR: for the social equity program.

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01:07:44.140 --> 01:07:57.740

DCR: To comply with equity share requirements. Scias must possess unrestricted ownership of their share of the social equity, applicant business, a proportional right to vote into the profits and include code mandated language

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01:07:58.150 --> 01:08:09.010

DCR: as part of the application process. Dcr. Reviewed the corporate and ownership documentation provided for this applicant and determined that the applicant met that minimum equity share requirements at that time.

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01:08:09.540 --> 01:08:24.959

DCR: On or about October 17, th 2024 Dcr. Provided notice of the community Meeting and Cannabis Regulation Commission meeting by mail to the owners and occupants of all property within 700 feet of the property line of the business premises.

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01:08:25.220 --> 01:08:28.429

DCR: Notice was provided in accordance with the municipal code.

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01:08:29.350 --> 01:08:33.509

DCR: 2 virtual community meetings were held, the 1st on November 14, th

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01:08:33.529 --> 01:08:36.359

DCR: and the second on November 18th of this year.

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01:08:36.520 --> 01:08:42.710

DCR: During the meeting, members of the public were afforded 2 min each to speak about the application.

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01:08:42.819 --> 01:08:47.470

DCR: Dcr. Also accepted online, written input through the date of the community meeting.

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01:08:47.689 --> 01:08:52.929

DCR: Dcr. Did not receive oral or written testimony for or against this applicant.

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01:08:53.529 --> 01:09:04.289

DCR: based on the Department's analysis. The proposed project is consistent with the criteria for class one and class 32. Categorical exemption pursuant to ceqa guidelines.

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01:09:04.420 --> 01:09:05.969

DCR: Since the project meets

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01:09:06.260 --> 01:09:14.029

DCR: all of the requirements, and none of the applicable exceptions apply, it is appropriate to determine. This project is categorically exempt.

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01:09:14.370 --> 01:09:18.849

DCR: The Staff report lists a number of reasons. Dcr. Or the Commission may deny a license.

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01:09:18.979 --> 01:09:29.379

DCR: At present Dcr. Is not aware of any existing facts or circumstances to deny this annual license for the reasons in the in Lamc, section 104.0 4.

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01:09:29.600 --> 01:09:37.439

DCR: Therefore Dcr. Recommends the Commission adopt the recommendations included in the Staff Report, and approve the issuance of this annual license.

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01:09:37.560 --> 01:09:40.430

DCR: That concludes the Department's presentation for this item.

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01:09:40.630 --> 01:09:47.760

DCR: Thank you so much, Commissioners. Any questions for the department, hearing none.

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01:09:49.069 --> 01:09:53.020

DCR: we will go ahead and hear from the applicants representative at this time.

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01:09:54.760 --> 01:10:03.700

DCR: Caller with phone number ending in 8, 4, 4, 2. Please state your name, and how you represent the applicant. You have 10 min to address the Commission.

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01:10:16.990 --> 01:10:23.749

18184298442: Hello! My name is Joey Evans, and Good evening. Madam President, and esteemed Commissioners.

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01:10:25.260 --> 01:10:32.179

18184298442: I really do apologize for not being able to be there in person, due to weather, as I am still in the Midwest

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01:10:32.816 --> 01:10:36.370

18184298442: so I would like to thank you guys again for having me

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01:10:38.410 --> 01:10:40.935

18184298442: I'd like to start off

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18184298442: with saying this project here with off the charts. And Otc, Van Nuys has taken me about 6 years to get to this point of being operational for almost 3 I was

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18184298442: started with a predatory partner, battling litigation and bankruptcy and eventually opening Otc. In the Van Nuys, Sherman area, where I also was a resident in Van Nuys, a past resident in Van Nuys, and a past resident in Sherman oaks. So with great gratitude of being able to have this business

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18184298442: in the city of Van Nuys and Sherman Oaks area the

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18184298442: opening of Otc has been

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01:11:31.420 --> 01:11:44.440

18184298442: a fulfillment of being a business owner for years for myself. So to actually see it come to fruition has been something of great value. From where I've come from in my life.

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01:11:45.940 --> 01:11:55.729

18184298442: I'm glad to be a business owner and be able to flourish in the community in which we operate. Being able to give back to the community.

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01:11:56.418 --> 01:12:02.351

18184298442: I'm also excuse me. I'm also under the weather from being out here in the cold.

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18184298442: but let's see.

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18184298442: here at Otc. We have really focused on hiring locally. You know, being a part of community incentives. Right now we are collecting toys for toys for tots. We do

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18184298442: neighborhood cleanups. We also make sure I'm so sorry.

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18184298442: Okay, so sorry about that. But through the focus of our local hiring community, and incentives like toys for tots, competitive wages offering more. Our store has become a welcoming member of the Van Nuys and Sherman Oaks community. And I'm thrilled about the achievement.

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18184298442: So we can go to the next slide.

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18184298442: I believe it's for community information security. So as being the social equity and being a part of the opening and operations here at the business, it's really important for us, as a company, to make sure that our community that we are giving back to our community. And we are actually

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18184298442: integrating into Sherman Oaks community fabric. We have implemented our good neighborhood policy at the location for being, I mean, I'm sorry for before we opened and it was paid off.

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18184298442: The starting point of this plan was neighborhood outreach. Before opening. We went door to door and surrounding neighbors to provide the information of our community liaison.

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18184298442: We answered any questions about our operations. The integrations of efforts include our continued commitment to hiring at least 70% of local employees, as well as offering paid volunteer time off for employees

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18184298442: and local organizations that serve the community. In the past. We participated in like I said, park cleanups and and toy drives, local food banks. Just to name a few. These events

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18184298442: allow us to encourage direct community members and customers to improve awareness about who we are as a company and how we best serve the community.

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18184298442: Further, we implement lighting and outdoor control plans as well as community liaisons who are available 24 HA day, 7 days a week to ensure

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18184298442: continued adherence to our good neighborhood policy, security, and improving the safety of our sites surrounding neighbors.

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18184298442: In other things we take distinctive pride in.

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18184298442: We have worked with cold water since opening our location, utilizing their guards. 24, 7, Site security. Our security plan includes 2 part I mean 2, part time and full time guards who work in 3 shift systems to optimize site safety and security.

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18184298442: Posts include the entrance retail floor as well as

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18184298442: aerobic exterior sweep during hours of operation. Our on-site surveillance includes over 30 combined interior and exterior cameras.

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18184298442: Exterior cameras include facial recognition capabilities, while outside cameras provide us with license plate reading capabilities which can be used to enhance law enforcement in the community.

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18184298442: So we like to make sure that

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18184298442: we're up on all of our security and making sure that if any needs if anyone's needing to use our footage, or we need to use our footage. Our retention. Exceeds the 90 day for the state. We also have

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18184298442: on site backup power system. When in which enhances the system operation in event of a power outage. We can go to the next slide.

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18184298442: Let's see that.

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18184298442: Did we switch to next hour? Is my computer frozen.

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DCR: We are on the meeting notice posting slide on our side.

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18184298442: Okay? All right. So the above image demonstrates our compliance with the Commission's requirements for outreach to the Local Neighborhood Council, as well as posting of meetings. Notice on site with everything said. I'm confident that our operations has created a beneficial impact.

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18184298442: To the Sherman Oaks Community, and beyond this opportunity

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18184298442: has firsthand impacted me, and not only created a steady source of revenue for myself, but it's also given me the opportunity to go back to school, and further, my education at almost 40 years old.

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18184298442: So I'm

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18184298442: really appreciative for us to be compliant. And the things that we're compliant with, and making sure that we offer, you know, a safe environment for workers. We've also have, you know, a very low retention we have.

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18184298442: They have a retention of

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18184298442: but tender overturn. So we've been able to keep, you know, a lot of our workers. I've also had to lose a lot of my good workers to them, getting promotions within the company, and growing as managers and being placed in other stores.

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18184298442: So you know, we with that, it's really good to see how hiring local people and get to see them, you know, be inspired by a company, and then go on to do great things for themselves whether it be inside of the company, or, you know, for further dreams outside.

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18184298442: the Commissioner's approval of our annual license tonight will allow us to continue these efforts.

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18184298442: our continued commitment to local hiring and fair wages.

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18184298442: I provided direct local economic effects, and we look forward to continuing higher local and promote from within.

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18184298442: Furthermore, our commitment to our good neighborhood policy and outstanding track record, enhancing the safety and security of the neighborhood has allowed us to immediately impact our business surrounding neighbors.

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18184298442: So we are very. We are very encouraged by the opportunity to continue to serve the community of Sherman Oaks, and respectfully request that the Commission supports the Department's request actions. I want to thank you for your time. I know we've been on.

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18184298442: This is just journey since 2 o'clock this afternoon, so I don't want to take any more of your time. But if you guys do have questions furthermore, I just want to thank you for hearing me today.

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DCR: Absolutely thank you for calling in and thank you for your presentation.

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DCR: best wishes for a full recovery

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DCR: Commissioners. Other. You're welcome, commissioners. Any questions for the applicant. President Mason, before we move on there is another raised hand.

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DCR: Is there?

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DCR: Was someone else.

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18184298442: Did you make one.

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01:19:18.150 --> 01:19:19.730

DCR: You may verify. Okay.

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01:19:19.730 --> 01:19:21.820

18184298442: Possibly my representative.

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DCR: caller with phone number ending in 3 0 6, 7, please state your name, and whether you represent the applicant.

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DCR: you have 1 min and 44 seconds left.

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18182813067: I'm sorry this is Attorney Steve Eggs, I mean. I was actually calling in on the Crenshaw legacy matter. I received notice that there might be a motion for reconsideration, so I will wait until Crenshaw legacy is back up. Thank you.

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DCR: Thank you.

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01:20:04.060 --> 01:20:04.930

TELEPHONE_USER: Yeah. Good.

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01:20:09.120 --> 01:20:13.100

DCR: Okay. So, commissioners, any questions for the applicant.

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01:20:16.360 --> 01:20:22.620

DCR: Okay, again, thank you for calling in we are moving on to Commissioner deliberations at this time.

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TELEPHONE_USER: Okay.

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DCR: Hearing no deliberations, we will move. I will call for a motion.

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DCR: Item number 18. This is Commissioner Farm, Bcr court record number 3, 1 0 0 7 7.

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DCR: The applicant is Otc. Van Nuys.

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DCR: The business premises is located at 5, 2, 4, 2

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DCR: North Van Nuys Boulevard. I make a motion to move a motion to adopt the Sas recommendation and saving report Commissioner Melinda's. I second.

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DCR: thank you, Mr. Visa. Please call the Roll Commissioner Farmby. Aye, Commissioner Melendez. Aye, Commissioner Lim. Aye.

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DCR: Vice President Nash. Aye, President Mason. Aye, the motion passes. Thank you. We do have a request for a 5 min recess. So the time is 7, 39. We are taking 5. We shall return shortly.

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DCR: You were prepared.

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01:29:25.870 --> 01:29:40.050

DCR: We may resume, thank you. The time is 7, 47, and we are resuming. This is President Mason, and we are on. Item 19, Dcr core record number 1, 0 1, 7, 3, 8. The applicant is Barr Corporation

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DCR: to approve an annual license for storefront, retail commercial cannabis activity located at 28, 1, 5, West Sunset Boulevard suites 1 2, 0 1 and 206, Mr. Visa. Are there any Neighborhood Council or elected office representatives? On this item?

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DCR: We do not have a Speaker card, and there is no raised hand in virtual meeting. Thank you. At this time we'll hear the Department's presentation.

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DCR: Good evening. My name is Ethan Spaulding. I will present item number 19 for the Department of Cannabis Regulation.

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DCR: Dcr corps record number 1 0 1, 7, 3, 8 is associated with Bar Corporation.

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DCR: The applicant seeks an annual license for the type, 10 retail commercial cannabis activity.

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DCR: The business is located at 2 8, 1, 5, West Sunset Boulevard suites, 201 and 206 in the Silver Lake, Echo Park, Elysian Valley Community Plan area within Council District 13.

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DCR: The applicant was issued temporary approval by Dcr. With an effective date of January 1, st 2018.

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DCR: Since that time the applicant has completed all requirements for the issuance of an annual license in accordance with Lamc. Section 104.0 6.

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DCR: The applicant currently possesses a state provisional license. C. 1, 0, dash 0 0 0 1 9 1 dash lic

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DCR: to conduct retail with on-site sales, commercial cannabis activity which is active through June 12, th 2025.

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DCR: The applicant is not subject to the requirements of Lamc, section 104.2 0 for the Social Equity program.

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DCR: On or about October 17, th 2024 Dcr. Provided notice of the community Meeting and Cannabis Regulation Commission meeting by mail to the owners and occupants of all property within 700 feet of the property line of the business premises.

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DCR: Notice was provided. In accordance with the municipal code.

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DCR: 2 virtual community meetings were held, the 1st on November 14, th and the second on November 18th of this year.

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DCR: During the meeting members of the public were afforded 2 min each to speak about the application.

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DCR: Dcr also accepted online written input through the date of the community meeting.

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DCR: VCR. Did not receive oral or written testimony for or against this applicant.

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DCR: based on the department's analysis. The proposed project is consistent with the criteria for a class one and class 32. Categorical exemption pursuant to ceqa guidelines.

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DCR: Since the project meets all of the requirements, and none of the applicable exceptions apply, it is appropriate to determine. This project is categorically exempt.

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DCR: The Staff report lists a number of reasons. Dcr. Or the Commission may deny a license. At present Dcr. Is not aware of any existing facts or circumstances to deny this annual license. For the reasons in Lamc. Section 104.0 4,

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DCR: therefore, Dcr. Recommends the Commission, adopt the recommendations included in the staff report, and approve the issuance of this annual license that concludes the Department's presentation for this item.

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DCR: Thank you so much, commissioners. Any questions for staff.

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DCR: Okay, thank you. Hearing none. We do have a representative here on behalf of the applicant.

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DCR: Please state your name for the record, your relationship to the applicant, and you will have 10 min.

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DCR: Good evening, Commissioners.

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DCR: My name is Ruben Harassunion. I am the co-founder, co-owner, and CEO of the Applicant Bar Corporation, Vba, California Caregivers Alliance.

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DCR: We are one of the few dispensaries who've been opened open in 2,006, and throughout all these 18 plus years, stayed in the same location with the same owners.

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DCR: with a 0 disruption to community 0 police involvement and 0 incidents

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DCR: with all ups and downs, weathered every storm, came out of it, and are still standing strong.

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DCR: We were silver lakes best kept secret. In the early to mid 2,000 s. And have always been a staple of this community.

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DCR: At Cca. We're committed to maintaining higher standard of compliance, safety, and service in cannabis industry. Cca. Was established under original medical cannabis ordinance, and followed all procedures

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DCR: with the city, state, and local group like the Silver Lake Neighborhood Council.

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DCR: who just last night anonymously bought it

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DCR: to support the renewal of our permit for which I'm petitioning today.

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DCR: We also complied with 300 feet radios mailing, and notified neighbors to come at this meeting

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DCR: because of the shortage of time. Debbie Slaughter told me to let you guys know if you you can contact her about details

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DCR: or last nice meeting that never canceled, was working.

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DCR: So when we start operating.

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DCR: we start operating in 2,006, and it was based on ideology, proposition 215, and Senate Bill 420, which was all about act of compassion, care.

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DCR: and collective cooperation with community safety and cleanliness.

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DCR: Even though cannabis industry are more becoming commercialized and more big conglomerates entering the

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DCR: market, we're trying still to keep old traditions, that. And we're not mostly focused on commercialized selling and like

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DCR: keeping lines going fast. But we're more about guidance education. And

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DCR: because back in the days we're not even allowed to call customers customers. We were only allowed to call them patients, and with that

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DCR: still mentality, with treating our customers that every customer still have benefits from cannabis, and we're educating them and guiding them. How to do. We're not rushing them out when our goal is to guide them.

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DCR: Yeah, we were one of the 1st retail cannabis business dispensaries to partner up with Ufc. Local 7, 7, 0, and unionized all our employees.

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DCR: Our goal is for our employees and our customers and patients feel safe in that environment and just don't have any just to know that also the employees have their back with unions, because

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DCR: back in the days when we entered the industry.

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DCR: Employees weren't treating like as a regular as in a regular other businesses, because everybody can open a cannabis business, but they're coming up from a black market.

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DCR: They didn't know what to do, how to treat employees, and we, with several dispensaries, approach the unions and start those unionization process over there.

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DCR: It's best service

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DCR: We have a loyal, patient customer, base.

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DCR: same that have supported us from day one and still frequent to our shop.

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DCR: We don't price gouge prices. We work delinquently with distributors and vendors to afford our customers and most fair and reasonable

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DCR: prices. We always pass on the discount and savings.

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DCR: We. We do donation to the Children's Hospital, Silver Lake firefighters. We do neighborhood clinics.

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DCR: We also give back community community really loves us. We've been there for 18 plus years, and yesterday Neighborhood Council Meeting. It's it's it was. It was proof of it, too.

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DCR: Thank you for considering our application. We're eager to continue serving our customers and contributing to our community and the advanced investment of the regulated cannabis market.

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DCR: and I'm here to answer all your questions.

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01:37:48.690 --> 01:37:56.090

DCR: I've been pretty long in this industry. And you've been long here today. Yeah, I've been long here today. Thank you for being with us.

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DCR: hanging out till almost the end. I don't have any questions, commissioners. Do you have any questions? This Commissioner Lim?

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DCR: How do you feel? The retail cannabis market has changed

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DCR: from 2,006 to today.

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DCR: It's it's it's it's more commercialized. It's more like.

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DCR: for example, we, the patients, are being rushed.

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DCR: not educated. They just. They don't treat us like they pay as a customer. You come, you buy, you go, you come, you buy, you go! There's alliance, and

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01:38:32.990 --> 01:38:40.999

DCR: we like before you. You're required to spend a lot of time with customers, with patients educating them.

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DCR: And even though Dcr is not allowed right now to give out the free stuff before it was very common to just give out

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DCR: free stuff to the people in need. Cancer patients who who don't have enough money to buy cannabis Cbds.

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01:38:57.210 --> 01:39:07.240

DCR: And that was a good thing back in the day. So giving God free stuff. It was like act of compassion, because that's the purpose that cannabis got legalized with Senate Bill 420 prop. 2, 15.

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DCR: So. But and now the more bigger conglomerate it was expected to happen. Anyways, it was just a matter of time, but the small family owned shops like us. We we still keep all traditions, and we're just a local good daily roasted daily with

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DCR: local community loves and comes and goes to us. And how was your

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DCR: profit or sales from 2,006? And now

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DCR: oh, it's it's the 2,006 was little different, because it was just the beginning. A lot of people didn't know it was going 2,000. 12,000. Drastically it went down

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DCR: because of the competition, because of the illegal dispensaries, illegal deliveries, and

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DCR: taxes that went up on the regulated cannabis. But the only thing we're trying to persuade our customers and patients that

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DCR: the the cannabis they buy from illegal shops. It's

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DCR: the most regulated thing in today's market. Even alcohol and tobacco. Tobaccos are not as well regulated nowadays as cannabis, because, the cannabis being tested in 4 phases with all detailed all like the last one, they just came out with the 4th test that illuminates all, even the metals in it. And

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DCR: so you can blow on a kid's face, and nothing will happen with the kid. It's just a pure air. That's how clean cannabis right now. But buying it from the illegal

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DCR: deliveries or dispensaries, you're just buying a

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DCR: true poison, and that's what the price you pay for by going to legal dispensary by paying more taxes on it, but that many people and patients they don't. They don't look at that. They just see the cheaper price, half price, and they go there plus competition. Obviously more more dispensaries open up

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DCR: more business, wise people, more smarter people. And it's just natural. But we're still maintaining our normal

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DCR: amount of patience dedicated to all people who come to us.

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DCR: It declined. But it's okay.

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DCR: Thank you.

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01:41:12.170 --> 01:41:13.609

DCR: Any other questions.

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DCR: Okay, hearing none. Thank you again for being here. Thank you.

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DCR: And we're going to move on to deliberations, if any.

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DCR: Okay, hearing none. Is there a motion? Okay, our core record number.

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DCR: sorry. Commissioner farm. B, item 19, Dcr court record number 1, 0 1, 7, 3, 8. The applicant is bar corporations.

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DCR: The business premise is 2, 8, 1, 5, West, Sunset Boulevard Suite 2, 0, 1 and 2 0 6. I'd like to make a motion to accept the Staff's recommendation. As stated in their report.

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DCR: Commissioner Melendez, I second.

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DCR: Thank you, Mr. Wiesel, please call the Roll Commissioner farmy. Aye, Commissioner Melendez. Aye, Commissioner Lim. Aye.

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DCR: vice President Nash. Aye, President Mason. Aye, the motion passes. Thank you. Thank you very much. Congratulations. Congratulations.

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DCR: Item 20

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DCR: Dcr. Core record number 1 0 0 0 6. The applicant is fountain of well-being, a cooperative corporation to approve an annual license for storefront, retail commercial cannabis activity located at 7,231 North Heinz Avenue.

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DCR: Mr. Visa. Are there any Neighborhood Council or elected office representatives? On this item?

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DCR: We do not have a speaker card, and there is no raised hand in a virtual meeting. Thank you. Then, at this time we will hear from Department staff.

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DCR: Good evening. My name is Ethan Spaulding. I will present item number 20 for the Department of Cannabis Regulation.

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DCR: Dcr, core record number 1, 0 0 0 6 is associated with fountain of well-being, a cooperative corporation.

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01:43:13.400 --> 01:43:18.430

DCR: The applicant seeks an annual license for the type 10 retail commercial cannabis activity.

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01:43:18.650 --> 01:43:34.419

DCR: The business is located at 7,231 North Heinz Avenue, North Hollywood, California, 9, 1 6 0 5 in the Sun Valley, Latuna Canyon Community plan area within Council District 2.

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01:43:34.830 --> 01:43:41.830

DCR: The applicant was issued temporary approval by Dcr. With an effective date of March 26, th 2021.

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01:43:42.100 --> 01:44:04.480

DCR: Since that time the applicant has completed all requirements for the issuance of an annual license in accordance with Lamc. Section 104.0 6. The applicant currently possesses a State provisional license, c. 12 0 0 0 1 5, 8. Lic.

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01:44:04.490 --> 01:44:11.489

DCR: To conduct retail with on-site sales, commercial cannabis activity which is active through July 8, th 2025.

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01:44:11.780 --> 01:44:18.589

DCR: The applicant is not subject to the requirements of Lamc. Section 104.2 0 for the social equity program.

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01:44:19.330 --> 01:44:35.660

DCR: On or about October 17, th 2024 Dcr. Provided notice of the community Meeting and Cannabis Regulation Commission meeting by mail to the owners and occupants of all property within 700 feet of the property line of the business premises.

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01:44:35.950 --> 01:44:39.110

DCR: Notice was provided in accordance with the municipal code.

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01:44:39.540 --> 01:44:46.840

DCR: 2 virtual community meetings were held, the 1st one on November 14, th and the second on November 18th of this year.

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01:44:47.060 --> 01:44:52.939

DCR: During the meeting, members of the public were afforded 2 min each to speak about the application.

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01:44:53.050 --> 01:44:57.719

DCR: Dcr. Also accepted online, written input through the date of the community meeting.

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01:44:58.130 --> 01:45:03.369

DCR: Dcr. Did not receive oral or written testimony for or against this applicant

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01:45:04.630 --> 01:45:10.479

DCR: based on the Department's analysis, the proposed project is consistent with the criteria for a class one

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01:45:10.490 --> 01:45:15.609

DCR: and class 32. Categorical exemption pursuant to ceqa guidelines.

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01:45:15.910 --> 01:45:21.439

DCR: Since the project meets all of the requirements, and none of the applicable exceptions apply.

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01:45:21.580 --> 01:45:25.380

DCR: It is appropriate to determine. This project is categorically exempt.

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01:45:25.770 --> 01:45:40.699

DCR: The Staff report lists a number of reasons. Dcr. The Commission may deny a license. At present Dcr. Is not aware of any existing facts or circumstances to deny this annual license for the reasons in Lamc. Section 104.0 4.

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01:45:40.830 --> 01:45:49.589

DCR: Therefore Dcr. Recommends the Commission adopt the recommendations included in the Staff Report, and approve the issuance of this annual license

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01:45:49.660 --> 01:45:52.810

DCR: that concludes the Department's presentation for this item.

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01:45:53.500 --> 01:45:54.880

DCR: Thank you so much.

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01:45:54.910 --> 01:45:58.540

DCR: Can commissioners any questions for the department?

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01:46:00.540 --> 01:46:05.610

DCR: Okay, hearing none. Is there a caller on the line for this one, Mr. Wiesel.

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01:46:06.340 --> 01:46:09.930

DCR: I don't see a raise hand, but I will make an announcement.

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01:46:10.060 --> 01:46:16.259

DCR: if any. If the applicants representative is on the virtual meeting. Please dial star 9 to raise your hand.

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01:46:38.840 --> 01:46:46.980

DCR: If the applicants representative for item number 20 is on the virtual meeting, please dial star 9 to raise your hand.

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01:47:05.970 --> 01:47:13.349

DCR: There are no raised hands in the virtual meeting. Okay, I'm going to close the applicant's presentation and move on to deliberations, if any

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01:47:15.470 --> 01:47:17.519

DCR: hearing none as their emotion.

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01:47:18.120 --> 01:47:22.930

DCR: This Commissioner lim in regards number 20, Dcr core record number

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01:47:23.170 --> 01:47:27.110

DCR: 1, 0 0 0 0 6

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01:47:27.300 --> 01:47:37.830

DCR: with business. Look at 7, 2, 3, 1 North Heinz Avenue. I make a motion to adopt. Staff report, dated December 1, 2,024. Mr. Farby. I second.

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01:47:38.530 --> 01:47:44.990

DCR: thank you, Mr. Vizo, please call the Roll Commissioner Lim. Aye, Commissioner Farm

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01:47:46.240 --> 01:47:52.629

DCR: Commissioner Melendez. Aye, Vice President Nash. Aye, President Mason. Aye.

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01:47:52.700 --> 01:47:55.549

DCR: the motion passes. Thank you.

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01:47:56.930 --> 01:48:02.348

DCR: It has been requested, and I have considered, and so I am.

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01:48:03.620 --> 01:48:13.290

DCR: that we reopen. Item 5 to move the meeting date from March 6th to a more sooner date.

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01:48:13.310 --> 01:48:32.149

DCR: So after much consideration, I'm going to go ahead and grant that request and make a motion to reopen. Item 5 Dcr core record number 3, 2 0 0 4 0. The applicant is Crenshaw Legacy, Llc. To approve an annual license for storefront, retail commercial cannabis activity

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01:48:32.150 --> 01:48:45.639

DCR: located at 4 0 5 0, South Crenshaw Boulevard, wherein our previous decision was to continue the matter to March 6, th 2025. That is the motion. Is there a second? This Commissioner, Farmer Second.

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01:48:45.710 --> 01:48:55.959

DCR: Thank you so much, Mr. Vizo, please call the roll President Mason. Aye, Commissioner Farny. Aye, Commissioner Lim. Aye.

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01:48:56.510 --> 01:49:00.070

DCR: Commissioner Melendez. Aye, Vice President, Nash

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01:49:00.190 --> 01:49:06.229

DCR: aye, motion passes. Thank you. So much. Does the Department have any input on this matter?

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01:49:10.720 --> 01:49:22.940

DCR: The Department fully supports the change in the Commission hearing date, we will update our public hearing notice as necessary. Okay, thank you. I do believe the applicant's representative is on the line

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01:49:26.700 --> 01:49:30.619

DCR: caller with phone number ending in 3 0 6 7.

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01:49:31.120 --> 01:49:34.920

DCR: Please state your name, and whether you represent the applicants.

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01:49:45.970 --> 01:50:10.129

18182813067: Good evening, Commissioners. This is Attorney Steve Agumi, and I represent Crenshaw legacy, and I'm sorry for the ambient noise under the assumption this matter was closed. I'm at a fundraiser right now. I received a call from Ms. Wagner, from the city attorney's office so frankly. I'd like to understand why the motion for reconsideration, and why the dates being moved up? Because this is the 1st notice I'm receiving on this.

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01:50:11.730 --> 01:50:12.719

18182813067: I don't know.

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01:50:15.510 --> 01:50:20.699

DCR: News, Wagner, would you care to respond to the question at this time?

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01:50:26.340 --> 01:50:28.280

DCR: This is Taylor Wagner, city-city

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01:50:28.280 --> 01:50:35.810

DCR: attorney. I think, purely for workload purposes. We're trying to spread out the Commission's caseload.

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01:50:35.920 --> 01:50:39.660

DCR: and in that light we're looking for.

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01:50:39.660 --> 01:50:41.869

18182813067: Earlier date.

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01:50:43.817 --> 01:50:44.829

18182813067: Thank you, miss.

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01:50:44.830 --> 01:50:59.750

18182813067: The issue. The issue I have is I can't consult with either the social equity applicant or any of the other owners at this point, on this such short notice and confirm their availability or the other. You know, individuals who plan to present

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01:50:59.930 --> 01:51:03.280

18182813067: it's, you know, it's it's really sudden.

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01:51:03.840 --> 01:51:08.099

DCR: I mean, with all due respect, we're not continuing it to a date in December.

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01:51:09.095 --> 01:51:21.169

DCR: And this is like the 3rd time your client has come before this commission. My position. I understand what you're saying. My position on that is that if they want the license they'll make themselves available.

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01:51:21.950 --> 01:51:23.460

DCR: You guys will have to work that out.

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01:51:23.460 --> 01:51:27.220

18182813067: Second time. Not I believe it's the second time, not the 3rd time.

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01:51:27.220 --> 01:51:30.209

DCR: No, the continuance will be the 3rd time.

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01:51:31.510 --> 01:51:32.610

18182813067: Right, so.

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01:51:32.610 --> 01:51:34.880

DCR: Matter has been on our agenda twice

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01:51:35.950 --> 01:51:41.550

18182813067: Correct. Yes, yes, and it was closed earlier today, and it was reopened without, you know.

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01:51:41.670 --> 01:51:43.670

18182813067: on incredibly short notice.

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01:51:44.950 --> 01:51:57.579

18182813067: And frankly, I don't understand the rationale. I mean, you could set it in April. You could set it in March. I'm just not sure whether people can make it on January 6th so close to the holidays. You might have plenty of people out of town that day.

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01:52:02.140 --> 01:52:11.180

DCR: Okay, thank you. Is there anything else you wanted to add in your clients? Defense for us to consider with respect to a date.

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01:52:12.530 --> 01:52:22.860

18182813067: No, this is just the second time that we haven't received notice or received inadequate notice for this hearing. I just wanted to put that on the record, but the Commission can vote as it keeps it

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01:52:23.390 --> 01:52:24.230

18182813067: bye.

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01:52:24.400 --> 01:52:27.980

DCR: Okay, it is on. It has been entered into the record. Thank you.

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01:52:30.650 --> 01:52:34.580

DCR: We haven't. I know we haven't. He's given a date, and we haven't set forth a date at all.

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01:52:37.466 --> 01:52:43.719

DCR: Okay, so I'm going to close the applicants presentation and move on to commission consideration.

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01:52:44.130 --> 01:52:53.929

DCR: And so the available dates are January 16, th February 6, th and February 20, th

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01:52:55.720 --> 01:52:59.020

DCR: I mean, if he needs more time, we can do it sometime in June, you know.

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01:52:59.570 --> 01:53:15.679

DCR: But it's you know, depending. You know, we want to be considerate to the guy. Right? So I say, maybe we do it sometime in February or March, and that way. It gives him plenty of time to be able to consult with the with the his people, you know. Yeah, mind you. If I

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01:53:15.830 --> 01:53:19.300

DCR: all due respect. If I if I recall correctly.

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01:53:19.340 --> 01:53:24.349

DCR: it's been about 8 months right now, am I? Am I not?

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01:53:24.410 --> 01:53:28.920

DCR: Is that not right? I mean with the, with the continuous and with the

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01:53:28.930 --> 01:53:32.649

DCR: Perseperence and all that I mean. It's been roughly 8 months.

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01:53:32.670 --> 01:53:35.890

DCR: roughly 8 months at this moment, so I think that

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01:53:35.920 --> 01:53:41.740

DCR: I would think and hope that if this was a priority, I think the sooner the better, but

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01:53:42.430 --> 01:53:45.220

DCR: doesn't sound that way.

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01:53:46.020 --> 01:53:48.020

DCR: So February March

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01:53:52.360 --> 01:53:58.120

DCR: Commissioner Slim, Vice President Nash thoughts here.

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01:54:01.510 --> 01:54:08.399

DCR: I, you know, look, I I mean President Mason. I think

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01:54:08.410 --> 01:54:11.840

DCR: that the 1st available date that we have.

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01:54:11.880 --> 01:54:15.590

DCR: if I heard you correctly was the 16.th Correct.

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01:54:15.800 --> 01:54:18.570

DCR: Okay, that's a good month.

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01:54:19.650 --> 01:54:20.770

DCR: Good

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01:54:21.040 --> 01:54:40.240

DCR: 5 weeks, 6 weeks from now. 6 weeks. Yeah. In my opinion, I think that's a significant amount of time, considering that it's already been several months. I'm very apologetic if I could just interject. And this is wctrine, Emily, just to be clear is this

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01:54:40.240 --> 01:54:51.130

DCR: commission in deliberations period at this moment. In time. Yes, we are. Yes, thank you very much. Yes, I won't be here on January 16, th so I think that's a great day.

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01:54:53.770 --> 01:54:59.049

DCR: Yeah. So I mean, you know, I I mean, I I heard what was said. But I don't.

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01:54:59.630 --> 01:55:01.450

DCR: you know, like

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01:55:01.660 --> 01:55:16.519

DCR: I feel like it's a significant amount of time. We have no justification to tell them why we need it. We have a calendar conflict. We're overloaded. We pick a date, and if they can make it, they can make it. We don't need to justify

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01:55:16.560 --> 01:55:19.780

DCR: why we're doing it. It's a calendaring issue

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01:55:20.580 --> 01:55:24.929

DCR: at the end. I agree, 100%. January 16, th yeah.

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01:55:25.550 --> 01:55:29.760

DCR: okay, this is President Mason. I think we're done with deliberations. Yes.

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01:55:30.440 --> 01:55:36.389

DCR: Okay, regarding DC, item number 5, Dcr, core record number

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01:55:36.650 --> 01:55:51.929

DCR: 3, 2, 0 0 4 0. This is President Mason and I move that we continue this matter to our January 16, th 2025. Meeting this Commissioner Farby, I second the motion. Thank you, Mr. Viso, please call the roll

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01:55:52.830 --> 01:56:00.110

DCR: President Mason. Aye, Commissioner Farny. Aye, Commissioner Lim. Aye.

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01:56:00.380 --> 01:56:06.519

DCR: Commissioner Melendez. Aye, Vice President, Nash. Aye, the motion passes. Thank you.

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01:56:06.540 --> 01:56:17.229

DCR: commissioners. Thank you for your service in 2024 you. It has been a pleasure to serve with each of you. Thank you for leaning into this work

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01:56:17.270 --> 01:56:19.299

DCR: for embracing it with

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01:56:19.310 --> 01:56:31.429

DCR: a poem with passion and with dedication, and I look forward to serving with you in 2025 happy holidays to you and your families. The time is

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01:56:31.600 --> 01:56:41.420

DCR: 8, 14, 0, and thank you to the department staff for your service and your assistance as well. We appreciate you. The time is 8 14, and this meeting is adjourned.

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01:56:41.710 --> 01:56:42.356

DCR: See this.



Cannabis Commission Hearing on DCR record number #LA-R-24-320048-ANN

Gramercy Block Club <gramercyblockclub@gmail.com>
To: cannabiscommission@lacity.org

Mon, Dec 2, 2024 at 8:23 AM

Good morning —

I'm submitting this letter to you in advance of the hearing scheduled for:

THURSDAY DEC 5, 2024 @ 2:00 PM
LA DEPT. OF BUILDING AND SAFETY - 9TH FLOOR
[201 N FIGUEROA ST, LOS ANGELES, CA 90012](#)

RE: DCR record number #LA-R-24-320048-ANN

I plan on attending this meeting with members of our Block Club, which would be dramatically and negatively impacted by this proposed dispensary.

I've also been in contact with our Councilman's office and the board of my neighborhood council.

I look forward to speaking further at the hearing and thank you for your time-

Harry Frishberg
President, Gramercy Block Club

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December 01, 2024

To hon. members of
The Department of Cannabis Regulation
& The Cannabis Regulation Commission

RE: DCR record number #LA-R-24-320048-ANN

This letter is written by and on behalf of the Gramercy Block Club, an engaged collective of over 150 active members living in the NW corner of Vermont Square in Los Angeles. We represent families who reside nearby— and in one case, *directly inside* — the building where this dispensary is proposed: **4369 S VAN NESS AVE.**

And while our group doesn't necessarily object to *any* dispensary within our quiet community, a vote held on November 13th, 2024 showed **unanimous objection** to *this specific* dispensary on grounds of health, safety, and community.

While not *technically* within 700 ft of a childcare facility, there are multiple daycares within 2-3 blocks of the dispensary and many kids walk past this location on their way to and from school. In addition, a number of neighbors have expressed concern over the property owner's history of neglect and disrepair on this and other properties they own in our community. Several tenants who currently reside *inside* the building complain about the strong smell of marijuana, lack of proper ventilation, lack of basic upkeep, and numerous other red flags.

These problems have already led to serious health concerns for a family living in the building, including a child with asthma. They have no reason to believe any issues will be rectified with the opening of a dispensary — in fact, they are concerned to speak out for fear of reprisals from the owner and have asked to remain anonymous.

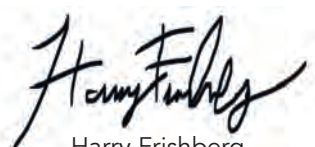
These and other reasonable concerns were rudely dismissed by the proposed operators on a Nov. 1, 2024 Zoom call initiated by the Gramercy Block Club. This Zoom call came about entirely from our demanding it. Nobody representing the owner or the operators had ever reached out or notified any of us about their plans or intentions. The people who live in *the very building* were unaware of these proposed plans — a fact that was completely misrepresented by the operators on the call. In fact, a number of contradictory or outright false statements were made on that call.

Perhaps the most troubling part of the meeting came when our residents were told numerous times “this isn’t Beverly Hills” in response to legitimate questions about safety and what kind of effect this would have on our community.

Whether these responses were *intended* to offend is beside the point. They demonstrate the attitude and mindset of operators who do not have our community’s best interest at heart.

Once again, I want to make clear that our group doesn’t object to any dispensary. But *this property* - below an apartment building of families - is not a good fit for our community. There are plenty of operators who could run a dispensary that would bring security and value to the neighborhood. But *these operators* - who so clearly don’t know or care to know our community - are not them.

It is for these reasons that we implore you to **reject** this application.



Harry Frishberg

President, Gramercy Block Club

cc:

Marqueece Harris-Dawson

President, Los Angeles City Council / Eighth District Representative

Janay Copland

President, Empowerment Congress Central Area Neighborhood Council

Corey Blake

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RECOMMENDATION REPORT FOR RETAIL WITH ON-SITE SALES COMMERCIAL CANNABIS LICENSE

Pursuant to Los Angeles Municipal Code (LAMC) Section 104.06, the following application for commercial cannabis activity is complete and the Department of Cannabis Regulation (DCR) has determined the Applicant meets the requirements for the issuance of an Annual License for the commercial cannabis activity listed below. DCR recommends that the Cannabis Regulation Commission approve the issuance of an Annual License. DCR also has determined this project is categorically exempt from the requirements of the California Environmental Quality Act (CEQA) pursuant to the Class 1 and Class 32 categorical exemptions.

DCR Core Record No.:	320048
Applicant Name:	L&E Retail, LLC
DCR Record No. / Activities Requested:	LA-R-24-320048-ANN / Retail w/ on-site sales (Type 10)
Proposed Project:	The Applicant seeks an Annual License for the Type 10 Retail Storefront with on-site sales commercial cannabis activity pursuant to LAMC section 104.06 et. al.
Business Premises Address/ Project Location:	4369 S. Van Ness Avenue Los Angeles, CA 90062
Council District: Closest Neighborhood Council (NC): Business Improvement District: Community Plan Area: Zoning:	8 Empowerment Congress Central None West Adams - Baldwin Hills - Leimert C2-1VL-CPIO
LAMC Section / "Phase":	LAMC 104.06.1 / Phase 3 Retail Round 2
Evidence of Offer to Meet with NC:	Yes
Complaint Portal Entry: Recent Compliance Inspection:	No No
Social Equity Applicant / Ownership %:	Yes / 51 %
Environmental Analysis/Clearance: ENV-320048-ANN	Notice of Exemption pursuant to the Class 1 and Class 32 categorical exemptions (tit. 14, Cal. Code Regs., §§ 15301, 15332)

BACKGROUND:

The Business Premises is located at 4369 S. Van Ness Avenue, Los Angeles, CA 90062, a parcel zoned for Neighborhood Commercial purposes. The Applicant has not been issued Temporary Approval by DCR. Since that time, the Applicant has completed all requirements for the issuance of an Annual License in accordance with LAMC Section 104.06. The Applicant does not currently possess a State provisional License. The Applicant is subject to the requirements of LAMC Section 104.20 for the Social Equity Program.

Social Equity Applications are evaluated for compliance with the Equity Share requirements under LAMC 104.20. To comply with the Equity Share requirements, Social Equity Individual Applicants (SEIAs) must possess unrestricted ownership of their share of the Social Equity Applicant (business), a proportional right to vote and to the profits, and include certain language mandated by LAMC 104.20 in their agreements, among other requirements. As part of the application process, DCR reviewed the corporate and ownership documentation provided for this Applicant and determined that the Applicant met the minimum Equity Share requirements at that time.

DEPARTMENT ANNUAL LICENSING RECOMMENDATION:

DCR recommends approving the Annual License for the Applicant based on the following factors:

- The Applicant has met the Application requirements under LAMC Section 104.03.
- The Business Premises location meets the requirements under LAMC Section 105.02.
- The Application does not contain any grounds for denial under LAMC Section 104.04.
- The Applicant has met the requirements under LAMC Section 104.20.

COMMUNITY INPUT:

On or about October 17, 2024, DCR provided notice of the community meeting and Cannabis Regulation Commission meeting by mail to the owners and occupants of all property within 700 feet of the property line of the Business Premises. Notice was also provided to the nearest Neighborhood Council, Business Improvement District, and Council Office.

The virtual community meetings were held on November 14 and November 18, 2024. During the meeting, members of the public were afforded two minutes each to speak about the Application. DCR also accepted online written input through the date of the community meeting. In general, the oral and written comments provided by the public were in strong opposition to this application. Commenters expressed the beliefs that allowing this business to operate poses significant safety risks, will negatively impact the community's positive trajectory, and could harm property values. Residents voiced numerous concerns about odor, lack of cleanliness, crime, neighborhood quality of life, property upkeep, and the owner's lack of familiarity with the neighborhood and a lack of proactive responsibility with respect to mitigating crime. Finally, several speakers were offended due to the business owner's alleged comment that the neighborhood does not deserve the same level of concern/care as Beverly Hills.

Number of Comments In Favor of the Application	0
Number of Comments Against the Application	38
Total Number of Comments	38

The Applicant provided timely proof to DCR that it contacted the nearest Neighborhood Council and offered to appear before the Neighborhood Council in accordance with LAMC Section 104.06(b)(1)(ii).

COMPLIANCE REVIEW:

DCR has not recently performed a compliance inspection for this Applicant. However, this business shall be subject to multiple, future inspections by DCR and several other agencies prior to the receipt of an Operating Permit. An Operating Permit is the final authorization from DCR to conduct Commercial Cannabis Activity, and is issued only after a licensee has passed a Final Inspection by DCR, and obtained all permits, clearances, or other authorizations required by law, which may include a Certificate of Occupancy from the Los Angeles Department of Building and Safety, clearance from the Los Angeles Fire Department and/or permit from the Los Angeles County Department of Public Health.

THERE ARE NO EXISTING REASONS TO DENY AN ANNUAL LICENSE:

DCR or the Cannabis Regulation Commission may deny an Annual Application for the reasons stated in LAMC section 104.04. These denial reasons include, but are not limited, to:

- The Business Premises is substantially different from the diagram of the Business Premises submitted by the Applicant or Licensee;
- Denying DCR employees or agents access to the Business Premises;
- Procuring a License by fraud or deceit, making a material misrepresentation, false statement, or knowingly failing to disclose a material fact;
- Failing to timely to provide DCR with requested information, forms or documents;
- Denial of a license, permit or other authorization to engage in Commercial Cannabis Activity by any state or other local licensing authority;
- Creation of a significant public safety problem as documented by a law enforcement agency;
- Failure to adhere to the requirements of this article or the Rules and Regulations;
- Engaging in unlicensed Commercial Cannabis Activity in violation of Section 104.15;
- Revocation of Temporary Approval;
- Failing a Business Premises inspection by DCR, another City agency, or the Los Angeles County Department of Public Health; or
- Failing to comply with any requirement in LAMC Section 104.20;
- The Business Premises was the site of a utility disconnect, padlocking or certain criminal convictions for a period of 5 years from the date of the conviction, padlock or disconnect;
- Improper zoning or distancing of the Business Premises from Sensitive Uses under LAMC Section 105.00 *et seq.*;
- An Owner is an individual who holds office in, is employed by any agency of the State of California and any of its political subdivisions when the individual's duties include the enforcement or regulation of Commercial Cannabis Activity or any other penal provisions of law of the State of California prohibiting or regulating Commercial Cannabis Activity; and,
- An Owner is an entity incorporated outside of the United States.

At present, DCR is not aware of any existing facts or circumstances to deny this Annual License for the reasons in LAMC Section 104.04. Thus, DCR recommends the Commission approve the issuance of this Annual License.

CALIFORNIA ENVIRONMENTAL QUALITY ACT (CEQA) PROJECT DESCRIPTION:

The Applicant seeks conversion of an existing Retail Storefront (Type 10) Temporary Approval to an Annual License to be located on an existing site zoned for Neighborhood Commercial, C2-1VL-CPIO at 4369 S. Van Ness Avenue, Los Angeles, CA 90062 (Assessor's Parcel Number 5022-020-001). The Project-Specific Information (LIC-4013-FORM) submitted by the Applicant states that existing structures will remain with no expansion proposed (Exhibit A). Existing City sewer service is provided to the project site, and water and electricity are provided by the City of Los Angeles Department of Water and Power. Operations would be seven days per week from 10:00 a.m. to 10:00 p.m. Pre-application review has found the project to be consistent with planning and zoning. Further project site information is provided in the Project Parcel Profile Report from the City's Zone Information and Map Access System (ZIMAS) (Exhibit A). Compliance with Los Angeles Municipal Code Sections 104.00 *et seq.* and 105.00 *et seq.*, as well as DCR's Rules and Regulations, does not waive or otherwise circumvent any other City or State requirements or necessary permits from the City, State, or other public agencies, such as the Los Angeles Department of Building and Safety, the Los Angeles Fire Department, or the Los Angeles County Public Health Department. Full compliance with all applicable regulations for the proposed cannabis use(s) are assumed in this analysis.

CEQA PROJECT ANALYSIS & FINDINGS:

Land Use/Zoning Designations

Neighborhood Commercial/C2-1VL-CPIO

Surrounding Land Use/Zoning Designations

Low II Residential / R1-1

Low Medium II Residential / RD1.5-1

Community Commercial / C2-2D-CPIO

Subject Property

The subject site is a fully developed lot within the West Adams - Baldwin Hills - Leimert Community Plan Area. The lot is approximately 124 feet deep and a width of 61.4 feet along Van Ness Avenue. The site is currently developed with a Commercial - Store Combination - Store and Residential Combination - One Story building, built in 1923 proposed to be maintained.

The site has a Neighborhood Commercial land-use designation and is zoned C2-1VL-CPIO. The site is located within Council District 8, Empowerment Congress Central Neighborhood Council, and the lot is flat and contains a pre-existing building to be used by the Applicant.

Abutting Properties

Abutting uses include residential and commercial uses within 200 feet of the site. The immediate area along Van Ness Avenue is predominantly developed with Low II Residential uses, zoned R1-1, Low Medium II Residential, zoned RD1.5-1 and, Community Commercial uses, zoned C2-2D-CPIO. (See Exhibit A)

CEQA Findings

CEQA Guidelines, Sections 15301 & 15332, Class 1 & Class 32, consists of projects characterized as in-fill development meeting the following 5 conditions: (a) The project is consistent with the applicable general plan designation and all applicable general plan policies as well as with the applicable zoning designation and regulations; (b) The proposed development occurs within city limits on a project site of no more than five acres substantially surrounded by urban uses; (c) The project site has no value as habitat for endangered, rare or threatened species; (d) Approval of the project would not result in any significant effects relating to traffic, noise, air quality, or water quality; and (e) The site can be adequately served by all required utilities and public services.

These conditions are met as follows: The project is consistent with the applicable general plan designation and all applicable general plan policies as well as with the applicable zoning designation and regulations for the requested commercial cannabis activities.

a) The site is comprised of one lot totaling approximately 7,499.9 gross square feet, zoned C2-1VL-CPIO with a Commercial - Store Combination - Store and Residential Combination - One Story building originally constructed in 1923. No relief has been requested from any applicable provision or requirement of the Los Angeles Municipal Code.

b) The subject site is wholly within the City of Los Angeles, on an approximately 7,499.9 gross square foot property (i.e., less than five acres), and is substantially surrounded by urban uses. The surrounding area is zoned Low II Residential, Low Medium II Residential and, Community Commercial; and developed with a mix of residential and commercial buildings along Van Ness Avenue between Vernon Avenue and 43rd Place.

c) The project site has no value as habitat for endangered, rare or threatened species. The project is located within an established, fully developed, neighborhood. The project site has no value as habitat for endangered, rare or threatened species. The project does not propose the removal of any trees on-site and/or within the adjacent public right-of-way.

d) Approval of the project would not result in any significant effects relating to traffic, noise, air quality, or water quality.

e) The site can be adequately served by all required utilities and public services. The project site will be adequately served by all required public utilities and services, given that the site is currently served by the City's Department of Water and Power, the City's Bureau of Sanitation, the Southern California (SoCal) Gas Company, the Los Angeles Police Department, the Los Angeles Fire Department, Los Angeles Unified School District, Los Angeles Public Library, and other public services. Compliance with Regulatory Compliance Measures as enforced through the Department of Building and Safety permitting process will ensure that any needed improvements are made in order to provide adequate delivery of utilities and services to the proposed project.

CEQA Section 15300.2: Exceptions to the Use of Categorical Exemptions. The City has further considered whether the proposed project is subject to any of the exceptions set forth in State CEQA Guidelines Section

15300.2, that would prohibit the use and reliance on the categorical exemptions. None of the exceptions are triggered. As the proposed project will result in no physical changes to the site, the project would not have physical impacts to the environment. As such, it would not have a combined impact with other projects in the area that would result in cumulative impacts. There are no unusual circumstances associated with the project, which is proposed in general plan designation and zoning classification that allow the proposed use. The project will not physically change the site or the existing structures. Therefore, the project would have no impact on scenic resources, historic building(s), and the site is not on the lists that satisfy Government Code Section 65962.5, commonly referred to as the "Cortese List," as being affected by hazardous wastes or clean-up problems.

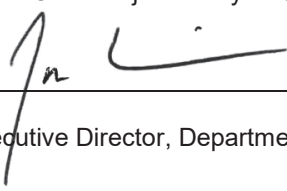
Based on the analysis above, the proposed project is consistent with the criteria for Class 1 and Class 32 categorical exemptions (tit. 14, Cal. Code Regs., §§ 15301, 15332) and does not require further analysis based on the exceptions in CEQA Guidelines Section 15300.2, and thus, DCR finds that no further CEQA analysis is required.

In conclusion, since the project meets all of the requirements for categorical exemption as set forth at CEQA Guidelines, Sections 15301 & 15332, and none of the applicable exceptions to the use of an exemption apply to the project, it is appropriate to determine this project is categorically exempt from the requirements of CEQA.

DEPARTMENT OF CANNABIS REGULATION RECOMMENDED ACTIONS:

That the Cannabis Regulation Commission:

1. Determine, based on the whole of the administrative record, that the project is exempt from the California Environmental Quality Act (CEQA) pursuant to Article 19, Section 15301, Class 1, and Article 19, Section 15332, Class 32 of the State CEQA Guidelines (tit. 14, Cal. Code Regs., §§ 15301, 15332), and there is no substantial evidence demonstrating that an exception to a categorical exemption pursuant to CEQA Guidelines Section 15300.2 applies;
2. Pursuant to Los Angeles Municipal Code Section 104.06(b)(2), approve the Annual License for Type 10 Storefront Retail Commercial Cannabis Activity at the Business Premises location; and,
3. Adopt DCR's Project Analysis & Findings as the Commission's report on the subject.



Jason Killeen
Assistant Executive Director, Department of Cannabis Regulation

December 1, 2024
Date

EXHIBITS:

A – Project Specific Information Form (LIC-4013-FORM) and Materials



CITY OF LOS ANGELES DEPARTMENT OF

CANNABIS REGULATION

PROJECT-SPECIFIC INFORMATION FORM

LIC-4013-FORM

Instructions: Before the Department of Cannabis Regulation (DCR) can grant an Annual License, DCR must independently evaluate the document prepared for the project in compliance with the California Environmental Quality Act (CEQA), or documentation provided by the Applicant or Licensee as evidence of exemption from CEQA. To conduct this evaluation, DCR must have a complete description of the proposed project that provides information about the project site, including existing conditions and facilities, proposed facilities and improvements, and the construction methods and operations practices of the proposed project.

Please provide detailed responses with as much information as possible. If more space is needed, additional pages may be added. Missing, incomplete, or inconsistent information may delay the processing of your Annual License Application.

Date (MM/DD/YYYY): 03/06/2024

Lead Agency: City of Los Angeles - Department of Cannabis Regulation

DCR Record No.: LA-R-23-320048-ANN

Applicant Entity Name: L&E Retail, LLC

License Type(s): Retail

Business Premises Location: 4369 S. Van Ness Ave, Los Angeles, CA 90062

County: Los Angeles Assessor's Parcel Number (APN): 5022020001

Council District: CD8 Neighborhood Council: Empowerment Congress Central Area

Community Plan Area: West Adams - Baldwin Hills - Leimert

Zoning: C2-1VL-CPIO Specific Plan Area: South Los Angeles Alcohol Sales

General Plan Land Use: Neighborhood Commercial Redevelopment Project Area: None

Business Improvement District: None Promise Zone: S. LA Transit Empowerment Zone

State Enterprise Zone: LA Historic Preservation Review: None

LAPD Division/Station: Southwest LAFD District/Fire Station: 66

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Categorical Exemption Evaluation Form

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Please provide detailed responses. If more space is needed, additional pages may be added. Missing, incomplete, or inconsistent information may delay the processing of your Annual License Application.

Project Description: *Insert project description information or reference where this information is located.*

This is a retail facility located at 4369 S. Van Ness Ave, Los Angeles, CA 90062.

This project will only involve negligible or no expansion of use beyond that existing at the time of the beginning of the project. There will be no significant structural changes made to the building, and the intended use will be consistent with the use permitted by the zoning.

Categorical Exemption Evaluation Form

Class 1: Existing Facilities

1. Is the project site currently operating as a cannabis activity site or a similar use, or has it recently operated for this purpose? ☒ Yes ☐ No

Provide details of current or prior operation(s). Cite source(s) of information.

The project site is currently operating as a retailer under L&E Retail, LLC.

2. Does the project involve an expansion of existing structures that would be considered negligible or no expansion of existing or former use? (If no, skip to Question 6) ☐ Yes ☒ No

Provide expansion details, if applicable. Cite source(s) of information.

N/A

Project-Specific Information Form

DCR Record No. LA-R-23-320048-ANN

3. Project Expansion: _____
Size of expansion in square feet: _____

Cite source(s) of information.

- a. Would the expansion be less than or equal to 2,500 square feet or 50 percent of the floor area before expansion? (If yes, skip to [Question 6.](#)) ☐ Yes ☐ No

Cite source(s) of information.

- b. Would the expansion be more than 2,500 square feet or 50 percent of the floor area before expansion? (If yes, skip to [Question 4.](#)) ☐ Yes ☐ No

Cite source(s) of information.

- c. Would the expansion be greater than 10,000 square feet? ☐ Yes ☐ No

Cite source(s) of information.

4. Is the project site served by all public services sufficient to serve the project (e.g., water, sewer, electricity, gas)? ☐ Yes ☐ No

Describe which public services serve the project site. Cite source(s) of information.

5. Is there evidence that the project site is located in an environmentally sensitive area?

☐ Yes ☒ No

Describe the environmentally sensitive area (if applicable). Cite source(s) of information, if available.

6. Does the project require a water right permit or another environmental permit that could result in physical changes to the environment? (If yes, see instructions.)

☐ Yes ☒ No

List permits required and any potential physical changes that could occur. Cite source(s) of information.

N/A

7. Does the project require demolition and removal of individual small structures (e.g., one single-family residence, a duplex or similar multifamily structure, a store, motel or restaurant or accessory structures)?

☐ Yes ☒ No

Describe size of structure to be demolished and location.

N/A

Categorical Exemption Evaluation Form

Class 2: Replacement or Reconstruction

1. Does the project involve the replacement or reconstruction of an existing structure on the same site as the structure being replaced or reconstructed? ☐ Yes ☒ No

Describe both the existing structure and replacement structure, including the location on the site. Cite source(s) of information.

N/A

2. Would the new structure have substantially the same purpose and capacity as the existing structure? ☐ Yes ☒ No

Provide information on the purpose of both the existing and replacement structures to ensure they are the same. Cite source(s) of information.

N/A

3. Does the project require a water right permit or another environmental permit that could result in physical changes to the environment? (If yes, see instructions.) ☐ Yes ☒ No

List permits required and any potential physical changes that could occur. Cite source(s) of information.

N/A

Categorical Exemption Evaluation Form

Class 3: New Construction or Conversion of Small Structures

1. Does the project involve the conversion of existing small structures including only minor modifications, or the installation of small equipment and facilities in small structures?

☐ Yes ☒ No

Provide information regarding the nature of modifications to existing small structures, if applicable. Cite source(s) of information.

N/A

2. Does the project involve the construction of new small structures?

☐ Yes ☒ No

Provide information regarding the size and purpose of the proposed new structures, if applicable. Cite source(s) of information.

N/A

Please check instructions for directions on how to proceed, based on answers to Questions 1 and 2.

3. Is the project within an urbanized area? (If no, skip to Question 9.)

☒ Yes ☐ No

Cite source(s) of information.

N/A

FOR SITES IN URBANIZED AREAS

4. Does the project involve the construction of four or fewer structures totaling 10,000 square feet or less?

☐ Yes ☒ No

Provide information regarding size of new structure(s), if applicable. Cite source(s) of information.

N/A

5. Is the parcel zoned for the proposed use?

☒ Yes ☐ No

Cite source(s) of information.

6. Does the project involve the use of significant amounts of hazardous substances?

☐ Yes ☒ No

Provide details of any hazardous substances used including amount of product(s), if applicable. Cite source(s) of information.

N/A

7. Are all necessary public services and facilities available to the project?

☒ Yes ☐ No

List all services and facilities provided. Cite source(s) of information.

Water, power, waste disposal, and sewage.

8. Do either the project site or the surrounding lands contain a sensitive environmental area? (If no, skip to [Question 11](#).)

☐ Yes ☒ No

Provide information on the nature of any sensitive environmental areas. Cite source(s) of information, if available.

FOR SITES NOT IN URBANIZED AREAS

9. Does the project involve the construction of a single structure totaling 2,500 square feet or less?

☐ Yes ☐ No

Provide information regarding size of new structure, if applicable. Cite source(s) of information.

10. Does the project involve the use of significant amounts of hazardous substances?

☐ Yes ☐ No

Provide list of any hazardous substances used, including amount of product(s), if applicable and available. Cite source(s) of information.

FOR ALL SITES

11. Does the project require a water right permit or another environmental permit that could result in physical changes to the environment? (If yes, see instructions.)

☐ Yes ☒ No

List permits required and any potential physical changes that could occur. Cite source(s) of information.

N/A

Categorical Exemption Evaluation Form

Class 4: Minor Alterations to Land

1. Does the project involve the removal of healthy, mature, scenic trees (except for forestry and agricultural purposes)? ☐ Yes ☒ No

Provide details, if needed. Cite source(s) of information.

N/A

2. Does the project involve alterations to land, water, or vegetation that would be considered minor? ☐ Yes ☒ No

Provide details, if needed. Cite source(s) of information.

N/A

3. Would the alterations consist of grading on lands of 10 percent slope or steeper? ☐ Yes ☒ No

Provide details, if needed. Cite source(s) of information.

N/A

4. Would the alterations consist of grading in an area determined to be a wetland? ☐ Yes ☒ No

Cite source(s) of information.

N/A

5. Would the alterations consist of grading in a scenic area officially designated by a federal, state, or local agency?

☐ Yes ☒ No

Provide name of scenic area (if applicable). Cite source(s) of information.

N/A

6. Would the alterations consist of grading in an officially mapped area of severe geologic hazard, such as an Alquist- Priolo Earthquake Fault Zone, or within an official Seismic Hazard Zone designated by the State Geologist?

☐ Yes ☒ No

Provide the name of the zone (if applicable). Cite source(s) of information.

N/A

7. Does the project require a water right permit or another environmental permit that could result in physical changes to the environment? (If yes, see instructions.)

☐ Yes ☒ No

List permits required and any potential physical changes that could occur. Cite source(s) of information.

N/A

Categorical Exemption Evaluation Form

Class 11: Accessory Structures

1. Does the project include the construction or placement of accessory structures? ☐ Yes ☒ No

Describe new and/or replacement accessory structures. Cite source(s) of information.

N/A

2. Does the project require a water right permit or another environmental permit that could result in physical changes to the environment? (If yes, see instructions.) ☐ Yes ☒ No

List permits required and any potential physical changes that could occur. Cite source(s) of information.

N/A

Categorical Exemption Evaluation Form**Class 32: Infill Development Projects**

1. Is the project consistent with the general plan designation, all applicable general plan policies, and zoning designation and regulations for the site? ☒ Yes ☐ No

Cite source(s) of information.

LA City Planning Website - General Plan
<https://planning.lacity.org/plans-policies/general-plan-overview>

Los Angeles General Plan ANNUAL PROGRESS REPORT - 2022

2. Project Size and Location
a. Is the project site 5 acres in size or less? ☒ Yes ☐ No

Indicate the size of the project site, in acres. Cite source(s) of information.

0.17 acres
(Source: Zimas)

- b. Is the project site substantially surrounded by urban uses? ☐ Yes ☐ No

Describe the uses of the surrounding properties. Cite source(s) of information.

The project site is surrounded by urban uses.
The surrounding land uses are the following: C2-1VL-CPIO
(Source: Zimas)

3. Does the project site have value as habitat for endangered, rare, or threatened species? ☐ Yes ☒ No

Describe any habitat for endangered, rare, or threatened species identified on or near the project site (if applicable). Cite source(s) of information.

The project site does not have any habitat for endangered, rare, or threatened species identified on or near the project site.

(Source: Zimas)

4. Would the project have significant impacts related to traffic, noise, air quality, or water quality? ☐ Yes ☒ No

Describe potential impact(s) and evidence (if applicable). Cite source(s) of information.

The project's use is consistent with the previous use, thus it will not have any additional significant impacts related to traffic, noise, air quality, or water quality.

5. Can the project site be adequately served by all required utilities and public services? ☒ Yes ☐ No

Describe which utilities and public services serve the project site. Cite source(s) of information.

The project site can be adequately served by all required utilities and public services, including LADWP, LAPD, and LAFD.

(Source: Zimas)

6. Does the project require a water right permit or another environmental permit that could result in physical changes to the environment? (If yes, see instructions.) ☐ Yes ☒ No

List permits required and any potential physical changes that could occur. Cite source(s) of information.

N/A

Exceptions to Exemptions

1. Scenic Highways

- a. Is the project visible from an official State Scenic Highway?

☐ Yes ☒ No

*List State Scenic Highway(s) from which the project is visible (if applicable).
Cite source(s) of information.*

- b. If yes, would the project result in damage to scenic resources?

☐ Yes ☒ No

*Describe scenic resources and potential damage (if applicable). Cite source(s)
of information.*

2. Is the project located on a site included on any list compiled pursuant to Government Code § 65962.5 (Cortese List)?

☐ Yes ☒ No

Describe the type of hazardous site (if applicable). Cite source(s) of information.

3. Would the project result in a substantial adverse change in the significance of a historical resource?

☐ Yes ☒ No

*List the historic resource(s) potentially affected and describe the potential effects
(if applicable). Cite source(s) of information.*

4. **Is there evidence of the potential for the project to contribute to a significant cumulative impact?**

☐ Yes ☒ No

Describe the potential cumulative impact(s) and evidence (if applicable). Cite source(s) of information.

N/A

5. **Is there evidence of a reasonable possibility of a significant environmental impact due to unusual circumstances?**

☐ Yes ☒ No

Describe the potential impact(s), circumstances, and evidence (if applicable). Cite source(s) of information.

N/A

6. **Would the project impact an environmental resource of hazardous or critical concern?**

☐ Yes ☒ No

Provide details, if needed. Cite source(s) of information.

N/A

7. **Does the project involve the removal of healthy, mature, scenic trees (except for forestry and agricultural purposes)?**

☐ Yes ☒ No

Provide details, if needed. Cite source(s) of information.

N/A

CEQA Exemption PetitionClass: 1 Category: Existing Facilities

Explanation of how the project fits the CEQA exemption indicated above:

This project will only involve negligible or no expansion of use beyond that existing at the time of the beginning of the project. There will be no significant structural changes made to the building, and the intended use will be consistent with the use permitted by the zoning.

- 1. Source(s) of Information:** Identify Sources: *Indicate the document(s) or other sources of information reviewed to complete this form.*

Zoning; Zimas. Maps; Google Maps. Activities; Local and State Cannabis Applications/ California Department of Cannabis Control. Project Size; Architectural Plans. Sources of Water; LADWP Documentation & California/ Los Angeles Water Board. Wastewater; LA Department of Public Works , Bureau of Sanitation.
California Department of Fish and Wildlife
Los Angeles Department of Building and Safety

2. Project Location and Surrounding Land Use.

- (a) Describe Project Location: *Provide detailed information about the project location and any other physical description that clearly indicates the project site location.*

The project is located at 4369 S. Van Ness Ave, Los Angeles, CA 90062 on a 0.17 lot., with a freestanding 21,172 sq ft building.

- (b) Existing Land Uses/Zoning: *Describe the current land uses on the project site and any existing buildings and structures. Describe the surrounding land uses and zoning designations within a one-half mile radius of the project and list all abutting land uses.*

The current land uses on the project site are the following: C2-1VL-CPIO
The surrounding land uses and zones: R1-1, C2-2D-CPIO, C2-1VL-CPIO, R2-1, PF-1

- (c) **Previous Use:** Describe the previous use of the Project site or facility, if known. Include an estimate of the time such previous operations ceased, if such information is available.

Unknown

- (d) **Was the site previously used for a similar use?** The key consideration is whether the project involves negligible or no expansion of an existing use.

Yes.

- (e) **Maps to be Included:** *Provide a vicinity map and aerial image to show the project location. Include photographs, not larger than 8½ by 11 inches, of existing visual conditions as observed from publicly accessible vantage point(s).*

3. Project Operations/Description. Provide the following information about project operation and maintenance activities. If more than one type of cannabis activity is occurring on-site, provide a description of the project operations for each activity. This should include the following relevant information.

- (a) **Activities Occurring Onsite:** *Describe the activities included in the project application and identify any other commercial cannabis activity or activities occurring at the proposed premises, including other proposed cannabis activities occurring on the property. Describe the cannabis business operation methods and activities (e.g. cultivation methods, manufacturing and/or distribution operations).*

Retail

- (b) **Cannabis Operation Activities Owned by the Same or Different Businesses:** *Describe any additional cannabis operation activities existing or proposed either owned by the same or different businesses on the property.*

N/A

- (c) **Project Size:** *Quantify the project size (total floor area of the project), and the lot size on which the project is located, in square feet.*

The project size is 21,172 sq ft on a lot size of 7,499,9 sq ft.

- (d) **State License:** *Identify whether the applicant is licensed by, or has applied for licensure from, the California Department of Cannabis Control to engage in commercial cannabis activity at the proposed premises.*

The Applicant is licensed by the California Department of Cannabis Control to engage in commercial cannabis activity at the project site.

- (e) **Hours of Operation/Work Shifts:** *Identify the hours of operation/work shifts for the project.*

Employees will be on the premises from the hours of 10:00 a.m. to 10:00 p.m.

- (f) **Number of employees (total and by shift):** *Estimate the number of anticipated employees onsite and occupancy during operating hours.*

There will be up to 12 employees on site during operating hours.

The anticipated total occupancy during operating hours is 7 to 14 persons at one time.

- (g) **Estimated Daily Trip Generation:** *Estimate the frequency of deliveries or shipments originating from and/or arriving to the project site. Identify the approximate number of vehicle trips per day to be generated by the project and information regarding the days and times most trips are expected to occur.*

The estimated frequency of deliveries or shipments originating from and/or arriving to the project site is anywhere between 2-3 shipments per week, 0 to 2 trips a day, that will happen during weekday work hours, between 9am to 6pm.

- (h) **Source(s) of Water:** *Name all sources of water, and indicate whether a new or amended water right must be obtained from the State Water Resources Control Board.*

LADWP is the source of all water. No new or amended water right will be obtained from the State Water Resources Control Board.

- (i) **Wastewater Treatment Facilities:** *Describe the facilities for treatment of wastewater (e.g., leach field, City wastewater collection facilities).*

LA Department of Public Works, Bureau of Sanitation.

4. Environmental Setting:

- (a) Describe natural characteristics on the project site:

The project site is an industrial building, located in a fully developed area, with almost no natural characteristics, in a typical light industrial city block.

- (b) General Topographic Features (slopes and other features):

The project site is an industrial building, located in a fully developed area, with almost no natural characteristics, in a typical light industrial city block.

- (c) Natural characteristics (general vegetation types, drainage, soil stability, habitat, etc.):

There are scarce amounts of native Southern California vegetation/fauna, and no soil instability. Drainage is managed by Bureau of Engineering/GIS Mapping Division, as well as the LA Dept. or Public Works, Bureau of Sanitation.

- (d) Identify whether there are any watercourses and riparian habitats within 150- feet of the proposed premises (e.g., drainage swales, stream courses, springs, ponds, lakes, creeks, tributary of creeks, wetlands):

The only potential watercourses or riparian habitats within 150-feet of the premises would be the LA River, drainage and associated runoff canals.

- (e) Identify whether the property contains natural features of scenic value of rare or unique characteristics (e.g., rock outcroppings, mature trees):

The property does not contain natural features of scenic value of rare or unique characteristics.

- (f) Identify whether the property has any historic designations or archeological remains onsite:

The property does not have any historic designations or archaeological remains onsite.

- (g) Identify whether the property contains habitat for special status species:

The property does not contain any known habitats of special status species.

- (h) Identify the location, type, and quantity of hazardous materials, as defined by Health and Safety Code section 25260, that are stored, used, or disposed of at the project site and a copy of the Hazardous Material Business Plan (HMBP) prepared for the proposed premises, if any:

No hazardous materials are stored, used, or disposed of on the property site.

- (i) Discuss whether the project will increase the quantity and type of solid waste, as defined by Public Resources Code section 40191, or hazardous waste, as defined by Health and Safety Code section 25117, that is generated or stored onsite:

There will not be an increase in the quantity of solid waste that is generated or stored onsite.

- ④ Describe the project's anticipated operational energy needs, identify the source of energy supplied for the project and the anticipated amount of energy per day, and explain whether the project will require an increase in energy demand and the need for additional energy resource:

The source of energy supplied is LADWP with no excessive use of energy above what is standard for the activities.
The project will not require an increase in energy demand nor the need for additional energy resources.

5. Explain whether any of the project activities will expand the existing footprint of the proposed facility beyond the current structural or parcel boundaries, increase the amount of impervious surface, or reduce any natural habitat. If the project is part of a larger project, attach a separate sheet to briefly describe the larger project.

The project activities will not expand the existing footprint of the proposed facility beyond the current structural or parcel boundaries, will not increase the amount of impervious surface, and will not reduce any natural habitat.

6. Environmental Commitments: *List any environmental commitments agreed to by the applicant to the protection of biological or cultural resources, energy efficiency, water efficiency, noise abatement, lighting, or other aspects of the project that may reduce impacts on the environment.*

The applicant pledges to follow all City, County, and State Environmental Standards, and pledges to implement the use of the most efficient equipment in order to reduce the impact on the environment.
Applicant agrees to protect all resources.

7. Other Relevant CEQA Information: *Submit any other relevant CEQA documentation or information that will assist the Department in determining CEQA compliance (e.g., any environmental impact analysis prepared by a consultant).*

N/A

8. Permits Required: *List all other required federal, state, and local permits required, including, but not limited to, all entitlements required for this project by a planning commission, local air district, or regional water board. Identify whether the commercial cannabis business(es) is licensed by or has applied for licensure from the Department, or one of the prior state cannabis licensing authorities:*

- ☒ California Department of Cannabis Control
- ☒ Los Angeles Fire Department
- ☒ Los Angeles Department of Building and Safety
- ☐ California Department of Fish and Wildlife
- ☐ State Water Resources Control Board / Regional Water Quality Control Board
- ☐ County of Los Angeles Public Health Permit
- ☐ Local Air District
- ☐ Streambed Alteration Agreement
- ☐ Water quality protection program
- ☐ Los Angeles Department of Water and Power
- ☒ Los Angeles Department of Public Works, Bureau of Sanitation

Partial List of Categorical Exemptions under CEQA

Certain commercial cannabis activities (projects) may be exempt from further environmental review pursuant to the California Environmental Quality Act (CEQA) because they fall within a class of projects determined not to have significant effect on the environment. (Cal. Code Regs., tit. 14, § 15300 et seq.) Common exemptions that may apply have been identified below.

Class	Category	Description
Class 1	Existing Facilities	Consists of the operation, repair, maintenance, permitting, leasing, licensing, or minor alteration of existing public or private structures, facilities, mechanical equipment, or topographical features, involving negligible or no expansion of use beyond that existing at the time of the lead agency's determination. (Cal. Code Regs., tit. 14, §15301.)
Class 2	Replacement or Reconstruction	Consists of replacement or reconstruction of existing structures and facilities where the new structure will be located on the same site as the structure replaced with a new structure of substantially the same size, purpose, and capacity. (Cal. Code Regs., tit. 14, § 15302.)
Class 3	New Construction or Conversion of Small Structures	Consists of construction and location of limited numbers of new, small facilities or structures; installation of small new equipment and facilities in small structures; and the conversion of existing small structures from one use to another where only minor modifications are made in the exterior of the structure. (Cal. Code Regs., tit. 14, § 15303.)
Class 4	Minor Alterations to Land	Consists of minor public or private alterations in the condition of land, water, and/or vegetation which do not involve removal of healthy, mature, scenic trees except for forestry and agricultural purposes. (Cal. Code Regs., tit. 14, § 15304.)
Class 11	Accessory Structures	Consists of construction, or placement of minor structures accessory to (appurtenant to) existing commercial, industrial, or institutional facilities. (Cal. Code Regs., tit. 14, § 15311.)
Class 32	In-Fill Development Projects	Consists of projects characterized as in-fill development meeting the conditions described in Cal. Code Regs., tit. 14, § 15332.



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11/22/2024 PARCEL PROFILE REPORT

PROPERTY ADDRESSES

4367 S VAN NESS AVE
4369 S VAN NESS AVE
4371 S VAN NESS AVE
4373 S VAN NESS AVE
4375 S VAN NESS AVE
2101 W VERNON AVE

ZIP CODES

90008
90062

RECENT ACTIVITY

None

CASE NUMBERS

CPC-2010-2278-GPA
CPC-2007-3827-ICO
CPC-2006-5567-CPU
CPC-2004-2391-ICO
CPC-1990-346-CA
CPC-1989-411-PWA
CPC-1983-506
ORD-188311
ORD-187643
ORD-184796-SA1500
ORD-184794
ORD-180103
ORD-176589
ORD-171682
ORD-171681
ORD-162128
ZA-2018-3710-CUW
ZA-2004-2548-CUB
ZA-19XX-6992
ZA-19XX-5791
ENV-2018-3711-CE
ENV-2010-2279-CE
ENV-2008-478-EIR
ENV-2007-3828-CE
ENV-2004-2549-ND
ENV-2004-2409-CE-ICO
ND-84-494-CUC
AFF-5439
AFF-14411

Address/Legal Information

PIN Number	111B189 95
Lot/Parcel Area (Calculated)	7,499.9 (sq ft)
Thomas Brothers Grid	PAGE 673 - GRID G3
Assessor Parcel No. (APN)	5022020001
Tract	TR 1359
Map Reference	M B 18-68
Block	None
Lot	1
Arb (Lot Cut Reference)	None
Map Sheet	111B189

Jurisdictional Information

Community Plan Area	West Adams - Baldwin Hills - Leimert
Area Planning Commission	South Los Angeles
Neighborhood Council	Empowerment Congress Central
Council District	CD 8 - Marqueece Harris-Dawson
Census Tract #	2340.02
LADBS District Office	Los Angeles Metro

Permitting and Zoning Compliance Information

Administrative Review	None

Planning and Zoning Information

Special Notes	None
Zoning	C2-1VL-CPIO
Zoning Information (ZI)	ZI-2512 Housing Element Inventory of Sites ZI-2498 Local Emergency Temporary Regulations - Time Limits and Parking Relief - LAMC 16.02.1 ZI-1231 Specific Plan: South Los Angeles Alcohol Sales ZI-2517 Al Fresco Ordinance within Planning Overlay and/or the Coastal Zone (Ordinance 188073) ZI-2452 Transit Priority Area in the City of Los Angeles ZI-2468 Community Plan Implementation Overlay: West Adams-Baldwin Hills-Leimert ZI-2374 State Enterprise Zone: Los Angeles
General Plan Land Use	Neighborhood Commercial
General Plan Note(s)	Yes
Hillside Area (Zoning Code)	No
Specific Plan Area	SOUTH LOS ANGELES ALCOHOL SALES
Subarea	None
Special Land Use / Zoning	None
Historic Preservation Review	No
Historic Preservation Overlay Zone	None
Other Historic Designations	None
Mills Act Contract	None
CDO: Community Design Overlay	None
CPIO: Community Plan Imp. Overlay	West Adams - Baldwin Hills - Leimert
Subarea	Commercial Corridors
CUGU: Clean Up-Green Up	None
HCR: Hillside Construction Regulation	No

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NSO: Neighborhood Stabilization Overlay	No
POD: Pedestrian Oriented Districts	None
RBP: Restaurant Beverage Program Eligible Area	None
RFA: Residential Floor Area District	None
RIO: River Implementation Overlay	No
SN: Sign District	No
AB 2334: Very Low VMT	Yes
AB 2097: Reduced Parking Areas	Yes
Streetscape	No
Adaptive Reuse Incentive Area	None
Affordable Housing Linkage Fee	
Residential Market Area	Medium
Non-Residential Market Area	Medium
Transit Oriented Communities (TOC)	Tier 2
ED 1 Eligibility	Review Eligibility
RPA: Redevelopment Project Area	None
Central City Parking	No
Downtown Parking	No
Building Line	None
500 Ft School Zone	None
500 Ft Park Zone	None
Assessor Information	
Assessor Parcel No. (APN)	5022020001
APN Area (Co. Public Works)*	0.330 (ac)
Use Code	1210 - Commercial - Store Combination - Store and Residential Combination - One Story
Assessed Land Val.	\$1,201,041
Assessed Improvement Val.	\$1,037,672
Last Owner Change	10/15/2007
Last Sale Amount	\$0
Tax Rate Area	68
Deed Ref No. (City Clerk)	590218
	527763
	2816292
	1871090
	1860321
	1684952
	1506068
	1347092-94
Building 1	
Year Built	1923
Building Class	C5B
Number of Units	0
Number of Bedrooms	12
Number of Bathrooms	12
Building Square Footage	21,172.0 (sq ft)
Building 2	No data for building 2
Building 3	No data for building 3
Building 4	No data for building 4
Building 5	No data for building 5
Rent Stabilization Ordinance (RSO)	Yes [APN: 5022020001]
Additional Information	
Airport Hazard	None
Coastal Zone	None

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Farmland	Area Not Mapped
Urban Agriculture Incentive Zone	YES
Very High Fire Hazard Severity Zone	No
Fire District No. 1	No
Flood Zone	500 Yr
Watercourse	No
Methane Hazard Site	None
High Wind Velocity Areas	No
Special Grading Area (BOE Basic Grid Map A-13372)	No
Wells	None
Environmental	
Santa Monica Mountains Zone	No
Biological Resource Potential	None
Mountain Lion Potential	None
Monarch Butterfly Potential	No
Seismic Hazards	
Active Fault Near-Source Zone	
Nearest Fault (Distance in km)	3.18516
Nearest Fault (Name)	Newport - Inglewood Fault Zone (Onshore)
Region	Transverse Ranges and Los Angeles Basin
Fault Type	B
Slip Rate (mm/year)	1.00000000
Slip Geometry	Right Lateral - Strike Slip
Slip Type	Poorly Constrained
Down Dip Width (km)	13.00000000
Rupture Top	0.00000000
Rupture Bottom	13.00000000
Dip Angle (degrees)	90.00000000
Maximum Magnitude	7.10000000
Alquist-Priolo Fault Zone	No
Landslide	No
Liquefaction	Yes
Preliminary Fault Rupture Study Area	None
Tsunami Hazard Area	No
Economic Development Areas	
Business Improvement District	None
Hubzone	None
Jobs and Economic Development Incentive Zone (JEDI)	None
Opportunity Zone	No
Promise Zone	South Los Angeles Transit Empowerment Zone
State Enterprise Zone	LOS ANGELES STATE ENTERPRISE ZONE
Housing	
Direct all Inquiries to	Los Angeles Housing Department
Telephone	(866) 557-7368
Website	https://housing.lacity.org
Rent Stabilization Ordinance (RSO)	Yes [APN: 5022020001]
Ellis Act Property	No
AB 1482: Tenant Protection Act	No
Housing Crisis Act Replacement Review	Yes
Housing Element Sites	
HE Replacement Required	Yes
SB 166 Units	0.05 Units, Above Moderate
Housing Use within Prior 5 Years	No

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Public Safety

Police Information

Bureau	South
Division / Station	Southwest
Reporting District	394

Fire Information

Bureau	South
Battalion	13
District / Fire Station	66
Red Flag Restricted Parking	No

CASE SUMMARIES

Note: Information for case summaries is retrieved from the Planning Department's Plan Case Tracking System (PCTS) database.

Case Number:	CPC-2010-2278-GPA
Required Action(s):	GPA-GENERAL PLAN AMENDMENT
Project Descriptions(s):	GENERAL PLAN AMENDMENT FOR EXISTING FAST FOOD INTERIM CONTROL ORDINANCE (ICO) TO CREATE A GENERAL PLANT FOOTNOTE FOR THE PROHIBITION OF CERTAIN PROJECTS.
Case Number:	CPC-2007-3827-ICO
Required Action(s):	ICO-INTERIM CONTROL ORDINANCE
Project Descriptions(s):	ESTABLISHMENT OF AN ICO TO TEMPORARILY PROHIBIT THE ISSUANCE OF ALL PERMITS RELATED TO THE ESTABLISHMENT OF NEW FAST-FOOD RESTAURANTS LOCATED IN WHOLE OR IN PART WITHIN THE PROPOSED ICO BOUNDARY.
Case Number:	CPC-2006-5567-CPU
Required Action(s):	CPU-COMMUNITY PLAN UPDATE
Project Descriptions(s):	1. PURSUANT TO PROCEDURES SET FORTH IN SECTION 11.5.6 OF THE MUNICIPAL CODE AND CITY CHARTER SECTIONS 555 AND 558, AMEND THE WEST ADAMS-BALDWIN HILLS-LEIMERT COMMUNITY PLAN AS PART OF THE GENERAL PLAN OF THE CITY OF LOS ANGELES, AS MODIFIED IN THE ATTACHED WEST ADAMS-BALDWIN HILLS-LEIMERT NEW COMMUNITY PLAN RESOLUTION, THE WEST ADAMS-BALDWIN HILLS-LEIMERT NEW COMMUNITY PLAN TEXT AND CHANGE MAPS (EXHIBITS A, B, C, M, O) AND ADDITIONAL PLAN MAP SYMBOL, FOOTNOTE, CORRESPONDING ZONE AND LAND USE NOMENCLATURE CHANGES (EXHIBIT K). 2. PURSUANT TO SECTIONS 11.5.7.G., 16.50.D., 12.32. AND 12.04 OF THE MUNICIPAL CODE AND CITY CHARTER SECTION 558, AMEND THE CRENSHAW CORRIDOR SPECIFIC PLAN, AS SHOWN IN THE PROPOSED CRENSHAW CORRIDOR SPECIFIC PLAN AMENDMENTS (EXHIBIT G). 3. PURSUANT TO SECTION 13.14.C., 12.32, AND 12.04 OF THE MUNICIPAL CODE AND CITY CHARTER SECTION 558, ADOPT THE WEST ADAMS-BALDWIN HILLS-LEIMERT COMMUNITY PLAN IMPLEMENTATION OVERLAY (CPIO) DISTRICT, AS SHOWN IN THE PROPOSED CPIO SUBDISTRICT ORDINANCES (EXHIBIT F). 4. PURSUANT TO SECTION 12.32 OF THE MUNICIPAL CODE, ADOPT REZONING ACTIONS TO EFFECT CHANGES OF ZONE AS IDENTIFIED ON THE LAND USE CHANGE MAP (EXHIBIT H), LAND USE CHANGE MATRIX (EXHIBIT I) AND PROPOSED ZONING MAP (EXHIBIT Q). 5. PURSUANT TO PROCEDURES SET FORTH IN SECTION 11.5.6 OF THE MUNICIPAL CODE AND CITY CHARTER SECTIONS 555 AND 558, AMEND THE HIGHWAYS AND FREEWAYS MAP OF THE TRANSPORTATION ELEMENT OF THE GENERAL PLAN TO RECLASSIFY SELECTED STREETS WITHIN THE WEST ADAMS-BALDWIN HILLS-LEIMERT NEW COMMUNITY PLAN AS SHOWN ON THE STREET REDESIGNATION MATRIX (EXHIBIT J). 6. PURSUANT TO PROCEDURES SET FORTH IN SECTION 11.5.6 OF THE MUNICIPAL CODE AND CITY CHARTER SECTIONS 555 AND 558, AMEND THE LONG RANGE LAND USE DIAGRAM OF THE CITYWIDE GENERAL PLAN FRAMEWORK ELEMENT TO REFLECT CHANGES AND MODIFICATIONS TO THE GEOGRAPHY OF NEIGHBORHOOD DISTRICTS, COMMUNITY CENTERS, REGIONAL CENTERS, AND MIXED USE BOULEVARDS AS SHOWN ON THE PROPOSED LON
Case Number:	CPC-2004-2391-ICO
Required Action(s):	ICO-INTERIM CONTROL ORDINANCE
Project Descriptions(s):	INTERIM CONTROL ORDINANCE/ AUTOMOTIVE RELATED USES
Case Number:	CPC-1990-346-CA
Required Action(s):	CA-CODE AMENDMENT
Project Descriptions(s):	AMENDMENT TO THE L.A.M.C. TO - DRAFT AN ORDINANCE TO PROHIBIT THE GRANTING OF A CONDITIONAL USE PERMIT FOR THE OFF-SITE SALE OF ALCOHOLIC BEVERAGES (LOURDES GREEN/KAREN HOO)
Case Number:	CPC-1989-411-PWA
Required Action(s):	PWA-PUBLIC WORKS APPROVAL
Project Descriptions(s):	VACATION - ALLEY NORTHERLY OF VERNON AVENUE FROM VAN NESS AVENUE TO APPROXIMATELY 115 FEET WESTERLY THEREOF
Case Number:	CPC-1983-506
Required Action(s):	Data Not Available
Project Descriptions(s):	SPECIFIC PLN ORD FOR INTERIM CONDITIONAL USE APPRVL FOR ESTABLISHMENTS FOR THE SALE OF ALCOHOL WHICH ARE GENERALLY LOCATED IN THE SOUTH CENTRAL AREA OF THE CITY
Case Number:	ZA-2018-3710-CUW
Required Action(s):	CUW-CONDITIONAL USE WIRELESS
Project Descriptions(s):	CONDITIONAL USE PERMIT PURSUANT TO LAMC SECTION 12.24.W49 FOR A ROOFTOP WIRELESS TELECOMMUNICATIONS FACILITY ON A TWO-STORY COMMERCIAL BUILDING AND SUPPORT EQUIPMENT AT GROUND LEVEL. HEIGHT OF THE BUILDING, INCLUDING THE WIRELESS FACILITY IS 41 FEET, 5 INCHES. CONDITIONAL USE PERMIT PURSUANT TO LAMC SECTION 12.21.A21 WIRELESS TELECOMMUNICATIONS FACILITY FOR A ROOFTOP WIRELESS TELECOMMUNICATIONS FACILITY.
Case Number:	ZA-2004-2548-CUB
Required Action(s):	CUB-CONDITIONAL USE BEVERAGE-ALCOHOL

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Project Descriptions(s):	OFF-SITE SALE OF BEER AND WINE AT AN EXISTING GROCERY MARKET.
Case Number:	ZA-19XX-6992
Required Action(s):	Data Not Available
Project Descriptions(s):	
Case Number:	ZA-19XX-5791
Required Action(s):	Data Not Available
Project Descriptions(s):	
Case Number:	ENV-2018-3711-CE
Required Action(s):	CE-CATEGORICAL EXEMPTION
Project Descriptions(s):	CONDITIONAL USE PERMIT PURSUANT TO LAMC SECTION 12.24.W49 FOR A ROOFTOP WIRELESS TELECOMMUNICATIONS FACILITY ON A TWO-STORY COMMERCIAL BUILDING AND SUPPORT EQUIPMENT AT GROUND LEVEL. HEIGHT OF THE BUILDING, INCLUDING THE WIRELESS FACILITY IS 41 FEET, 5 INCHES.
	CONDITIONAL USE PERMIT PURSUANT TO LAMC SECTION 12.21.A21 WIRELESS TELECOMMUNICATIONS FACILITY FOR A ROOFTOP WIRELESS TELECOMMUNICATIONS FACILITY.
Case Number:	ENV-2010-2279-CE
Required Action(s):	CE-CATEGORICAL EXEMPTION
Project Descriptions(s):	GENERAL PLAN AMENDMENT FOR EXISTING FAST FOOD INTERIM CONTROL ORDINANCE (ICO) TO CREATE A GENERAL PLANT FOOTNOTE FOR THE PROHIBITION OF CERTAIN PROJECTS.
Case Number:	ENV-2008-478-EIR
Required Action(s):	EIR-ENVIRONMENTAL IMPACT REPORT
Project Descriptions(s):	ADDENDUM TO THE WEST ADAMS CPU EIR CHANGE
Case Number:	ENV-2007-3828-CE
Required Action(s):	CE-CATEGORICAL EXEMPTION
Project Descriptions(s):	ESTABLISHMENT OF AN ICO TO TEMPORARILY PROHIBIT THE ISSUANCE OF ALL PERMITS RELATED TO THE ESTABLISHMENT OF NEW FAST-FOOD RESTAURANTS LOCATED IN WHOLE OR IN PART WITHIN THE PROPOSED ICO BOUNDARY.
Case Number:	ENV-2004-2549-ND
Required Action(s):	ND-NEGATIVE DECLARATION
Project Descriptions(s):	OFF-SITE SALE OF BEER AND WINE AT AN EXISTING GROCERY MARKET.
Case Number:	ENV-2004-2409-CE-ICO
Required Action(s):	CE-CATEGORICAL EXEMPTION ICO-INTERIM CONTROL ORDINANCE
Project Descriptions(s):	INTERIM CONTROL ORDINANCE/ AUTOMOTIVE RELATED USES
Case Number:	ND-84-494-CUC
Required Action(s):	CUC-CONDITIONAL USE TO THE COMMISSION
Project Descriptions(s):	Data Not Available

DATA NOT AVAILABLE

ORD-188311
 ORD-187643
 ORD-184796-SA1500
 ORD-184794
 ORD-180103
 ORD-176589
 ORD-171682
 ORD-171681
 ORD-162128
 AFF-5439
 AFF-14411



Tract: TR 1359
Block: None
Lot: 1
Arb: None

Address: 4369 S VAN NESS AVE
APN: 5022020001
PIN #: 111B189 95

Zoning: C2-1 VL-CPIO
General Plan: Neighbor



LEGEND

GENERALIZED ZONING

	OS, GW
	A, RA
	RE, RS, R1, RU, RZ, RW1
	R2, RD, RMP, RW2, R3, RAS, R4, R5, PVSP
	CR, C1, C1.5, C2, C4, C5, CW, WC, ADP, LASED, CEC, USC, PPSP, MU, NMU
	CM, MR, CCS, UV, UI, UC, M1, M2, LAX, M3, SL, HJ, HR, NI
	P, PB
	PF

GENERAL PLAN LAND USE

LAND USE

RESIDENTIAL

	Minimum Residential
	Very Low / Very Low I Residential
	Very Low II Residential
	Low / Low I Residential
	Low II Residential
	Low Medium / Low Medium I Residential
	Low Medium II Residential
	Medium Residential
	High Medium Residential
	High Density Residential
	Very High Medium Residential

COMMERCIAL

	Limited Commercial
	Limited Commercial - Mixed Medium Residential
	Highway Oriented Commercial
	Highway Oriented and Limited Commercial
	Highway Oriented Commercial - Mixed Medium Residential
	Neighborhood Office Commercial
	Community Commercial
	Community Commercial - Mixed High Residential
	Regional Center Commercial

FRAMEWORK

COMMERCIAL

	Neighborhood Commercial
	General Commercial
	Community Commercial
	Regional Mixed Commercial

INDUSTRIAL

	Commercial Manufacturing
	Limited Manufacturing
	Light Manufacturing
	Heavy Manufacturing
	Hybrid Industrial

PARKING

	Parking Buffer

PORT OF LOS ANGELES

	General / Bulk Cargo - Non Hazardous (Industrial / Commercial)
	General / Bulk Cargo - Hazard
	Commercial Fishing
	Recreation and Commercial
	Intermodal Container Transfer Facility Site

LOS ANGELES INTERNATIONAL AIRPORT

	Airport Landside / Airport Landside Support
	Airport Airside
	LAX Airport Northside

OPEN SPACE / PUBLIC FACILITIES

	Open Space
	Public / Open Space
	Public / Quasi-Public Open Space
	Other Public Open Space
	Public Facilities

INDUSTRIAL

	Limited Industrial
	Light Industrial

CIRCULATION

STREET

	Arterial Mountain Road
	Collector Scenic Street
	Collector Street
	Collector Street (Hillside)
	Collector Street (Modified)
	Collector Street (Proposed)
	Country Road
	Divided Major Highway II
	Divided Secondary Scenic Highway
	Local Scenic Road
	Local Street
	Major Highway (Modified)
	Major Highway I
	Major Highway II
	Major Highway II (Modified)

	Major Scenic Highway
	Major Scenic Highway (Modified)
	Major Scenic Highway II
	Mountain Collector Street
	Park Road
	Parkway
	Principal Major Highway
	Private Street
	Scenic Divided Major Highway II
	Scenic Park
	Scenic Parkway
	Secondary Highway
	Secondary Highway (Modified)
	Secondary Scenic Highway
	Special Collector Street
	Super Major Highway

FREEWAYS

	Freeway
	Interchange
	On-Ramp / Off- Ramp
	Railroad
	Scenic Freeway Highway

MISC. LINES

	Airport Boundary
	Bus Line
	Coastal Zone Boundary
	Coastline Boundary
	Collector Scenic Street (Proposed)
	Commercial Areas
	Commercial Center
	Community Redevelopment Project Area
	Country Road
	DWP Power Lines
	Desirable Open Space
	Detached Single Family House
	Endangered Ridgeline
	Equestrian and/or Hiking Trail
	Hiking Trail
	Historical Preservation
	Horsekeeping Area
	Local Street
	MSA Desirable Open Space
	Major Scenic Controls
	Multi-Purpose Trail
	Natural Resource Reserve
	Park Road
	Park Road (Proposed)
	Quasi-Public
	Rapid Transit Line
	Residential Planned Development
	Scenic Highway (Obsolete)
	Secondary Scenic Controls
	Secondary Scenic Highway (Proposed)
	Site Boundary
	Southern California Edison Power
	Special Study Area
	Specific Plan Area
	Stagecoach Line
	Wildlife Corridor

POINTS OF INTEREST

 Alternative Youth Hostel (Proposed)	 Horticultural Center	 Public Elementary School
 Animal Shelter	 Hospital	 Public Elementary School (Proposed)
 Area Library	 Hospital (Proposed)	 Public Golf Course
 Area Library (Proposed)	HW House of Worship	 Public Golf Course (Proposed)
 Bridge	 Important Ecological Area	 Public Housing
 Campground	 Important Ecological Area (Proposed)	 Public Housing (Proposed Expansion)
 Campground (Proposed)	 Interpretive Center (Proposed)	 Public Junior High School
 Cemetery	 Junior College	 Public Junior High School (Proposed)
HW Church	 MTA / Metrolink Station	 Public Middle School
 City Hall	 MTA Station	 Public Senior High School
 Community Center	 MTA Stop	 Public Senior High School (Proposed)
 Community Library	MWD MWD Headquarters	 Pumping Station
 Community Library (Proposed Expansion)	 Maintenance Yard	 Pumping Station (Proposed)
 Community Library (Proposed)	 Municipal Office Building	 Refuse Collection Center
 Community Park	 Municipal Parking lot	 Regional Library
 Community Park (Proposed Expansion)	 Neighborhood Park	 Regional Library (Proposed Expansion)
 Community Park (Proposed)	 Neighborhood Park (Proposed Expansion)	 Regional Library (Proposed)
 Community Transit Center	 Neighborhood Park (Proposed)	 Regional Park
 Convalescent Hospital	 Oil Collection Center	 Regional Park (Proposed)
 Correctional Facility	 Parking Enforcement	RPD Residential Plan Development
 Cultural / Historic Site (Proposed)	 Police Headquarters	 Scenic View Site
 Cultural / Historical Site	 Police Station	 Scenic View Site (Proposed)
 Cultural Arts Center	 Police Station (Proposed Expansion)	 School District Headquarters
DMV DMV Office	 Police Station (Proposed)	 School Unspecified Loc/Type (Proposed)
DWP DWP	 Police Training site	 Skill Center
 DWP Pumping Station	PO Post Office	 Social Services
 Equestrian Center	 Power Distribution Station	 Special Feature
 Fire Department Headquarters	 Power Distribution Station (Proposed)	 Special Recreation (a)
 Fire Station	 Power Receiving Station	 Special School Facility
 Fire Station (Proposed Expansion)	 Power Receiving Station (Proposed)	 Special School Facility (Proposed)
 Fire Station (Proposed)	C Private College	 Steam Plant
 Fire Supply & Maintenance	E Private Elementary School	 Surface Mining
 Fire Training Site	 Private Golf Course	 Trail & Assembly Area
 Fireboat Station	 Private Golf Course (Proposed)	 Trail & Assembly Area (Proposed)
 Health Center / Medical Facility	JH Private Junior High School	UTL Utility Yard
 Helistop	PS Private Pre-School	 Water Tank Reservoir
 Historic Monument	 Private Recreation & Cultural Facility	 Wildlife Migration Corridor
 Historical / Cultural Monument	SH Private Senior High School	 Wildlife Preserve Gate
 Horsekeeping Area	SF Private Special School	
 Horsekeeping Area (Proposed)	 Public Elementary (Proposed Expansion)	

SCHOOLS/PARKS WITH 500 FT. BUFFER

	Existing School/Park Site		Planned School/Park Site		Inside 500 Ft. Buffer
	Aquatic Facilities		Other Facilities		Opportunity School
	Beaches		Park / Recreation Centers		Charter School
	Child Care Centers		Parks		Elementary School
	Dog Parks		Performing / Visual Arts Centers		Span School
	Golf Course		Recreation Centers		Special Education School
	Historic Sites		Senior Citizen Centers		High School
	Horticulture/Gardens				Middle School
	Skate Parks				Early Education Center

COASTAL ZONE

	Coastal Commission Permit Area
	Dual Permit Jurisdiction Area
	Single Permit Jurisdiction Area
	Not in Coastal Zone

TRANSIT ORIENTED COMMUNITIES (TOC)

	Tier 1		Tier 3
	Tier 2		Tier 4

Note: TOC Tier designation and map layers are for reference purposes only. Eligible projects shall demonstrate compliance with Tier eligibility standards prior to the issuance of any permits or approvals. As transit service changes, eligible TOC Incentive Areas will be updated.

WAIVER OF DEDICATION OR IMPROVEMENT

	Public Work Approval (PWA)
	Waiver of Dedication or Improvement (WDI)

OTHER SYMBOLS

	Lot Line		Airport Hazard Zone		Flood Zone
	Tract Line		Census Tract		Hazardous Waste
	Lot Cut		Coastal Zone		High Wind Zone
	Easement		Council District		Hillside Grading
	Zone Boundary		LADBS District Office		Historic Preservation Overlay Zone
	Building Line		Downtown Parking		Specific Plan Area
	Lot Split		Fault Zone		Very High Fire Hazard Severity Zone
	Community Driveway		Fire District No. 1		Wells - Active
	Building Outlines 2020		Tract Map		Wells - Inactive
	Building Outlines 2017		Parcel Map		



City of Los Angeles Cannabis Regulation Commission



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DECISION LETTER

Mailing Date: December 12, 2024

Applicant: L&E Retail, LLC
Business Premises: 4369 S. Van Ness Ave.
DCR Core Record No.: 320048
DCR Record No.: LA-R-24-320048-ANN
CEQA Clearance: ENV-320048-ANN
Council District: 8

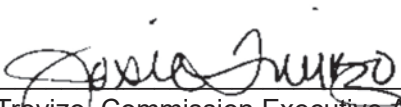
At its meeting on **December 5, 2024** the Los Angeles Cannabis Regulation Commission took the action below in conjunction with a request to approve an Annual License to conduct Storefront Retail Commercial Cannabis Activity.

Continued the matter to the Cannabis Regulation Commission meeting on **February 20, 2025**

The vote proceeded as follows:

Moved: Lim
Second: Melendez
Ayes: Farmby, Mason, Nash

Vote: 5 - 0



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c: Michelle Garakian, Executive Director
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**CANNABIS REGULATION COMMISSION
REGULAR MEETING AGENDA
THURSDAY, FEBRUARY 20, 2025, 2:00 P.M.
FIGUEROA PLAZA
BUILDING AND SAFETY BOARD ROOM, 9TH FLOOR
201 N. FIGUEROA ST, LOS ANGELES, CA 90012**

Members of the public are invited to address the Cannabis Regulation Commission, in person or virtually, on any item(s) on the agenda during Single or Multiple Agenda Item-Public Comment, prior to action by the Commission on the specific item(s). Members of the public may also address the Commission on any matter within the jurisdiction of the Commission during General Public Comment. To participate and offer public testimony in person during a meeting, an individual must complete and submit a speaker's request form to the Commission Executive Assistant prior to the start of the applicable public comment period. Individuals who wish to participate virtually, must follow the instructions below:

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The Commission may RECONSIDER and alter its action taken on items listed herein at any time during this meeting or during the next regular meeting, in accordance with the Commission's Rules and Operating Procedures and provided that the Commission retains jurisdiction over the item. In the case of a Commission

meeting cancellation, all items shall be continued to the next regular meeting date or beyond, as long as the continuance is within the legal time limits of the item.

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ROLL CALL

1. PUBLIC COMMENT PERIOD

The Commission shall provide an opportunity in open meetings for the public to address it on items of interest to the public that are within the subject matter jurisdiction of the Commission. Please see the first page of this agenda for instructions and rules concerning public comment.

2. ELECTED OFFICE AND NEIGHBORHOOD COUNCIL REPRESENTATIVE PRESENTATIONS

Presentations by representatives of Neighborhood Council(s) on any Neighborhood Council resolution or community impact statement filed with the City Clerk, or, representatives from an elected office, which relate to any agenda item listed or being considered on this agenda. The Neighborhood Council representative shall provide the Commission with a copy of the Neighborhood Council's resolution or community impact statement. THESE PRESENTATIONS WILL BE TAKEN AT THE TIME THE AGENDA ITEM IS CALLED FOR CONSIDERATION.

3. COMMISSION BUSINESS

- Advanced Calendar
- Approval of Minutes – [February 6, 2025](#)
- Commission Announcements and Updates
- Future Agenda Requests

4. REPORT FROM THE EXECUTIVE DIRECTOR

Report from the Executive Director or her designee, including updates in Licensing, the Social Equity Program, and the Compliance Program.

5. [DCR Core Record No. 110050](#) – Continued from November 7, 2024 and February 6, 2025 CD: 9
LA-R-24-110050-ANN & ENV-110050-ANN

Applicant: **MAINSTAY GOODS INC.**
Community Plan Area: Southeast Los Angeles
Neighborhood Council: South Central

COMMUNITY MEETING HELD ON THURSDAY, SEPTEMBER 26, 2024

BUSINESS PREMISES: 3401 S. San Pedro St.

PROJECT:

Applicant seeks an Annual License to conduct Storefront Retail Commercial Cannabis Activity in the Southeast Los Angeles Community Plan Area with hours of operations seven days per week from 8:00 a.m. to 10:00 p.m.

REQUESTED ACTIONS:

1. Determine, based on the whole of the administrative record, that the project is exempt from the California Environmental Quality Act (CEQA) pursuant to Article 19, Section 15301, Class 1, and Article 19, Section 15332, Class 32 of the State CEQA Guidelines (tit. 14, Cal. Code Regs., §§ 15301, 15332), and there is no substantial evidence demonstrating that an exception to a categorical exemption pursuant to CEQA Guidelines Section 15300.2 applies;
2. Pursuant to Los Angeles Municipal Code Section 104.06(b)(2), approve the Annual License for Type 10 Storefront Retail Commercial Cannabis Activity at the Business Premises location; and,
3. Adopt DCR's Project Analysis & Findings as the Commission's report on the subject.

6. [DCR Core Record No. 100068](#) – Continued from November 21, 2024 and February 6, 2025 CD: 10
LA-R-24-100068-ANN & ENV-100068-ANN

Applicant: **THE RELIEF COLLECTIVE, INC.**
Community Plan Area: Wilshire
Neighborhood Council: P.I.C.O.

COMMUNITY MEETING HELD ON THURSDAY, SEPTEMBER 26, 2024

BUSINESS PREMISES: 5816 - 5818 W. Pico Blvd.

PROJECT:

Applicant seeks an Annual License to conduct Storefront Retail Commercial Cannabis Activity in the Wilshire Community Plan Area with hours of operations seven days per week from 9:30 a.m. to 9:30 p.m. (Monday to Saturday) and 10:00 a.m. to 7:00 p.m. (Sunday).

REQUESTED ACTIONS:

1. Determine, based on the whole of the administrative record, that the project is exempt from the California Environmental Quality Act (CEQA) pursuant to Article 19, Section 15301, Class 1, and Article 19, Section 15332, Class 32 of the State CEQA Guidelines (tit. 14, Cal. Code Regs., §§ 15301, 15332), and there is no substantial evidence demonstrating that an exception to a categorical exemption pursuant to CEQA Guidelines Section 15300.2 applies;
2. Pursuant to Los Angeles Municipal Code Section 104.06(b)(2), approve the Annual License for Type 10 Storefront Retail Commercial Cannabis Activity at the Business Premises location; and,
3. Adopt DCR's Project Analysis & Findings as the Commission's report on the subject.

7. [DCR Core Record No. 100044](#) – Continued from November 21, 2024 and February 6, 2025 CD: 4
LA-R-24-100044-ANN & ENV-100044-ANN

Applicant: **Platinum Club, Inc.**
Community Plan Area: Reseda - West Van Nuys
Neighborhood Council: Reseda

COMMUNITY MEETING HELD ON THURSDAY, SEPTEMBER 26, 2024

BUSINESS PREMISES: 18441 W. Vanowen St.

PROJECT:

Applicant seeks an Annual License to conduct Storefront Retail Commercial Cannabis Activity in the Reseda - West Van Nuys Community Plan Area with hours of operations seven days per week from 8:00 a.m. to 10:00 p.m.

REQUESTED ACTIONS:

1. Determine, based on the whole of the administrative record, that the project is exempt from the California Environmental Quality Act (CEQA) pursuant to Article 19, Section 15301, Class 1, and Article 19, Section 15332, Class 32 of the State CEQA Guidelines (tit. 14, Cal. Code Regs., §§ 15301, 15332), and there is no substantial evidence demonstrating that an exception to a categorical exemption pursuant to CEQA Guidelines Section 15300.2 applies;
2. Pursuant to Los Angeles Municipal Code Section 104.06(b)(2), approve the Annual License for Type 10 Storefront Retail Commercial Cannabis Activity at the Business Premises location; and,
3. Adopt DCR's Project Analysis & Findings as the Commission's report on the subject.

8. [DCR Core Record No. 320033](#) – Continued from December 5, 2024 and February 6, 2025 CD: 7
LA-R-24-320033-ANN & ENV-320033-ANN

Applicant: **GLENOAKS RETAILER LLC**
Community Plan Area: Sylmar
Neighborhood Council: Sylmar

COMMUNITY MEETING HELD ON THURSDAY, NOVEMBER 14, 2024 & MONDAY, NOVEMBER 18, 2024

BUSINESS PREMISES: 13567 Glenoaks Blvd.

PROJECT:

Applicant seeks an Annual License to conduct Storefront Retail Commercial Cannabis Activity in the Sylmar Community Plan Area with hours of operations seven days per week from 8:00 a.m. to 10:00 p.m.

REQUESTED ACTIONS:

1. Determine, based on the whole of the administrative record, that the project is exempt from the California Environmental Quality Act (CEQA) pursuant to Article 19, Section 15301, Class 1, and Article 19, Section 15332, Class 32 of the State CEQA Guidelines (tit. 14, Cal. Code Regs., §§ 15301, 15332), and there is no substantial evidence demonstrating that an exception to a categorical exemption pursuant to CEQA Guidelines Section 15300.2 applies;
2. Pursuant to Los Angeles Municipal Code Section 104.06(b)(2), approve the Annual License for Type 10 Storefront Retail Commercial Cannabis Activity at the Business Premises location; and,
3. Adopt DCR's Project Analysis & Findings as the Commission's report on the subject.

9. [DCR Core Record No. 310015](#) – Continued from December 5, 2024 and February 6, 2025 CD: 13
LA-R-24-310015-ANN & ENV-310015-ANN

Applicant: **Imperia Holdings, LLC**
Community Plan Area: Hollywood
Neighborhood Council: Hollywood Hills West

COMMUNITY MEETING HELD ON THURSDAY, NOVEMBER 14, 2024 & MONDAY, NOVEMBER 18, 2024

BUSINESS PREMISES: 7677 W. Sunset Blvd.

PROJECT:

Applicant seeks an Annual License to conduct Storefront Retail Commercial Cannabis Activity in the Hollywood Community Plan Area with hours of operations seven days per week from 8:00 a.m. to 10:00 p.m.

REQUESTED ACTIONS:

1. Determine, based on the whole of the administrative record, that the project is exempt from the California Environmental Quality Act (CEQA) pursuant to Article 19, Section 15301, Class 1, and Article 19, Section 15332, Class 32 of the State CEQA Guidelines (tit. 14, Cal. Code Regs., §§ 15301, 15332), and there is no substantial evidence demonstrating that an exception to a categorical exemption pursuant to CEQA Guidelines Section 15300.2 applies;
2. Pursuant to Los Angeles Municipal Code Section 104.06(b)(2), approve the Annual License for Type 10 Storefront Retail Commercial Cannabis Activity at the Business Premises location; and,
3. Adopt DCR's Project Analysis & Findings as the Commission's report on the subject.

10. [DCR Core Record No. 320048](#) – Continued from December 5, 2024 CD: 8
LA-R-24-320048-ANN & ENV-320048-ANN

Applicant: **L&E Retail, LLC**
Community Plan Area: West Adams - Baldwin Hills - Leimert
Neighborhood Council: Empowerment Congress Central Area

COMMUNITY MEETING HELD ON THURSDAY, NOVEMBER 14, 2024 & MONDAY, NOVEMBER 18, 2024

BUSINESS PREMISES: 4369 S. Van Ness Ave.

PROJECT:

Applicant seeks an Annual License to conduct Storefront Retail Commercial Cannabis Activity in the West Adams - Baldwin Hills - Leimert Community Plan Area with hours of operations seven days per week from 10:00 a.m. to 10:00 p.m.

REQUESTED ACTIONS:

1. Determine, based on the whole of the administrative record, that the project is exempt from the California Environmental Quality Act (CEQA) pursuant to Article 19, Section 15301, Class 1, and Article 19, Section 15332, Class 32 of the State CEQA Guidelines (tit. 14, Cal. Code Regs., §§ 15301, 15332), and there is no substantial evidence demonstrating that an exception to a categorical exemption pursuant to CEQA Guidelines Section 15300.2 applies;
2. Pursuant to Los Angeles Municipal Code Section 104.06(b)(2), approve the Annual License for Type 10 Storefront Retail Commercial Cannabis Activity at the Business Premises location; and,
3. Adopt DCR's Project Analysis & Findings as the Commission's report on the subject.

11. [DCR Core Record No. 310159](#) – Continued from February 6, 2025 CD: 10
LA-R-24-310159-ANN & ENV-310159-ANN

Applicant: **SOUTHERN CALIFORNIA FLOWER COMPANY LLC**
Community Plan Area: Wilshire
Neighborhood Council: Wilshire Center-Koreatown

COMMUNITY MEETING HELD ON FRIDAY, JANUARY 17, 2025

BUSINESS PREMISES: 3401 W. 8th St.

PROJECT:

Applicant seeks an Annual License to conduct Storefront Retail Commercial Cannabis Activity in the Wilshire Community Plan Area with hours of operations seven days per week from 6:00 a.m. to 10:00 p.m.

REQUESTED ACTIONS:

Continue consideration of this item to the Cannabis Regulation Commission meeting on Thursday, April 3, 2025.

12. [DCR Core Record No. 404585](#) – Continued from February 6, 2025 CD: 4
LA-P-24-404585-ANN & ENV-404585-ANN

Applicant: **Green Qween Sherman Oaks LLC**
Community Plan Area: Sherman Oaks - Studio City - Toluca Lake - Cahuenga Pass
Neighborhood Council: Sherman Oaks

COMMUNITY MEETING HELD ON FRIDAY, JANUARY 17, 2025

BUSINESS PREMISES: 13711 Ventura Blvd.

PROJECT:

Applicant seeks an Annual License to conduct Storefront Retail Commercial Cannabis Activity in the Sherman Oaks - Studio City - Toluca Lake - Cahuenga Pass Community Plan Area with hours of operations seven days per week from 10:00 a.m. to 10:00 p.m.

REQUESTED ACTIONS:

1. Determine, based on the whole of the administrative record, that the project is exempt from the California Environmental Quality Act (CEQA) pursuant to Article 19, Section 15301, Class 1, and Article 19, Section 15332, Class 32 of the State CEQA Guidelines (tit. 14, Cal. Code Regs., §§ 15301, 15332), and there is no substantial evidence demonstrating that an exception to a categorical exemption pursuant to CEQA Guidelines Section 15300.2 applies;
2. Pursuant to Los Angeles Municipal Code Section 104.06(b)(2), approve the Annual License for Type 10 Storefront Retail Commercial Cannabis Activity at the Business Premises location; and,
3. Adopt DCR's Project Analysis & Findings as the Commission's report on the subject.

13. [DCR Core Record No. 320088](#) – Continued from February 6, 2025
LA-R-24-320088-ANN & ENV-320088-ANN

CD: 10

Applicant: **Mojave Fields**
Community Plan Area: Wilshire
Neighborhood Council: P.I.C.O.

COMMUNITY MEETING HELD ON FRIDAY, JANUARY 17, 2025

BUSINESS PREMISES: 5546 W. Pico Blvd.

PROJECT:

Applicant seeks an Annual License to conduct Storefront Retail Commercial Cannabis Activity in the Wilshire Community Plan Area with hours of operations seven days per week from 8:00 a.m. to 10:00 p.m.

REQUESTED ACTIONS:

1. Determine, based on the whole of the administrative record, that the project is exempt from the California Environmental Quality Act (CEQA) pursuant to Article 19, Section 15301, Class 1, and Article 19, Section 15332, Class 32 of the State CEQA Guidelines (tit. 14, Cal. Code Regs., §§ 15301, 15332), and there is no substantial evidence demonstrating that an exception to a categorical exemption pursuant to CEQA Guidelines Section 15300.2 applies;
2. Pursuant to Los Angeles Municipal Code Section 104.06(b)(2), approve the Annual License for Type 10 Storefront Retail Commercial Cannabis Activity at the Business Premises location; and,
3. Adopt DCR's Project Analysis & Findings as the Commission's report on the subject.

14. [DCR Core Record No. 320087](#) – Continued from February 6, 2025
LA-R-24-320087-ANN & ENV-320087-ANN

CD: 7

Applicant: **Sylmar Retailer LLC**
Community Plan Area: Sylmar
Neighborhood Council: Sylmar

COMMUNITY MEETING HELD ON FRIDAY, JANUARY 17, 2025

BUSINESS PREMISES: 13187 N. San Fernando Rd.

PROJECT:

Applicant seeks an Annual License to conduct Storefront Retail Commercial Cannabis Activity in the Sylmar Community Plan Area with hours of operations seven days per week from 8:00 a.m. to 10:00 p.m.

REQUESTED ACTIONS:

1. Determine, based on the whole of the administrative record, that the project is exempt from the California Environmental Quality Act (CEQA) pursuant to Article 19, Section 15301, Class 1, and Article 19, Section 15332, Class 32 of the State CEQA Guidelines (tit. 14, Cal. Code Regs., §§ 15301, 15332), and there is no substantial evidence demonstrating that an exception to a categorical exemption pursuant to CEQA Guidelines Section 15300.2 applies;
2. Pursuant to Los Angeles Municipal Code Section 104.06(b)(2), approve the Annual License for Type 10 Storefront Retail Commercial Cannabis Activity at the Business Premises location; and,
3. Adopt DCR's Project Analysis & Findings as the Commission's report on the subject.

15. [DCR Core Record No. 320065](#) – Continued from February 6, 2025
LA-R-24-320065-ANN & ENV-320065-ANN

CD: 4

Applicant: **JS Reserve**
Community Plan Area: Hollywood
Neighborhood Council: Los Feliz

COMMUNITY MEETING HELD ON FRIDAY, JANUARY 17, 2025

BUSINESS PREMISES: 1870 N. Vermont Ave.

PROJECT:

Applicant seeks an Annual License to conduct Storefront Retail Commercial Cannabis Activity in the Hollywood Community Plan Area with hours of operations seven days per week from 9:00 a.m. to 10:00 p.m. (Monday to Friday) and 9:00 a.m. to 9:00 p.m. (Saturday to Sunday).

REQUESTED ACTIONS:

1. Determine, based on the whole of the administrative record, that the project is exempt from the California Environmental Quality Act (CEQA) pursuant to Article 19, Section 15301, Class 1, and Article 19, Section 15332, Class 32 of the State CEQA Guidelines (tit. 14, Cal. Code Regs., §§ 15301, 15332), and there is no substantial evidence demonstrating that an exception to a categorical exemption pursuant to CEQA Guidelines Section 15300.2 applies;
2. Pursuant to Los Angeles Municipal Code Section 104.06(b)(2), approve the Annual License for Type 10 Storefront Retail Commercial Cannabis Activity at the Business Premises location; and,
3. Adopt DCR's Project Analysis & Findings as the Commission's report on the subject.

16. [DCR Core Record No. 310850](#) – Continued from February 6, 2025
LA-P-24-310850-ANN & ENV-310850-ANN

CD: 15

Applicant: **Duke Brothers, LLC**
Community Plan Area: Harbor Gateway
Neighborhood Council: Harbor Gateway North

COMMUNITY MEETING HELD ON FRIDAY, JANUARY 17, 2025

BUSINESS PREMISES: 13222 S. Estrella Ave.

PROJECT:

Applicant seeks an Annual License to conduct Storefront Retail Commercial Cannabis Activity in the Harbor Gateway Community Plan Area with hours of operations seven days per week from 9:00 a.m. to 10:00 p.m.

REQUESTED ACTIONS:

Take no action on this item.

17. [DCR Core Record No. 310245](#) – Continued from February 6, 2025
LA-R-24-310245-ANN & ENV-310245-ANN

CD: 12

Applicant: **GOLDSTAR INDUSTRIES LLC**
Community Plan Area: Northridge
Neighborhood Council: Northridge South

COMMUNITY MEETING HELD ON FRIDAY, JANUARY 17, 2025

BUSINESS PREMISES: 8912 - 8914 N. Reseda Blvd.

PROJECT:

Applicant seeks an Annual License to conduct Storefront Retail Commercial Cannabis Activity in the Northridge Community Plan Area with hours of operations seven days per week from 10:00 a.m. to 10:00 p.m.

REQUESTED ACTIONS:

Continue consideration of this item to the Cannabis Regulation Commission meeting on Thursday, April 3, 2025.

18. [DCR Core Record No. 310235](#) – Continued from February 6, 2025
LA-R-24-310235-ANN & ENV-310235-ANN

CD: 13

Applicant: **PNPLXPRESS, INC.**
Community Plan Area: Hollywood
Neighborhood Council: Hollywood United

COMMUNITY MEETING HELD ON FRIDAY, JANUARY 17, 2025

BUSINESS PREMISES: 1704 N. Vine St., Unit# 101

PROJECT:

Applicant seeks an Annual License to conduct Storefront Retail Commercial Cannabis Activity in the Hollywood Community Plan Area with hours of operations seven days per week from 10:00 a.m. to 10:00 p.m.

REQUESTED ACTIONS:

1. Determine, based on the whole of the administrative record, that the project is exempt from the California Environmental Quality Act (CEQA) pursuant to Article 19, Section 15301, Class 1, and Article 19, Section 15332, Class 32 of the State CEQA Guidelines (tit. 14, Cal. Code Regs., §§ 15301, 15332), and there is no substantial evidence demonstrating that an exception to a categorical exemption pursuant to CEQA Guidelines Section 15300.2 applies;
2. Pursuant to Los Angeles Municipal Code Section 104.06(b)(2), approve the Annual License for Type 10 Storefront Retail Commercial Cannabis Activity at the Business Premises location; and,
3. Adopt DCR's Project Analysis & Findings as the Commission's report on the subject.

19. [DCR Core Record No. 310203](#) – Continued from February 6, 2025
LA-R-24-310203-ANN & ENV-310203-ANN

CD: 11

Applicant: **Palladium Alliance LLC**
Community Plan Area: Westchester - Playa del Rey
Neighborhood Council: Westchester/Playa

COMMUNITY MEETING HELD ON FRIDAY, JANUARY 17, 2025

BUSINESS PREMISES: 5494 1/2 W. Centinela Ave.

PROJECT:

Applicant seeks an Annual License to conduct Storefront Retail Commercial Cannabis Activity in the Westchester - Playa del Rey Community Plan Area with hours of operations seven days per week from 8:00 a.m. to 10:00 p.m.

REQUESTED ACTIONS:

1. Determine, based on the whole of the administrative record, that the project is exempt from the California Environmental Quality Act (CEQA) pursuant to Article 19, Section 15301, Class 1, and Article 19, Section 15332, Class 32 of the State CEQA Guidelines (tit. 14, Cal. Code Regs., §§ 15301, 15332), and there is no substantial evidence demonstrating that an exception to a categorical exemption pursuant to CEQA Guidelines Section 15300.2 applies;
2. Pursuant to Los Angeles Municipal Code Section 104.06(b)(2), approve the Annual License for Type 10 Storefront Retail Commercial Cannabis Activity at the Business Premises location; and,
3. Adopt DCR's Project Analysis & Findings as the Commission's report on the subject.

20. [DCR Core Record No. 310044](#) – Continued from February 6, 2025
LA-R-24-310044-ANN & ENV-310044-ANN

CD: 13

Applicant: **1485 West Sunset and Hope, LLC**
Community Plan Area: Silver Lake - Echo Park - Elysian Valley
Neighborhood Council: Echo Park

COMMUNITY MEETING HELD ON FRIDAY, JANUARY 17, 2025

BUSINESS PREMISES: 1485 W. Sunset Blvd.

PROJECT:

Applicant seeks an Annual License to conduct Storefront Retail Commercial Cannabis Activity in the Silver Lake - Echo Park - Elysian Valley Community Plan Area with hours of operations seven days per week from 10:00 a.m. to 10:00 p.m.

REQUESTED ACTIONS:

1. Determine, based on the whole of the administrative record, that the project is exempt from the California Environmental Quality Act (CEQA) pursuant to Article 19, Section 15301, Class 1, and Article 19, Section 15332, Class 32 of the State CEQA Guidelines (tit. 14, Cal. Code Regs., §§ 15301, 15332), and there is no substantial evidence demonstrating that an exception to a categorical exemption pursuant to CEQA Guidelines Section 15300.2 applies;
2. Pursuant to Los Angeles Municipal Code Section 104.06(b)(2), approve the Annual License for Type 10 Storefront Retail Commercial Cannabis Activity at the Business Premises location; and,
3. Adopt DCR's Project Analysis & Findings as the Commission's report on the subject.

- 21 **DCR Core Record No. 101810** – Continued from February 6, 2025
LA-R-24-101810-ANN & ENV-101810-ANN

CD: 6

Applicant: **K.U.S.H. (Kinder Understanding Sensitive Healing) Collective, Inc.**
Community Plan Area: Reseda - West Van Nuys
Neighborhood Council: Lake Balboa

COMMUNITY MEETING HELD ON FRIDAY, JANUARY 17, 2025

BUSINESS PREMISES: 16770 W. Stagg St.

PROJECT:

Applicant seeks an Annual License to conduct Storefront Retail Commercial Cannabis Activity in the Reseda - West Van Nuys Community Plan Area with hours of operations seven days per week from 10:00 a.m. to 10:00 p.m.

REQUESTED ACTIONS:

Continue consideration of this item to the Cannabis Regulation Commission meeting on Thursday, April 3, 2025.

The next scheduled regular meeting of the Cannabis Regulation Commission will be held on:

Thursday, March 6, 2025

**Figueroa Plaza
Building and Safety Boardroom, 9th Floor
201 N. Figueroa St.,
Los Angeles, CA 90012**

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Agenda Item #10:
DCR Core Record No. 320048
L&E Retail, LLC
(Social Equity)
Continued from 12/05/24



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Agenda Item #10:

DCR Core Record No. 320048



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DCR Core Record No.:	320048
Applicant Name:	L&E Retail, LLC
DCR Record No. / Activities Requested:	LA-R-24-320048-ANN / Retail w/ on-site sales (Type 10)
Proposed Project:	The Applicant seeks an Annual License for the Type 10 Retail Storefront with on-site sales commercial cannabis activity pursuant to LAMC section 104.06 et. al.
Business Premises Address/ Project Location:	4369 S. Van Ness Avenue Los Angeles, CA 90062
Council District: Closest Neighborhood Council (NC): Business Improvement District: Community Plan Area: Zoning:	8 Empowerment Congress Central None West Adams - Baldwin Hills - Leimert C2-1VL-CPIO
LAMC Section / "Phase":	LAMC 104.06.1 / Phase 3 Retail Round 2
Evidence of Offer to Meet with NC:	Yes
Complaint Portal Entry: Recent Compliance Inspection:	No No
Social Equity Applicant / Ownership %:	Yes / 51 %
Environmental Analysis/Clearance: ENV-320048-ANN	Notice of Exemption pursuant to the Class 1 and Class 32 categorical exemptions (tit. 14, Cal. Code Regs., §§ 15301, 15332)

Agenda Item #10:

DCR Core Record No. 320048



**CANNABIS
REGULATION
COMMISSION**

DEPARTMENT OF CANNABIS REGULATION RECOMMENDED ACTIONS:

That the Cannabis Regulation Commission:

1. Determine, based on the whole of the administrative record, that the project is exempt from the California Environmental Quality Act (CEQA) pursuant to Article 19, Section 15301, Class 1, and Article 19, Section 15332, Class 32 of the State CEQA Guidelines (tit. 14, Cal. Code Regs., §§ 15301, 15332), and there is no substantial evidence demonstrating that an exception to a categorical exemption pursuant to CEQA Guidelines Section 15300.2 applies;
2. Pursuant to Los Angeles Municipal Code Section 104.06(b)(2), approve the Annual License for Type 10 Storefront Retail Commercial Cannabis Activity at the Business Premises location; and,
3. Adopt DCR's Project Analysis & Findings as the Commission's report on the subject.

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RE: DCR Record Number #LA-R-24-320048-ANN

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Cannabis Commission Hearing on DCR record number #LA-R-24-320048-ANN

Gramercy Block Club <gramercyblockclub@gmail.com>
To: cannabiscommission@lacity.org

Mon, Dec 2, 2024 at 8:23 AM

Good morning —

I'm submitting this letter to you in advance of the hearing scheduled for:

THURSDAY DEC 5, 2024 @ 2:00 PM
LA DEPT. OF BUILDING AND SAFETY - 9TH FLOOR
[201 N FIGUEROA ST, LOS ANGELES, CA 90012](#)

RE: DCR record number #LA-R-24-320048-ANN

I plan on attending this meeting with members of our Block Club, which would be dramatically and negatively impacted by this proposed dispensary.

I've also been in contact with our Councilman's office and the board of my neighborhood council.

I look forward to speaking further at the hearing and thank you for your time-

Harry Frishberg
President, Gramercy Block Club

GRAMERCY BLOCK CLUB
LOS ANGELES, CA

questions or concerns can be emailed to:
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December 01, 2024

To hon. members of
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And while our group doesn't necessarily object to *any* dispensary within our quiet community, a vote held on November 13th, 2024 showed **unanimous objection** to *this specific* dispensary on grounds of health, safety, and community.

While not *technically* within 700 ft of a childcare facility, there are multiple daycares within 2-3 blocks of the dispensary and many kids walk past this location on their way to and from school. In addition, a number of neighbors have expressed concern over the property owner's history of neglect and disrepair on this and other properties they own in our community. Several tenants who currently reside *inside* the building complain about the strong smell of marijuana, lack of proper ventilation, lack of basic upkeep, and numerous other red flags.

These problems have already led to serious health concerns for a family living in the building, including a child with asthma. They have no reason to believe any issues will be rectified with the opening of a dispensary — in fact, they are concerned to speak out for fear of reprisals from the owner and have asked to remain anonymous.

These and other reasonable concerns were rudely dismissed by the proposed operators on a Nov. 1, 2024 Zoom call initiated by the Gramercy Block Club. This Zoom call came about entirely from our demanding it. Nobody representing the owner or the operators had ever reached out or notified any of us about their plans or intentions. The people who live in *the very building* were unaware of these proposed plans — a fact that was completely misrepresented by the operators on the call. In fact, a number of contradictory or outright false statements were made on that call.

Perhaps the most troubling part of the meeting came when our residents were told numerous times “this isn’t Beverly Hills” in response to legitimate questions about safety and what kind of effect this would have on our community.

Whether these responses were *intended* to offend is beside the point. They demonstrate the attitude and mindset of operators who do not have our community’s best interest at heart.

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Harry Frishberg
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cc:

Marqueece Harris-Dawson

President, Los Angeles City Council / Eighth District Representative

Janay Copland

President, Empowerment Congress Central Area Neighborhood Council

Corey Blake

Licensing Supervisor, Los Angeles Dept. of Cannabis Regulation



MARQUEECE HARRIS-DAWSON
Councilmember, Eighth District

February 20, 2025

Re: 4369 S. Van Ness Ave. Los Angeles, CA 90062 Case No.: DCR Record Number:
#LA-R-24-320048-ANN

Dear Members of the Department of Cannabis Regulation Commission,

Following the **December 5, 2024** hearing regarding **L&E Retail, LLC's** application to establish a **Cannabis Dispensary at 4369 S. Van Ness Ave.**, our office reiterates the **serious concerns** raised by the community and formally requests that the application be **denied**.

Basis for Denial:

The applicant has failed to meet and comply with **MC 104.04**, and the location has been the site of **significant public safety issues** documented by **LAPD Southwest Division**.

Crime Reports (2023-2025) at 4367-4375 Van Ness & Van Ness/Vernon Intersection:

Incidents Reported in 2025:

- **Violent & Property Crimes:** Robbery, stabbing (16-year-old victim), assault with a knife, hate crime battery, copper wire theft, vandalism.
- **Public Safety Threats:** Shooting (Feb 3, 2025), suspect attacking a police officer, a neighbor carrying a firearm.

Additional Reports Over the Past Two Years:

- **Shootings & Injuries**
- **Burglaries & Stolen Vehicles**
- **Disturbances, including fights resulting in injuries**



MARQUEECE HARRIS-DAWSON
Councilmember, Eighth District

Community Opposition:

Residents, churches, and stakeholders have repeatedly voiced opposition, citing these **public safety concerns**. Attached are letters from community members urging denial of this application.

Given these significant concerns, we **strongly urge** the Commission to **reject this application**. Thank you for your time and consideration.

Respectfully,

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read "Fernando Montes-Rodriguez", written over a horizontal line.

Fernando Montes-Rodriguez
District Director, Council District Eight

Marqueece Harris-Dawson
Councilmember, Eighth District



February 12, 2025

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We have previously brought our community's **strong objections** to your attention and submitted a letter detailing our earlier interactions with the owners and operators of this proposed dispensary. Today, we are once again renewing those objections as these applicants make another attempt at getting a license.

Our objections first began with the location. The proposed dispensary would be located on the bottom floor of a residential building that houses twelve families. This is not some modern apartment building in the middle of a bustling city block — it's an old, owner-neglected building in a quiet residential neighborhood.

There are also a number of schools, churches, and daycares on the same street — some within two blocks of the proposed dispensary. While not *technically* within 700ft, numerous families walk their children to and from these places every day, passing right where the dispensary would be located.

Furthermore, we are deeply concerned by the physical condition of the building, which has been neglected and in disrepair for years. The building's current tenants are already complaining about inadequate ventilation and lack of maintenance. Neighbors (along with our local LAPD Senior Lead Officers) have repeatedly made repair requests to the building's owners — but the area remains littered with garbage, graffiti, and broken security lights.

The owners and operators have made promises throughout this process that *if* granted a license, they will bring the building into a new state of cleanliness. But after many years of ignoring pleas from tenants, their sudden talk of renovations rings hollow. To call this location "not ideal" for a cannabis dispensary is a massive understatement. This location is flat out **unacceptable**.

Our concerns aren't limited to the building itself. We also have deep reservations about the applicants.

Several of the building's current tenants have made complaints about the strong smell of marijuana, lack of proper ventilation, and heavy drug use and partying that has been present at this location since the applicants began renting the space in 2022. At the previous DCR hearing (Dec. 5th, 2024), the applicants made an effort to discredit these objections by claiming there has been "no criminal activity" in the building, blaming other residents for the marijuana smell, and unequivocally denying they engaged in any cannabis-related activity.

The truth is: these operators have been running an unlicensed cannabis operation from this very location (and the adjoining property at **4367 S Van Ness Ave**) for 3+ years. During this time, their employees, delivery drivers, and customers all consumed and sold cannabis products — both inside and outside the storefronts — while loudly partying and frequently engaging with sex workers (one of whom self-identified herself to a witness as a "prostitute" in 2023). We provided documentation of these claims and statements from witnesses to CD8 and LAPD, and participated in their investigation into the matter.

Furthermore, we have identified **two separate criminal incidents** that occurred while the applicant was renting the space: a break-in / robbery at a corner market in the building (in late 2024), and another break-in / robbery at the applicant's storefront (in Dec. 2022). As far as we can tell, neither incident was reported to LAPD. Regardless, we have obtained text messages from one of the applicants admitting that a robbery occurred, which proves the testimony they provided at the last hearing was **knowingly false**.

Many neighbors and witnesses came forward to share their stories — but they did so anonymously, because they feared reprisals from the building's owners and/or the operators. In fact, multiple neighbors informed us about threatening language and aggressive behavior from the operators following the Dec. 5th 2024 hearing. This behavior is unacceptable and only serves to underline how unfit these applicants are.

During the lead up to the previous DCR hearing on 12/5/24, the operators made open and disrespectful comments about South LA, telling us "This isn't Beverly Hills" in response to legitimate questions about safety and security. At that hearing — even when pressed by your commission to clarify these remarks — they seemingly doubled down on that rhetoric.

Granting them an official license to continue their dishonest business practices, while being so close to family homes and peaceful streets, is not an acceptable outcome. Council District 8, the LAPD, our Neighborhood Council, and over 200 members of our block club and our neighboring block club have all voiced their agreement that these applicants should **not be granted a license**.

Lastly, we would like to draw the committee's attention to a particularly upsetting part of this process. Following the last DCR hearing, the applicants hired a consultant who — at the end of a contentious Zoom call with our community — proudly told us there was "nothing we can do to prevent this dispensary from getting a license. It's already been decided, no matter how many people show up to reject it. [Our objections] are a waste of everyone's time."

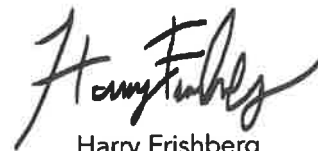
This flagrant disregard and contempt for our community and for the DCR's process itself is deeply troubling. In light of these remarks, granting a license to these applicants, despite overwhelming rejection from the community, would send a terrible message to the people of this city.

Once again, I want to make clear that our group doesn't object to the idea of *any* dispensary in our neighborhood. But *this property* — below an apartment building of families — is not a good fit for our community.

There are plenty of operators who could run a dispensary that would bring security and value to the neighborhood. But *these operators* — who so clearly don't know or care to know our community — are not them.

We conclude this statement with a plea from the families, neighbors, and constituents in this community: please do not allow these bad-faith actors to take an even stronger hold on our community and endanger our lives, health, and well-being.

It is for these reasons that we implore you to **reject** this application.



Harry Frishberg
President, Gramercy Block Club

cc:

Marqueece Harris-Dawson

President, Los Angeles City Council / Eighth District Representative

Janay Copland

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REV. WENDELL C. MILLER, PASTOR

February 16, 2025

Department of Cannabis Regulation | Cannabis Regulation Commission

cannabiscommission@lacity.org

Re: L&E Retail DCR Application # : LA-R-24-320048-ANN

Attention: Department of Cannabis Regulation & The Cannabis Regulation Commission

I am writing to you as the pastor of Lincoln Memorial United Church of Christ located at 4126 S. Arlington Ave. Los Angeles, CA 90008 to formally express my strong opposition to the proposed business license for the cannabis dispensary intended to be established at 4369 S. Van Ness Ave Los Angeles, CA 90062.

As a faith leader serving this community, I have witnessed firsthand the struggles many individuals and families face due to substance abuse and the negative impact it has on our neighborhood's health and well-being. While I understand the evolving legal landscape surrounding cannabis, I am deeply concerned about the potential consequences of situating such an establishment in close proximity to our church, local schools, and family-centered organizations.

Our mission is to foster a safe, nurturing environment where families can thrive, and youth can develop positive values free from the pressures and temptations that substances may bring. The presence of a cannabis dispensary near our place of worship threatens to undermine these efforts by normalizing drug use and increasing accessibility, particularly among our vulnerable youth population.

I respectfully urge you to consider the moral, social, and health-related implications for our community. Please deny the business license for the proposed cannabis dispensary to preserve the safety, character, and well-being of our neighborhood.

Thank you for your attention to this matter and your continued dedication to the welfare of our community.

Sincerely,

Rev. Wendell Miller, Senior Pastor
Lincoln Memorial United Church of Christ
www.LincolnUCC.org

cc:

Chesterfield Square Community Block Club (cscbc.socialmedia@gmail.com)

The Honorable Marqueece Harris-Dawson, President Los Angeles City Council – 8th District
Representative

councilmember.harris-dawson@lacity.org



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JOHN L. REAMER, JR., SR. PASTOR

February 16, 2025

The Department of Cannabis Regulation - The Cannabis Regulation Commission

RE: DCR Record Number #LA-R-24-320048-ANN

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As a faith community deeply invested in the well-being of our neighborhood, we have witnessed firsthand the struggles many individuals and families face due to substance abuse and the negative impact it has on our community's health and safety. Although we understand that cannabis is legal, we are profoundly concerned about the detrimental consequences of situating such an establishment near our church, local schools, and substance abuse recovery organizations.

Research and community reports indicate that cannabis dispensaries can contribute to increased crime rates, including thefts and robberies, as they may attract individuals seeking quick financial gains. The dispensary could also lead to higher traffic congestion, posing safety risks for pedestrians, especially children walking to and from school. The potential for impaired driving incidents increases as well, endangering our roads and the lives of residents.

The introduction of a cannabis dispensary could negatively impact local businesses and property values. Families and entrepreneurs seeking to invest in our neighborhood may be deterred by the presence of such an establishment, affecting the economic growth and vibrancy of our community.

L & E Retail, LLC: 4367 S. Van Ness Avenue Los Angeles, California 90062 (Agenda Item #10)

Consultants and Compliance Team:

- ❖ Narek Balagoyzyan, Esq. - Attorney,
- ❖ Sarah Leedy - Compliance/Mapping,
- ❖ Mike Guymon - Dispensary Security,
- ❖ Nathan Freeman - Community Outreach Compliance/Operations,
- ❖ Kathy Smith - Community Outreach and Compliance/Operations

Community Outreach Report:

12/17/2024 - Contacted Gramercy Block Club. The team discussed reasons for the Club's opposition with Harry Frishberg, President. (emails available upon request)

- ❖ Mr. Frishberg provided 4 email addresses of additional community members to be contacted.
- ❖ We received only one email in response with no specific concerns.

12/27/2024 - A Zoom meeting was scheduled and organized, with notice and invitation given to the community where only three people attended.

- ❖ No constructive feedback was provided by the attendees

LAPD Southwest Division

12/13/2024: An LAPD Southwest Narcotics Division Detective was contacted regarding the location and the applicants.

The team provided the address of the location and asked if they had any previous or pending matters. The response from the Narcotics Detective was "There was information that there was an illegal grow but [LAPD] never found anything".

02/06/2025: The LAPD Southwest Narcotics Division Detective was contacted again regarding the location and the applicants.

The response from the Narcotics Detective was "We have received info that there was a cannabis shop there but never seen any evidence of it." The team asked if the detective could provide a letter or other written declaration confirming this; the detective said he could not write a letter since nothing being reported or discovered, but if any individual or organization wanted more information on his analysis "They can contact me."

We contacted LAPD Captain Perry Griffith- and requested a "Crime Analysis Report" for the property address. Within a week we received a response from Captain Griffith stating the following: "I had a crime analysis done for the address and the area going back one year and there's nothing significant."

The team was advised to pull a Crime Data Report for that address, which we did and found nothing pertaining to that address or any cannabis criminal activities. (Report available upon request.)

LAPD Officer Paul Eveith was contacted and was asked about the property address and the applicants. He stated he did have reports regarding issues within the building, but nothing specific regarding criminal complaints of a cannabis business, or the applicants.

L & E Retail, LLC: 4367 S. Van Ness Avenue Los Angeles, California 90062 (Agenda Item #10)

Council District 8

James Ingram was contacted regarding our application. We advised Mr. Ingram we were in communication with the Gramercy Block Club, and we were provided the information for the neighborhood council for our community outreach. Mr. Ingram said to please keep him updated. A Zoom invitation was provided to Mr. Ingram for the community meeting; he advised that he would be unable to attend. Mr. Ingram has been provided regular and subsequent updates regarding our outreach efforts since then.

Nathan Freeman - Community Outreach Specialist

450 Community Outreach Letters were distributed which included a Neighborhood Cannabis Liaison's phone number and email address, encouraging the community members to contact us with any issues, questions, or concerns.

Outreach Letter Results

- ❖ *No calls were received;*
- ❖ *One email was received welcoming us to the neighborhood (Email available upon request).*

Door-to-Door Outreach

- ❖ *Received overwhelming support from the residents of the property and surrounding neighbors.*



Your Community Impact Statement Submittal - Agenda Item Number: 10

1 message

'LA City SNow' via DCR Cannabis Commission <CannabisCommission@lacity.org>

Sun, Feb 16, 2025 at 11:18 AM

Reply-To: LA City SNow <cityoflaprod@service-now.com>

To: CannabisCommission@lacity.org

A Neighborhood Council Community Impact Statement (CIS) has been successfully submitted to your Commission or City Council. We provided information below about CISs and attached a copy of the CIS.

We encourage you to reach out to the Community Impact Statement Filer to acknowledge receipt and if this Community Impact Statement will be scheduled at a future meeting. Neighborhood Council board members are volunteers and it would be helpful if they received confirmation that you received their CIS.

The CIS process was enabled by the Los Angeles Administrative Code §Section 22.819. It provides that, "a Neighborhood Council may take a formal position on a matter by way of a Community Impact Statement (CIS) or written resolution." NCs representatives also testify before City Boards and Commissions on the item related to their CIS. If the Neighborhood Council chooses to do so, the Neighborhood Council representative must provide the Commission with a copy of the CIS or Resolution sufficiently in advance for review, possible inclusion on the agenda, and posting on the Commission's website. Any information you can provide related to your agenda setting schedule is helpful to share with the NC.

If the CIS or resolution pertains to a matter *listed on the Commission's agenda*, during the time the matter is heard, the designated Neighborhood Council representative should be given an opportunity to present the Neighborhood Council's formal position. We encourage becoming familiar with the City Council's rules on the subject. At the Chair's discretion, the Neighborhood Council representative may be asked to have a seat at the table (or equivalent for a virtual meeting) typically reserved for City staff and may provide the Neighborhood Council representative more time than allotted to members of the general public. They are also permitted up to five (5) minutes of time to address the legislative body. If the CIS or resolution pertains to a matter *not listed on the agenda*, the designated Neighborhood Council representative may speak during General Public Comments.

We share this information to assist you with the docketing neighborhood council items before your board/commission. If you have questions and/or concerns, please contact the Department of Neighborhood Empowerment at empowerla@lacity.org.

***** This is an automated response, please DO NOT reply to this email. *****

Contact Information

Neighborhood Council: Empowerment Congress Central

Name: Harry Frishberg

Email: Rep.Frishberg@gmail.com

The Board approved this CIS by a vote of: Yea(8) Nay(0) Abstain(1) Ineligible(0) Recusal(0)

Date of NC Board Action: 01/27/2025

Type of NC Board Action: Against

Impact Information

Date: 02/16/2025

Update to a Previous Input: No

Directed To: Board of Cannabis Regulation Commissioners

Council File Number:

City Planning Number:

Agenda Date: 02/20/2025

Item Number: 10

Summary: RE: DCR Record Number #LA-R-24-320048-ANN EMPOWERMENT CONGRESS CENTRAL AREA NEIGHBORHOOD COUNCIL submits this CIS to strongly OPPOSE granting a license to this applicant.

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Ref:MSG11888153



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President, Empowerment Congress Central Area Neighborhood Council



Re: Cannabis License Application: #LA-R-24-320048 (4369 S. Van Ness Ave Los Angeles 90062)

1 message

Marceil Wright <wrightontime@gmail.com>

Tue, Feb 18, 2025 at 10:54 AM

To: Cannabis Commission <CannabisCommission@lacity.org>

Cc: Harry Frishberg <harryfrishberg@icloud.com>, Carly Panchura <cpanchura@gmail.com>, Gandhi Diaz <gandhy.diaz@lacity.org>, councilmember.harris-dawson@lacity.org, Assemblymember.Bryan@outreach.assembly.ca.gov, Officer Mills <31180@lapd.lacity.org>, Officer Elveth <38086@lapd.online>

Good morning,

I am writing to respectfully request that the Commission take into consideration the attached letters of opposition from church leaders before making a final decision on whether to grant a cannabis license to L & E Retail. These letters reflect significant concerns from faith leaders regarding the potential impact of this business on the surrounding area.

We appreciate your time and thoughtful review of these concerns as you deliberate on this matter. Please confirm receipt of the attached documents, and do not hesitate to reach out if any additional information is needed.

Thank you.

Sincerely,

M. Wright

Chesterfield Square Community Block Club

CSCBC

www.chesterfieldsquare.org

2 attachments



Immanuel Baptist Church ltr Feb 2025.pdf

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Cannabis letter to the commission from LMCC.pdf

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As a faith community deeply invested in the well-being of our neighborhood, we have witnessed firsthand the struggles many individuals and families face due to substance abuse and the negative impact it has on our community's health and safety. Although we understand that cannabis is legal, we are profoundly concerned about the detrimental consequences of situating such an establishment near our church, local schools, and substance abuse recovery organizations.

Research and community reports indicate that cannabis dispensaries can contribute to increased crime rates, including thefts and robberies, as they may attract individuals seeking quick financial gains. The dispensary could also lead to higher traffic congestion, posing safety risks for pedestrians, especially children walking to and from school. The potential for impaired driving incidents increases as well, endangering our roads and the lives of residents.

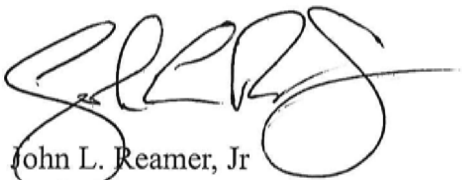
The introduction of a cannabis dispensary could negatively impact local businesses and property values. Families and entrepreneurs seeking to invest in our neighborhood may be deterred by the presence of such an establishment, affecting the economic growth and vibrancy of our community.

As a neighborhood church, we offer programs and events to build a neighborhood rooted in strong moral values, mutual respect, and community support. The introduction of this dispensary jeopardizes the integrity of these efforts and threatens the quality of life we have cultivated for generations.

We respectfully urge you to consider the moral, social, economic, and health-related implications for our community. Please deny the business license for the proposed cannabis dispensary referenced under DCR record number #LA-R-24-320048-ANN to preserve the safety and well-being of our neighborhood.

Thank you for your attention to this matter and your continued dedication to the welfare of our community.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read "J. Reamer, Jr.", with a large, stylized flourish extending from the end.

John L. Reamer, Jr
Senior Pastor
Immanuel Baptist Church



Lincoln Memorial United Church of Christ

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REV. WENDELL C. MILLER, PASTOR

February 16, 2025

Department of Cannabis Regulation | Cannabis Regulation Commission

cannabiscommission@lacity.org

Re: L&E Retail DCR Application # : LA-R-24-320048-ANN

Attention: Department of Cannabis Regulation & The Cannabis Regulation Commission

I am writing to you as the pastor of Lincoln Memorial United Church of Christ located at 4126 S. Arlington Ave. Los Angeles, CA 90008 to formally express my strong opposition to the proposed business license for the cannabis dispensary intended to be established at 4369 S. Van Ness Ave Los Angeles, CA 90062.

As a faith leader serving this community, I have witnessed firsthand the struggles many individuals and families face due to substance abuse and the negative impact it has on our neighborhood's health and well-being. While I understand the evolving legal landscape surrounding cannabis, I am deeply concerned about the potential consequences of situating such an establishment in close proximity to our church, local schools, and family-centered organizations.

Our mission is to foster a safe, nurturing environment where families can thrive, and youth can develop positive values free from the pressures and temptations that substances may bring. The presence of a cannabis dispensary near our place of worship threatens to undermine these efforts by normalizing drug use and increasing accessibility, particularly among our vulnerable youth population.

I respectfully urge you to consider the moral, social, and health-related implications for our community. Please deny the business license for the proposed cannabis dispensary to preserve the safety, character, and well-being of our neighborhood.

Thank you for your attention to this matter and your continued dedication to the welfare of our community.

Sincerely,

Rev. Wendell Miller, Senior Pastor

Lincoln Memorial United Church of Christ

www.LincolnUCC.org

cc:

Chesterfield Square Community Block Club (cscbc.socialmedia@gmail.com)

The Honorable Marqueece Harris-Dawson, President Los Angeles City Council – 8th District Representative

councilmember.harris-dawson@lacity.org

DCR00451



Letter of Opposition for 2/20/25 hearing. DCR record number #LA-R-24-320048-ANN

2 messages

Gramercy Block Club <gramercyblockclub@gmail.com>

Fri, Feb 14, 2025 at 3:45 PM

To: CannabisCommission@lacity.org

Cc: councilmember.harris-dawson@lacity.org, Gandhi Diaz <gandhy.diaz@lacity.org>, James Ingram <james.ingram@lacity.org>, Janay Coplon <eccanc.president@gmail.com>

Hello -

I'm submitting this letter of opposition on behalf of our organization, Gramercy Block Club, for next week's DCR hearing on Feb 20, 2025.

I do not see an agenda item yet, but this letter is in reference to the proposed dispensary at [4369 S VAN NESS AVE.](#) (DCR record number #LA-R-24-320048-ANN)

Please confirm receipt of this letter and let me know if there's anything else we can do to make sure it is distributed to the commission.

Respectfully,
Harry Frishberg
Present, Gramercy Block Club

GRAMERCY BLOCK CLUB
LOS ANGELES, CA

questions or concerns can be emailed to:
gramercyblockclub@gmail.com



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Gramercy Block Club <gramercyblockclub@gmail.com>

Tue, Feb 18, 2025 at 7:35 AM

To: CannabisCommission@lacity.org

Cc: Paul Evleth <38086@lapd.online>

Hello -

I am following up on my previous email to verify that our Block Club statement was received and will be included with the commissions' documents for Agenda Item #10 on this Thursday's hearing.

Our organization also received an email from Officer Paul Evleth, our LAPD liaison, who has asked that his statement also be included in the commissions' packet as well. I've attached a copy of that statement and cc'd him.
Thank you.

Harry Frishberg

On Feb 14, 2025, at 3:45 PM, Gramercy Block Club <gramercyblockclub@gmail.com> wrote:

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2 attachments

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Good Afternoon Mr. Frishberg,

I have been the Senior Lead Officer for the communities adjacent to Vernon Ave and Van Ness Ave for the past eight years. During that time, I have received significant number of calls from concerned residents regarding quality of life concerns related to 4367-4373 Van Ness Ave.

Those concerns were shared by residents who reside on the second floor of 4367-4373 Van Ness Ave as well as residents who live in the area. The concerns typically include graffiti, on-street parking concerns, illegal fireworks, illegal dumping, illegal vending, and noise complaints.

As the assigned SLO, I have observed graffiti at the building on a weekly basis and a significant parking problem in the north-south alley and east-west alley adjacent to the location. The graffiti is routinely reported to the MYLA311 app and removed by the LA Conservation Corp (at the expense of the City of Los Angeles), sometimes requiring police presence during removal.

I have issued numerous parking citations for the vehicles parked in the alleys and have also enforced a number of abandoned vehicles parked along on Van Ness Ave. Additionally, the Vernon Ave side of the business facing south appears to have five windows permanently boarded up which contributes to the ongoing graffiti concerns.

Approximately 10-12 months ago, I also spoke to residents at 4367-4373 Van Ness Ave who complained of a strong cannabis odor inside their homes on the second level. At that time, a resident stated there was some type of cannabis-related business at the property.

Upon further evaluation, I discovered that there was an active cannabis delivery business on the first level. Upon entering the premises, I was immediately able to confirm the strong presence of cannabis odor from the unit. During this time, I also received numerous complaints from residents about the loud and frequent noise problems that were associated with this business.

Sometime in the later part of 2024, this business vacated the property and we stopped receiving calls regarding the odor and noise.

Sincerely,
Officer Evleth

Senior Lead Officer Paul Evleth, #38086

Leimert Park - Angeles Mesa - Arlington Park (3A73)
Los Angeles Police Department | Southwest Area Community Relations Office
1546 West Martin Luther King Jr. Blvd.
Los Angeles, CA 90062
(323) 387-9618 cell

DCR00454



February 12, 2025

To the Honorable Members of
**The Department of Cannabis Regulation
& The Cannabis Regulation Commission**

RE: DCR record number #LA-R-24-320048-ANN

This letter is written by and on behalf of the Gramercy Block Club, an engaged collective of over 150 active members living in the NW corner of Vermont Square in Los Angeles. We represent families who reside nearby — and in one case, *directly inside* — the building where this dispensary is proposed: **4369 S VAN NESS AVE.**

We have previously brought our community's **strong objections** to your attention and submitted a letter detailing our earlier interactions with the owners and operators of this proposed dispensary. Today, we are once again renewing those objections as these applicants make another attempt at getting a license.

Our objections first began with the location. The proposed dispensary would be located on the bottom floor of a residential building that houses twelve families. This is not some modern apartment building in the middle of a bustling city block — it's an old, owner-neglected building in a quiet residential neighborhood.

There are also a number of schools, churches, and daycares on the same street — some within two blocks of the proposed dispensary. While not *technically* within 700ft, numerous families walk their children to and from these places every day, passing right where the dispensary would be located.

Furthermore, we are deeply concerned by the physical condition of the building, which has been neglected and in disrepair for years. The building's current tenants are already complaining about inadequate ventilation and lack of maintenance. Neighbors (along with our local LAPD Senior Lead Officers) have repeatedly made repair requests to the building's owners — but the area remains littered with garbage, graffiti, and broken security lights.

The owners and operators have made promises throughout this process that *if* granted a license, they will bring the building into a new state of cleanliness. But after many years of ignoring pleas from tenants, their sudden talk of renovations rings hollow. To call this location "not ideal" for a cannabis dispensary is a massive understatement. This location is flat out **unacceptable**.

Our concerns aren't limited to the building itself. We also have deep reservations about the applicants.

Several of the building's current tenants have made complaints about the strong smell of marijuana, lack of proper ventilation, and heavy drug use and partying that has been present at this location since the applicants began renting the space in 2022. At the previous DCR hearing (Dec. 5th, 2024), the applicants made an effort to discredit these objections by claiming there has been "no criminal activity" in the building, blaming other residents for the marijuana smell, and unequivocally denying they engaged in any cannabis-related activity.

The truth is: these operators have been running an unlicensed cannabis operation from this very location (and the adjoining property at **4367 S Van Ness Ave**) for 3+ years. During this time, their employees, delivery drivers, and customers all consumed and sold cannabis products — both inside and outside the storefronts — while loudly partying and frequently engaging with sex workers (one of whom self-identified herself to a witness as a "prostitute" in 2023). We provided documentation of these claims and statements from witnesses to CD8 and LAPD, and participated in their investigation into the matter.

Furthermore, we have identified **two separate criminal incidents** that occurred while the applicant was renting the space: a break-in / robbery at a corner market in the building (in late 2024), and another break-in / robbery at the applicant's storefront (in Dec. 2022). As far as we can tell, neither incident was reported to LAPD. Regardless, we have obtained text messages from one of the applicants admitting that a robbery occurred, which proves the testimony they provided at the last hearing was **knowingly false**.

Many neighbors and witnesses came forward to share their stories — but they did so anonymously, because they feared reprisals from the building's owners and/or the operators. In fact, multiple neighbors informed us about threatening language and aggressive behavior from the operators following the Dec. 5th 2024 hearing. This behavior is unacceptable and only serves to underline how unfit these applicants are.

During the lead up to the previous DCR hearing on 12/5/24, the operators made open and disrespectful comments about South LA, telling us "This isn't Beverly Hills" in response to legitimate questions about safety and security. At that hearing — even when pressed by your commission to clarify these remarks — they seemingly doubled down on that rhetoric.

Granting them an official license to continue their dishonest business practices, while being so close to family homes and peaceful streets, is not an acceptable outcome. Council District 8, the LAPD, our Neighborhood Council, and over 200 members of our block club and our neighboring block club have all voiced their agreement that these applicants should **not be granted a license**.

Lastly, we would like to draw the committee's attention to a particularly upsetting part of this process. Following the last DCR hearing, the applicants hired a consultant who — at the end of a contentious Zoom call with our community — proudly told us there was "nothing we can do to prevent this dispensary from getting a license. It's already been decided, no matter how many people show up to reject it. [Our objections] are a waste of everyone's time."

This flagrant disregard and contempt for our community and for the DCR's process itself is deeply troubling. In light of these remarks, granting a license to these applicants, despite overwhelming rejection from the community, would send a terrible message to the people of this city.

Once again, I want to make clear that our group doesn't object to the idea of *any* dispensary in our neighborhood. But *this property* — below an apartment building of families — is not a good fit for our community.

There are plenty of operators who could run a dispensary that would bring security and value to the neighborhood. But *these operators* — who so clearly don't know or care to know our community — are not them.

We conclude this statement with a plea from the families, neighbors, and constituents in this community: please do not allow these bad-faith actors to take an even stronger hold on our community and endanger our lives, health, and well-being.

It is for these reasons that we implore you to **reject** this application.



Harry Frishberg
President, Gramercy Block Club

cc:

Marqueece Harris-Dawson

President, Los Angeles City Council / Eighth District Representative

Janay Copland

President, Empowerment Congress Central Area Neighborhood Council



Impact of Proposed Dispensary on Neighborhood Safety and Families

1 message

Kevin Volz <volz.kevin@gmail.com>
To: cannabiscommission@lacity.org

Sun, Feb 16, 2025 at 6:42 PM

Dear Los Angeles Cannabis Commission,

I am reaching out to share my concerns about the proposed cannabis dispensary at [4369 S. Van Ness Ave](#). As a father of two young children, aged 2 and 4, and a parent with children attending Ozone daycare nearby, I am very worried about how this establishment might affect the safety, well-being, and overall atmosphere of our neighborhood.

Our community is home to many young families who have chosen this area for its safe and nurturing environment. With schools, daycares, and other family-focused facilities within walking distance, it's a place where children can grow and play in a secure, welcoming space. The introduction of a dispensary in such close proximity raises serious concerns about how it might alter the character of our neighborhood—especially when it comes to the potential exposure of our children to influences that are not appropriate for their age.

As a father, I want my children to be able to enjoy the outdoors, walk the neighborhood, and engage in activities without worrying about increased traffic, loitering, or disturbances. I am concerned that the dispensary could bring these unwanted changes to the area, compromising the peaceful and family-friendly atmosphere that we all value.

There is evidence to suggest that dispensaries can lead to higher foot traffic, and in some instances, contribute to criminal activity or disruptions in surrounding areas. I'm sure you understand that the safety and peace of mind of families in the area must be a top priority when considering the location of any business. I kindly ask that you consider relocating the dispensary to a site farther from schools and daycares, ensuring that our community remains a safe and wholesome place for children to grow up.

Thank you for your time and careful consideration of this important issue. I hope you take into account the concerns of local families, like ours, who rely on this neighborhood for its safe, family-friendly environment.

Case Details:

- **Hearing Date:** 2/20/2025
- **Agenda Item Number:** 10
- **DCR Record Number:** LA-R-24-320048-ANN

Sincerely,

Kevin Volz

[2010 W 43rd St.](#)

[Los Angeles, CA 90062](#)



Concerns Regarding Proposed Cannabis Dispensary Near Schools and Daycare

1 message

Mary Volz <marylydiavolz@gmail.com>
To: cannabiscommission@lacity.org

Sun, Feb 16, 2025 at 6:37 PM

Dear Los Angeles Cannabis Commission,

I am writing as a concerned resident regarding the proposed opening of a cannabis dispensary at [4369 S. Van Ness Ave](#). As a parent of two young children, ages 2 and 4, and as a parent whose children attend a nearby daycare facility, Ozone, I am deeply concerned about the potential impact this dispensary could have on our community's safety, family-friendly atmosphere, and the well-being of our youngest residents.

Our neighborhood is home to many young families, with schools, daycares, and family-focused spaces located nearby. These amenities have fostered a safe and nurturing environment for children to grow and thrive. Introducing a dispensary in such close proximity to these facilities poses a risk of altering the neighborhood's atmosphere, increasing exposure to substances and influences that are inappropriate for children, and potentially diminishing the safety of our public spaces.

My children, along with many others in the area, regularly enjoy the freedom to play, walk, and explore in a safe environment. However, I fear that the presence of a dispensary could lead to increased traffic, loitering, and other disturbances that undermine the sense of security and family orientation that makes our neighborhood so special.

Research has shown that cannabis dispensaries can lead to higher foot traffic and, in some cases, an uptick in criminal activity or disturbances in surrounding areas. As a parent, my priority is to ensure that our community remains a wholesome, safe space for children to grow up. I respectfully urge you to reconsider the proposed location and seek alternatives that would better align with our community's values and protect our families.

I kindly ask that you consider locations farther from schools, daycare centers, and family-oriented areas for dispensary placement. Please take into account the concerns of local families like mine, who have chosen this neighborhood because of the safe and supportive environment it provides.

Thank you for your attention to this important matter as you make your decision regarding this application.

Case Details:

DCR00460

- **Hearing Date:** 2/20/2025
- **Agenda Item Number:** 10
- **DCR Record Number:** LA-R-24-320048-ANN

Sincerely,

Mary Volz

2010 W 43rd St.

Los Angeles, CA 90062



Opposition to Cannabis License Application #LA-R-24-320048-ANN - Hearing Date: 2-20-25

Marceil Wright <wrightontime@gmail.com>

Thu, Feb 13, 2025 at 2:16 PM

To: CannabisCommission@lacity.org

Cc: councilmember.harris-dawson@lacity.org, Gandhi Diaz <gandhy.diaz@lacity.org>, Janay <eccanc.president@gmail.com>, Assemblymember.Bryan@outreach.assembly.ca.gov, Carly Panchura <cpanchura@gmail.com>, Harry Frishberg <harryfrishberg@icloud.com>

Good afternoon,

I hope this email finds you well.

On behalf of the Chesterfield Square Community Block Club, I am submitting the attached opposition letter regarding the application for a cannabis dispensary at 4369 S. Van Ness Avenue. We strongly urge the Department of Cannabis Regulation and the Cannabis Regulation Commission, to give our concerns serious consideration before making any determinations.

Our opposition is based on community impact, zoning concerns and safety issues. We believe this location is not in the best interest of the neighborhood and respectfully request that the Commission take our objections into account.

Please confirm receipt of this email, and do not hesitate to reach out if further clarification is needed. Thank you for your time and consideration.

Sincerely,

Marceil Wright

Chesterfield Square Community Block Club

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February 11, 2025

Via Email: CannabisCommission@lacity.org

To: **The Department of Cannabis Regulation | The Cannabis Regulation Commission**
RE: ***Opposition to Cannabis License Application #LA-R-24-320048-ANN***

Dear Members of the Department of Cannabis Regulation and the Cannabis Regulation Commission,

On behalf of the Chesterfield Square Community Block Club (CSCBC), we are writing to formally oppose the cannabis dispensary license application associated with record number #LA-R-24-320048-ANN for the proposed location at 4369 S. Van Ness Avenue, Los Angeles, CA 90062.

At our monthly meeting held on Saturday, February 8, 2025, the members of the Chesterfield Square Community Block Club overwhelmingly voted against the establishment of a cannabis dispensary at this location. The proposed site is situated within an apartment building that houses active tenants living directly above the intended dispensary. This arrangement raises significant concerns about the wellbeing and quality of life for these residents, who would be forced to co-exist in close proximity to a cannabis operation.

Our neighborhood is predominantly residential, with a middle school and several churches located nearby. The introduction of a cannabis dispensary in such a setting poses potential risks, including an increase in crime and other negative impacts on the community. Residents are particularly concerned that the dispensary could exacerbate existing safety issues and attract new criminal activities to the area.

While the Chesterfield Square Community Block Club supports the growth of new businesses, we believe that business owners have a responsibility to anticipate and address the needs and concerns of the community they intend to serve. In the case of this proposed dispensary, the necessary measures to ensure community safety and property improvements have not been adequately considered. Moreover, the apparent disregard for the rights and comfort of current tenants and community members reflects a troubling pattern observed with the applicants.



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For these reasons, the Chesterfield Square Community Block Club strongly opposes the approval of the cannabis dispensary license for 4369 S. Van Ness Avenue. We urge the Department of Cannabis Regulation and the Cannabis Regulation Commission to consider our concerns seriously and to deny this application in the best interest of our community's safety and wellbeing.

Thank you for your attention to this important matter.

Sincerely,



Marceil Wright
Media & Communications
Chesterfield Square Community Block Club
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www.chesterfieldsquare.org

CC: CSCBC Co-Chair, John Ellison

Marqueece Harris-Dawson,
President, Los Angeles City Council/Eighth District Representative

Janay Copland,
President, EC Central Neighborhood Council

Issac Bryan
Assembly Member, District 55



**CITY OF LOS ANGELES
CANNABIS REGULATION COMMISSION
**REVISED MEETING MINUTES
THURSDAY, FEBRUARY 20, 2025
FIGUEROA PLAZA
BUILDING AND SAFETY BOARD ROOM, 9TH FLOOR
201 N. FIGUEROA ST, LOS ANGELES, CA 90012**

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The meeting was called to order at 2:11 p.m. with President Mason and Commissioners Lim, Melendez and Nash in attendance. Also present were Jason Killeen, Assistant Executive Director; Allison Towle, Deputy City Attorney; Josie Trevizo, Commission Executive Assistant; and Irene Diaz, Sr. Administrative Clerk.

Commissioner Farmby joined the meeting at 2:16 p.m.

ITEM NO. 1

GENERAL PUBLIC COMMENT AND SINGLE OR MULTIPLE AGENDA ITEM

General Public Comment and Single or Multiple Agenda Items were taken together. Members of the public addressed the commission in-person and telephonically.

ITEM NO. 2

ELECTED OFFICE AND NEIGHBORHOOD COUNCIL PRESENTATIONS

There were no presentations by Neighborhood Council representatives on any Neighborhood Council resolution or community impact statement filed with the City Clerk, which related to any agenda item listed or considered on the agenda.

ITEM NO. 3

COMMISSION BUSINESS

- **Advanced Calendar:** There were no requests from the Commission.
- **Approval of Minutes:**
Commissioner Farmby moved to approve the minutes of February 6, 2025. The motion was seconded by Commissioner Melendez.
The vote proceeded as follows:

Moved: Farmby

Second: Melendez

Ayes: Lim, Mason, Nash

Vote: 5 – 0

MOTION PASSED

- **Commission Announcements and Updates:** There were no announcements from the Commission.
- **Future Agenda Requests:** There were no future agenda requests from the Commission.

ITEM NO. 4

REPORT FROM EXECUTIVE DIRECTOR

There was no report from the Executive Director.

President Mason took Item No. 16 out of order.

ITEM NO. 16

DCR Core Record No. 310850
LA-R-24-310850-ANN & ENV-310850-ANN

CD: 15

APPLICANT: Duke Brothers, LLC

BUSINESS PREMISES: 13222 S. Estrella Ave.

The matter was received and filed by the Commission.

President Mason took Item No. 11 out of order.

ITEM NO. 11

DCR Core Record No. 310159
LA-R-24-310159-ANN & ENV-310159-ANN

CD: 10

APPLICANT: Southern California Flower Company LLC

BUSINESS PREMISES: 3401 W. 8th St.

MOTION:

Commissioner Farmby moved to continue the matter to the Cannabis Regulation Commission meeting of April 3, 2025. Commissioner Mason seconded the motion and the vote proceeded as follows:

Moved: Farmby

Second: Mason

Ayes: Lim, Melendez, Nash

Vote: 5 - 0

MOTION PASSED

President Mason took Item No. 17 out of order.

ITEM NO. 17

DCR Core Record No. 310245
LA-R-24-310245-ANN & ENV-310245-ANN

CD: 12

APPLICANT: Goldstar Industries LLC

BUSINESS PREMISES: 8912 - 8914 N. Reseda Blvd.

MOTION:

Commissioner Farmby moved to continue the matter to the Cannabis Regulation Commission meeting of April 3, 2025. Commissioner Mason seconded the motion and the vote proceeded as follows:

Moved: Farmby

Second: Mason

Ayes: Lim, Melendez, Nash

Vote: 5 - 0

MOTION PASSED

President Mason took Item No. 21 out of order.

ITEM NO. 21

DCR Core Record No. 101810
LA-R-24-101810-ANN & ENV-101810-ANN

CD: 6

APPLICANT: K.U.S.H. (Kinder Understanding Sensitive Healing) Collective, Inc.

BUSINESS PREMISES: 16770 W. Stagg St.

MOTION:

Commissioner Lim moved to continue the matter to the Cannabis Regulation Commission meeting of April 3, 2025. Commissioner Mason seconded the motion and the vote proceeded as follows:

Moved: Lim

Second: Mason

Ayes: Farmby, Melendez, Nash

Vote: 5 - 0

MOTION PASSED

President Mason announced that the CRC would resume the agenda order.

Commissioner Lim recused himself from item no. 5 due to a conflict of interest.

ITEM NO. 5

DCR Core Record No. 110050
LA-R-24-110050-ANN & ENV-110050-ANN

CD: 9

APPLICANT: Mainstay Goods Inc.

PUBLIC HEARING HELD

BUSINESS PREMISES: 3401 S. San Pedro St.

IN ATTENDANCE: Meagan Blome, Management Analyst, Jason Killeen, Assistant Executive Director; Christina Campos, Sr Management Analyst; and Rocky Wiles, Compliance and Enforcement Division Chief representing the Department. Molly Pitluck (spoke virtually via Zoom) representing Mainstay Goods Inc.

EXHIBITS: Department's PowerPoint slides.

MOTION:

Commissioner Nash put forth the actions below in conjunction with the approval of the Annual License to conduct Storefront Retail Commercial Cannabis Activity in the Southeast Los Angeles Community Plan Area with hours of operations seven days per week from 8:00 a.m. to 10:00 p.m.

1. Determined, based on the whole of the administrative record, that the project is exempt from the California Environmental Quality Act (CEQA) pursuant to Article 19, Section 15301, Class 1, and Article 19, Section 15332, Class 32 of the State CEQA Guidelines (tit. 14, Cal. Code Regs., §§ 15301, 15332), and there is no substantial evidence demonstrating that an exception to a categorical exemption pursuant to CEQA Guidelines Section 15300.2 applies;
2. Approved, pursuant to Los Angeles Municipal Code Section 104.06(b)(2), the Annual License for Type 10 Storefront Retail Commercial Cannabis Activity at the Business Premises location; and,

3. Adopted the Project Analysis and Findings in the Department's report dated February 13, 2025 as the Commission's report on the subject.

Commissioner Farmby seconded the motion and the vote proceeded as follows:

Moved: Nash
Second: Farmby
Ayes: Mason, Melendez
Recused: Lim

Vote: 4 - 0

MOTION PASSED

Commissioner Lim rejoined the meeting.

ITEM NO. 6

DCR Core Record No. 100068
LA-R-24-100068-ANN & ENV-100068-ANN

CD: 10

APPLICANT: The Relief Collective, Inc.

PUBLIC HEARING HELD

BUSINESS PREMISES: 5816 - 5818 W. Pico Blvd.

IN ATTENDANCE: Meagan Blome, Management Analyst, Jason Killeen, Assistant Executive Director; Christina Campos, Sr Management Analyst; and Rocky Wiles, Compliance and Enforcement Division Chief representing the Department and Randy Cruzado representing The Relief Collective, Inc..

EXHIBITS: Department's PowerPoint slides.

MOTION:

Commissioner Nash put forth the actions below in conjunction with the approval of the Annual License to conduct Storefront Retail Commercial Cannabis Activity in the Wilshire Community Plan Area with hours of operations seven days per week from 9:30 a.m. to 9:30 p.m. (Monday to Saturday) and 10:00 a.m. to 7:00 p.m. (Sunday).

1. Determined, based on the whole of the administrative record, that the project is exempt from the California Environmental Quality Act (CEQA) pursuant to Article 19, Section 15301, Class 1, and Article 19, Section 15332, Class 32 of the State CEQA Guidelines (tit. 14, Cal. Code Regs., §§ 15301, 15332), and there is no substantial evidence demonstrating that an exception to a categorical exemption pursuant to CEQA Guidelines Section 15300.2 applies;

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3. Adopted the Project Analysis and Findings in the Department's report dated February 13, 2025 as the Commission's report on the subject.

Commissioner Melendez seconded the motion and the vote proceeded as follows:

Moved: Nash

Second: Melendez

Ayes: Farmby, Lim, Mason

Vote: 5 - 0

MOTION PASSED

ITEM NO. 7

DCR Core Record No. 100044
LA-R-24-100044-ANN & ENV-100044-ANN

CD: 4

APPLICANT: Platinum Club, Inc.

PUBLIC HEARING HELD

BUSINESS PREMISES: 18441 W. Vanowen St.

IN ATTENDANCE: Meagan Blome, Management Analyst, Jason Killeen, Assistant Executive Director; Christina Campos, Sr Management Analyst; and Rocky Wiles, Compliance and Enforcement Division Chief representing the Department. Narek Vardanyan (spoke virtually via Zoom) representing Platinum Club, Inc.

EXHIBITS: Department's PowerPoint slides.

MOTION:

Commissioner Lim put forth the actions below in conjunction with the approval of the Annual License to conduct Storefront Retail Commercial Cannabis Activity in the Reseda - West Van Nuys Community Plan Area with hours of operations seven days per week from 8:00 a.m. to 10:00 p.m.

1. Determined, based on the whole of the administrative record, that the project is exempt from the California Environmental Quality Act (CEQA) pursuant to Article 19, Section 15301, Class 1, and Article 19, Section 15332, Class 32 of the State CEQA Guidelines (tit. 14, Cal. Code Regs., §§ 15301, 15332), and there is no substantial evidence demonstrating that an exception to a categorical exemption pursuant to CEQA Guidelines Section 15300.2 applies;

2. Approved, pursuant to Los Angeles Municipal Code Section 104.06(b)(2), the Annual License for Type 10 Storefront Retail Commercial Cannabis Activity at the Business Premises location; and,
3. Adopted the Project Analysis and Findings in the Department's report dated February 13, 2025 as the Commission's report on the subject.

Commissioner Nash seconded the motion and the vote proceeded as follows:

Moved: Lim

Second: Nash

Ayes: Farmby, Mason, Melendez

Vote: 5 - 0

MOTION PASSED

ITEM NO. 8

DCR Core Record No. 320033
LA-R-24-320033-ANN & ENV-320033-ANN

CD: 7

APPLICANT: Glenoaks Retailer LLC

PUBLIC HEARING HELD

BUSINESS PREMISES: 13567 Glenoaks Blvd.

IN ATTENDANCE: Meagan Blome, Management Analyst and Jason Killeen, Assistant Executive Director representing the Department. Arman Siradeghyan representing Glenoaks Retailer LLC.

EXHIBITS: Department's PowerPoint slides.

MOTION:

Commissioner Lim put forth the actions below in conjunction with the approval of the Annual License to conduct Storefront Retail Commercial Cannabis Activity in the Sylmar Community Plan Area with hours of operations seven days per week from 8:00 a.m. to 10:00 p.m.

1. Determined, based on the whole of the administrative record, that the project is exempt from the California Environmental Quality Act (CEQA) pursuant to Article 19, Section 15301, Class 1, and Article 19, Section 15332, Class 32 of the State CEQA Guidelines (tit. 14, Cal. Code Regs., §§ 15301, 15332), and there is no substantial evidence demonstrating that an exception to a categorical exemption pursuant to CEQA Guidelines Section 15300.2 applies;

2. Approved, pursuant to Los Angeles Municipal Code Section 104.06(b)(2), the Annual License for Type 10 Storefront Retail Commercial Cannabis Activity at the Business Premises location; and,
3. Adopted the Project Analysis and Findings in the Department's report dated February 13, 2025 as the Commission's report on the subject.

Commissioner Nash seconded the motion and the vote proceeded as follows:

Moved: Lim

Second: Nash

Ayes: Farmby, Mason, Melendez

Vote: 5 - 0

MOTION PASSED

ITEM NO. 9

DCR Core Record No.310015
LA-R-24-310015-ANN & ENV-310015-ANN

CD: 13

APPLICANT: Imperia Holdings, LLC

PUBLIC HEARING HELD

BUSINESS PREMISES: 7677 W. Sunset Blvd.

IN ATTENDANCE: Meagan Blome, Management Analyst; Jason Killeen, Assistant Executive Director; and Rocky Wiles, Compliance and Enforcement Division Chief representing the Department. Mike Saghian, Licensing Consultant and Allie Flores Lepiz (spoke virtually via Zoom) representing Imperia Holdings, LLC.

EXHIBITS: Department's PowerPoint slides.

MOTION:

Commissioner Farmby put forth the actions below in conjunction with the approval of the Annual License to conduct Storefront Retail Commercial Cannabis Activity in the Hollywood Community Plan Area with hours of operations seven days per week from 8:00 a.m. to 10:00 p.m.

1. Determined, based on the whole of the administrative record, that the project is exempt from the California Environmental Quality Act (CEQA) pursuant to Article 19, Section 15301, Class 1, and Article 19, Section 15332, Class 32 of the State CEQA Guidelines (tit. 14, Cal. Code Regs., §§ 15301, 15332), and there is no substantial evidence demonstrating that an exception to a categorical exemption pursuant to CEQA Guidelines Section 15300.2 applies;

2. Approved, pursuant to Los Angeles Municipal Code Section 104.06(b)(2), the Annual License for Type 10 Storefront Retail Commercial Cannabis Activity at the Business Premises location; and,
3. Adopted the Project Analysis and Findings in the Department's report dated February 13, 2025 as the Commission's report on the subject.

Commissioner Lim seconded the motion and the vote proceeded as follows:

Moved: Farmby

Second: Lim

Ayes: Mason, Melendez, Nash

Vote: 5 - 0

MOTION PASSED

President Mason recessed the meeting at 4:18 p.m. The meeting resumed at 4:27 p.m. with Commissioners Farmby, Lim, Mason, Melendez, and Nash present.

ITEM NO. 10

DCR Core Record No. 320048
LA-R-24-320048-ANN & ENV-320048-ANN

CD: 8

APPLICANT: L&E Retail, LLC

PUBLIC HEARING HELD

BUSINESS PREMISES: 4369 S. Van Ness Ave.

IN ATTENDANCE: Jason Killeen, Assistant Executive Director representing the Department. James Ingram, Director of Constituent Services representing the Eighth District's Councilman Marqueece Harris-Dawson. Paul Evleth, Senior Lead Officer representing the Los Angeles Police Department - Southwest Community Police Station. Janay Coplon, Harry Frishberg, and Ingrid Rivera-Guzman representing the Empowerment Congress Central Area Neighborhood Council. Narek Balagoyan, Attorney representing L&E Retail, LLC.

EXHIBITS: Department's PowerPoint slides, Applicant's PowerPoint slides, and Neighborhood Council's PowerPoint slides.

****MOTION (revised):**

Commissioner Lim moved to deny the Annual License for Storefront Retail (Type 10) Commercial Cannabis Activity at the Business Premises identified above under LAMC

Sections 104.04(a)(3) and 104.04(a)(7) and adopted the findings below based on the whole of record.

DCR Core Record No. 320048 was first scheduled for CRC consideration on December 5, 2024. Applicant was present at the CRC meeting. During the meeting, seven individuals provided public comment and some expressed concern and disapproval of Applicant. Their complaints focused on the consistent odor coming from Business Premises and the disrespectful interactions neighbors had with Applicant. The Gramercy Block Club, a neighborhood group associated with the Vermont Square area, also submitted a letter in opposition claiming it represented the views of over 150 residents.

A presentation was made by Fernando Rodriguez, a representative of City Council District 8 ("CD8"). Mr. Rodriguez stated concerns about general community opposition, issues of odor, trash, loitering, and public cannabis consumption emanating from the Business Premises, and allegations of illegal cannabis activity occurring onsite. Mr. Rodriguez asked for the item to be continued to a future date so that more due diligence could be conducted to determine whether community allegations were true.

DCR recommended the issuance of an Annual License to Applicant in an oral and written report to the CRC. DCR's recommendation was based on Applicant's fulfillment of the Annual Licensing requirements under LAMC Section 104.06 and lack of reasons to deny under LAMC Section 104.04. A presentation for Applicant was made by Applicant's attorney, Narek Balagozyan, and owner, Eugene Popok. Both Attorney Balagozyan and Mr. Popok spoke in defense of the business highlighting their commitment to the community and plans for upgrading the Business Premises after the issuance of a license. They also expressed confusion and concern regarding the claims of odor emanating from the Business Premises, and repeatedly stated no odor should be present given that the business was non-operational. Furthermore, they claimed that the neighbors could not accuse them of being bad operators when Applicant was non-operational, and that the community complaints were based on the stigma and fear of cannabis businesses in general.

The CRC ultimately voted to continue the application to a CRC meeting on December 19, 2025, so that DCR could perform a compliance inspection, the parties could address whether the Los Angeles Police Department ("LAPD") had been called to the Business Premises, and to allow Applicant and the community further time to meet.

On February 20, 2025 DCR Core Record No. 320048 came before the CRC. Applicant was present, in person, at the CRC meeting. During the meeting, 18 members of the public spoke against Applicant citing concerns over odor, noise, unlicensed operations, and public consumption. Members of the Gramercy Block Club and the Empowerment Congress Central Area Neighborhood Council ("ECCA") submitted letters in opposition. Once again, DCR recommended the issuance of an Annual License to Applicant in an oral and written report to the CRC.

ECCA gave a presentation to the CRC to oppose the application. The presentation opened with photos of the Business Premises, showing trash on the sidewalk in front of

the Business Premises, graffiti on the building, and an exterior door shared with the adjoining property at 4367 South Van Ness Avenue. ECCA claimed Applicant controlled the Business Premises and 4367 South Van Ness Avenue, where Applicant also operated a delivery cannabis business for several years under the name LEO Group LLC. To that end, ECCA shared photos of alleged online reviews for the delivery business. ECCA also shared photos of alleged online and print ads showing Applicant being recently listed as for sale as a turn-key, operational, and revenue-generating business in order to contradict earlier claims by Applicant at the CRC meeting on December 5, 2024, that its business was non-operational. Finally, ECCA shared that other community groups and individuals, such as two block clubs, two churches, the local division of the LAPD, CD8, and over 200 individuals, joined in its opposition to Applicant.

LAPD Senior Lead Officer Paul Elveth, of the Southwest Community Police Station, and James Ingram, area representative from CD8, gave a joint presentation to the CRC to oppose the application. Officer Elveth spoke about recent crime activity at or near the Business Premises and community complaints about the Applicant (e.g., graffiti, lack of parking, noise, and cannabis odor). Officer Elveth also stated that he believed a cannabis business was already operating at 4371 South Van Ness Avenue or the Business Premises based on his personal observations from about a year or year and a half ago. Specifically, Officer Elveth recalled that he spoke to an owner of a cannabis business located inside the multi-unit building of the Business Premises, and saw about a pallet's worth of cannabis and a guard dog on site; however, he was uncertain which unit the business was located in. Finally, Officer Elveth opined that Applicant posed a public safety risk inasmuch as the Business Premises appeared to be neglected, which could exacerbate criminal activity. Mr. Ingram reiterated CD8's serious concerns raised by the community, and requested the application be denied as failing to comply with LAMC Section 104.04.

Applicant gave a presentation to the CRC through Attorney Balagozyan and a two-page handout that detailed Applicant's efforts to address public safety concerns and perform community outreach. Attorney Balagozyan reiterated that Applicant has never been operational or maintained cannabis on the Business Premises or 4371 South Van Ness Avenue. He believed there was a misunderstanding among the community, LAPD, and CD8 regarding Applicant and a separate cannabis delivery business called LEO Group LLC. According to Attorney Balagozyan, LEO Group LLC was a separate legal entity that was licensed as a cannabis delivery business and operated at 4367 South Van Ness Avenue until approximately July 2024; however, Attorney Balagozyan later admitted upon questioning from the CRC that Applicant and LEO Group LLC shared the same Social Equity Individual Applicant owner and that Attorney Balagozyan worked for both entities. Attorney Balagozyan further stated that Applicant remained open to mending its relationship with the community, planned to improve and upkeep the Business Premises once they obtained an Annual License, and defended that a potential sale of the business was not contrary to the goals of the Social Equity Program.

During deliberations, the CRC acknowledged the presence of significant community opposition to the Application. Commissioner Lim noted this was the first time an LAPD

officer had come before the CRC to oppose an application. Commissioner Mason expressed her belief that both times Applicant appeared before the CRC there had been issues with its integrity and transparency. Specifically, she noted that Applicant had not been forthcoming about its relation to a prior cannabis delivery business, LEO Group LLC, until it was questioned by the CRC, and Commissioner Mason believed the CRC should have been informed of this fact from the beginning. Commissioner Melendez stated that, given that LEO Group LLC and Applicant share the same Social Equity Individual Applicant owner, the Applicant or owner should have mitigated some of the community's quality of life concerns. Commissioner Mason then said that she wanted to deny the application under LAMC Section 104.04(a)(3) because the Applicant failed to disclose the material fact of its relation to LEO Group LLC. Commissioner Lim also stated that he wanted to deny the application under LAMC Section 104.04(a)(7) because the Applicant failed to comply with the Rules and Regulations by not keeping the Business Premises and adjacent areas free of graffiti and trash.

Therefore, the CRC voted to deny DCR Core Record No. 320048 for the following reasons:

- Applicant made a material misrepresentation, false statement, or knowingly failed to disclose a material fact to the CRC by not disclosing its relation to a prior cannabis delivery business, LEO Group LLC, at 4367 South Van Ness Avenue (LAMC § 104.04(a)(3)); and
- Applicant failed to adhere to the requirements of Article 4 of Chapter X of the Los Angeles Municipal Code or DCR's Rules and Regulations concerning odor, trash, and graffiti. (LAMC § 104.04(a)(7).)

Commissioner Mason seconded the motion and the vote proceeded as follows:

Moved: Lim
Second: Mason
Ayes: Farmby, Melendez
Nays: Nash

Vote: 4 - 1

MOTION PASSED

President Mason recessed the meeting at 6:25 p.m. The meeting resumed at 7:05 p.m. with Commissioners Lim, Mason, Melendez, and Nash present. Commissioner Farmby left the meeting.

President Mason took Item No. 13 out of order.

ITEM NO. 13

DCR Core Record No. 320088
LA-R-24-320088-ANN & ENV-320088-ANN

CD: 10

APPLICANT: Mojave Fields

PUBLIC HEARING HELD

BUSINESS PREMISES: 5546 W. Pico Blvd.

IN ATTENDANCE: Corey Blake, Sr. Management Analyst and Jason Killeen, Assistant Executive Director representing the Department. Arthur Hodge representing Mojave Fields.

EXHIBITS: Department's PowerPoint slides.

MOTION:

Commissioner Nash put forth the actions below in conjunction with the approval of the Annual License to conduct Storefront Retail Commercial Cannabis Activity in the Wilshire Community Plan Area with hours of operations seven days per week from 8:00 a.m. to 10:00 p.m.

1. Determined, based on the whole of the administrative record, that the project is exempt from the California Environmental Quality Act (CEQA) pursuant to Article 19, Section 15301, Class 1, and Article 19, Section 15332, Class 32 of the State CEQA Guidelines (tit. 14, Cal. Code Regs., §§ 15301, 15332), and there is no substantial evidence demonstrating that an exception to a categorical exemption pursuant to CEQA Guidelines Section 15300.2 applies;
2. Approved, pursuant to Los Angeles Municipal Code Section 104.06(b)(2), the Annual License for Type 10 Storefront Retail Commercial Cannabis Activity at the Business Premises location; and,
3. Adopted the Project Analysis and Findings in the Department's report dated February 13, 2025 as the Commission's report on the subject.

Commissioner Melendez seconded the motion and the vote proceeded as follows:

Moved: Nash

Second: Melendez

Ayes: Lim, Mason

Absent: Farmby

Vote: 4 - 0

MOTION PASSED

ITEM NO. 14

DCR Core Record No. 320087
LA-R-24-320087-ANN & ENV-320087-ANN

CD: 7

APPLICANT: Sylmar Retailer LLC

PUBLIC HEARING HELD

BUSINESS PREMISES: 13187 N. San Fernando Rd.

IN ATTENDANCE: Corey Blake, Sr. Management Analyst and Jason Killeen, Assistant Executive Director representing the Department. Mark Hergurger representing Sylmar Retailer LLC.

EXHIBITS: Department's PowerPoint slides.

MOTION:

Commissioner Lim put forth the actions below in conjunction with the approval of the Annual License to conduct Storefront Retail Commercial Cannabis Activity in the Sylmar Community Plan Area with hours of operations seven days per week from 8:00 a.m. to 10:00 p.m.

1. Determined, based on the whole of the administrative record, that the project is exempt from the California Environmental Quality Act (CEQA) pursuant to Article 19, Section 15301, Class 1, and Article 19, Section 15332, Class 32 of the State CEQA Guidelines (tit. 14, Cal. Code Regs., §§ 15301, 15332), and there is no substantial evidence demonstrating that an exception to a categorical exemption pursuant to CEQA Guidelines Section 15300.2 applies;
2. Approved, pursuant to Los Angeles Municipal Code Section 104.06(b)(2), the Annual License for Type 10 Storefront Retail Commercial Cannabis Activity at the Business Premises location; and,
3. Adopted the Project Analysis and Findings in the Department's report dated February 13, 2025 as the Commission's report on the subject.

Commissioner Melendez seconded the motion and the vote proceeded as follows:

Moved: Lim
Second: Melendez
Ayes: Mason, Nash
Absent: Farmby

Vote: 4 - 0

MOTION PASSED

President Mason took Item No. 20 out of order.

ITEM NO. 20

DCR Core Record No. 310044
LA-R-24-310044-ANN & ENV-310044-ANN

CD: 13

APPLICANT: 1485 West Sunset and Hope, LLC

PUBLIC HEARING HELD

BUSINESS PREMISES: 1485 W. Sunset Blvd.

IN ATTENDANCE: Corey Blake, Sr. Management Analyst and Jason Killeen, Assistant Executive Director representing the Department. Mekonnen Garedew representing 1485 West Sunset and Hope, LLC.

EXHIBITS: Department's PowerPoint slides.

MOTION:

Commissioner Melendez put forth the actions below in conjunction with the approval of the Annual License to conduct Storefront Retail Commercial Cannabis Activity in the Silver Lake - Echo Park - Elysian Valley Community Plan Area with hours of operations seven days per week from 10:00 a.m. to 10:00 p.m.

1. Determined, based on the whole of the administrative record, that the project is exempt from the California Environmental Quality Act (CEQA) pursuant to Article 19, Section 15301, Class 1, and Article 19, Section 15332, Class 32 of the State CEQA Guidelines (tit. 14, Cal. Code Regs., §§ 15301, 15332), and there is no substantial evidence demonstrating that an exception to a categorical exemption pursuant to CEQA Guidelines Section 15300.2 applies;
2. Approved, pursuant to Los Angeles Municipal Code Section 104.06(b)(2), the Annual License for Type 10 Storefront Retail Commercial Cannabis Activity at the Business Premises location; and,
3. Adopted the Project Analysis and Findings in the Department's report dated February 13, 2025 as the Commission's report on the subject.

Commissioner Lim seconded the motion and the vote proceeded as follows:

Moved: Melendez

Second: Lim

Ayes: Mason, Nash

Absent: Farmby

Vote: 4 - 0

MOTION PASSED

President Mason announced that the CRC would resume the agenda order

ITEM NO. 12

DCR Core Record No. 404585
LA-P-24-404585-ANN & ENV-404585-ANN

CD: 4

APPLICANT: Green Qween Sherman Oaks LLC

PUBLIC HEARING HELD

BUSINESS PREMISES: 13711 Ventura Blvd.

IN ATTENDANCE: Corey Blake, Sr. Management Analyst and Jason Killeen, Assistant Executive Director representing the Department. There was no representative for the Applicant.

EXHIBITS: Department's PowerPoint slides.

MOTION:

Commissioner Lim put forth the actions below in conjunction with the approval of the Annual License to conduct Storefront Retail Commercial Cannabis Activity in the Sherman Oaks - Studio City - Toluca Lake - Cahuenga Pass Community Plan Area with hours of operations seven days per week from 10:00 a.m. to 10:00 p.m.

1. Determined, based on the whole of the administrative record, that the project is exempt from the California Environmental Quality Act (CEQA) pursuant to Article 19, Section 15301, Class 1, and Article 19, Section 15332, Class 32 of the State CEQA Guidelines (tit. 14, Cal. Code Regs., §§ 15301, 15332), and there is no substantial evidence demonstrating that an exception to a categorical exemption pursuant to CEQA Guidelines Section 15300.2 applies;
2. Approved, pursuant to Los Angeles Municipal Code Section 104.06(b)(2), the Annual License for Type 10 Storefront Retail Commercial Cannabis Activity at the Business Premises location; and,
3. Adopted the Project Analysis and Findings in the Department's report dated February 13, 2025 as the Commission's report on the subject.

Commissioner Nash seconded the motion and the vote proceeded as follows:

Moved: Lim

Second: Nash

Ayes: Mason, Melendez

Absent: Farmby

Vote: 4 - 0

MOTION PASSED

ITEM NO. 15

DCR Core Record No. 320065
LA-R-24-320065-ANN & ENV-320065-ANN

CD: 4

APPLICANT: JS Reserve

PUBLIC HEARING HELD

BUSINESS PREMISES: 1870 N. Vermont Ave.

IN ATTENDANCE: Corey Blake, Sr. Management Analyst and Jason Killeen, Assistant Executive Director representing the Department. There was no representative for the Applicant.

EXHIBITS: Department's PowerPoint slides.

MOTION:

Commissioner Lim put forth the actions below in conjunction with the approval of the Annual License to conduct Storefront Retail Commercial Cannabis Activity in the Hollywood Community Plan Area with hours of operations seven days per week from 9:00 a.m. to 10:00 p.m. (Monday to Friday) and 9:00 a.m. to 9:00 p.m. (Saturday to Sunday).

1. Determined, based on the whole of the administrative record, that the project is exempt from the California Environmental Quality Act (CEQA) pursuant to Article 19, Section 15301, Class 1, and Article 19, Section 15332, Class 32 of the State CEQA Guidelines (tit. 14, Cal. Code Regs., §§ 15301, 15332), and there is no substantial evidence demonstrating that an exception to a categorical exemption pursuant to CEQA Guidelines Section 15300.2 applies;
2. Approved, pursuant to Los Angeles Municipal Code Section 104.06(b)(2), the Annual License for Type 10 Storefront Retail Commercial Cannabis Activity at the Business Premises location; and,
3. Adopted the Project Analysis and Findings in the Department's report dated February 13, 2025 as the Commission's report on the subject.

Commissioner Nash seconded the motion and the vote proceeded as follows:

Moved: Lim
Second: Nash
Ayes: Mason, Melendez
Absent: Farmby

Vote: 4 - 0

MOTION PASSED

ITEM NO. 18

DCR Core Record No. 310235
LA-R-24-310235-ANN & ENV-310235-ANN

CD: 13

APPLICANT: PNPLXPRESS, Inc.

PUBLIC HEARING HELD

BUSINESS PREMISES: 1704 N. Vine St., Unit# 101

IN ATTENDANCE: Corey Blake, Sr. Management Analyst; Jason Killeen, Assistant Executive Director; and Rocky Wiles, Compliance and Enforcement Division Chief representing the Department. Vincent Zadeh (spoke virtually via Zoom) representing PNPLXPRESS, Inc.

EXHIBITS: Department's PowerPoint slides.

Commissioner Nash requested that the Department amend its recommendation report to reflect that a compliance inspection had taken place based on the testimony by Rocky Wiles, Compliance and Enforcement Division Chief.

MOTION:

Commissioner Nash put forth the actions below in conjunction with the approval of the Annual License to conduct Storefront Retail Commercial Cannabis Activity in the Hollywood Community Plan Area with hours of operations seven days per week from 9:00 a.m. to 10:00 p.m. (Monday to Friday) and 9:00 a.m. to 9:00 p.m. (Saturday to Sunday).

1. Determined, based on the whole of the administrative record, that the project is exempt from the California Environmental Quality Act (CEQA) pursuant to Article 19, Section 15301, Class 1, and Article 19, Section 15332, Class 32 of the State CEQA Guidelines (tit. 14, Cal. Code Regs., §§ 15301, 15332), and there is no substantial evidence demonstrating that an exception to a categorical exemption pursuant to CEQA Guidelines Section 15300.2 applies;
2. Approved, pursuant to Los Angeles Municipal Code Section 104.06(b)(2), the Annual License for Type 10 Storefront Retail Commercial Cannabis Activity at the Business Premises location; and,

3. Adopted the Project Analysis and Findings in the Department's report dated February 13, 2025, as corrected on the record, as the Commission's report on the subject.

Commissioner Melendez seconded the motion and the vote proceeded as follows:

Moved: Nash
Second: Melendez
Ayes: Lim, Mason
Absent: Farmby

Vote: 4 - 0

MOTION PASSED

ITEM NO. 19

DCR Core Record No. 310203
LA-R-24-310203-ANN & ENV-310203-ANN

CD: 11

APPLICANT: Palladium Alliance LLC

PUBLIC HEARING HELD

BUSINESS PREMISES: 5494 1/2 W. Centinela Ave.

IN ATTENDANCE: Corey Blake, Sr. Management Analyst and Jason Killeen, Assistant Executive Director representing the Department and Narek Vardanyan (spoke virtually via Zoom) representing Palladium Alliance LLC.

EXHIBITS: Department's PowerPoint slides.

MOTION:

Commissioner Lim put forth the actions below in conjunction with the approval of the Annual License to conduct Storefront Retail Commercial Cannabis Activity in the Westchester - Playa del Rey Community Plan Area with hours of operations seven days per week from 8:00 a.m. to 10:00 p.m.

1. Determined, based on the whole of the administrative record, that the project is exempt from the California Environmental Quality Act (CEQA) pursuant to Article 19, Section 15301, Class 1, and Article 19, Section 15332, Class 32 of the State CEQA Guidelines (tit. 14, Cal. Code Regs., §§ 15301, 15332), and there is no substantial evidence demonstrating that an exception to a categorical exemption pursuant to CEQA Guidelines Section 15300.2 applies;
2. Approved, pursuant to Los Angeles Municipal Code Section 104.06(b)(2), the Annual License for Type 10 Storefront Retail Commercial Cannabis Activity at the Business Premises location; and,

3. Adopted the Project Analysis and Findings in the Department's report dated February 13, 2025 as the Commission's report on the subject.

Commissioner Melendez seconded the motion and the vote proceeded as follows:

Moved: Lim

Second: Melendez

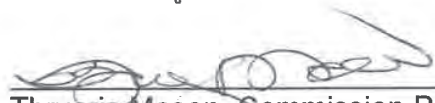
Ayes: Mason, Nash

Absent: Farmby

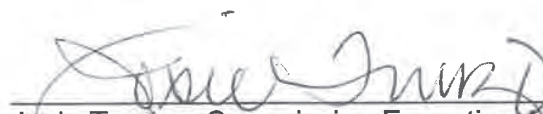
Vote: 4 - 0

MOTION PASSED

There being no further business before the Cannabis Regulation Commission, President Mason adjourned the meeting at 8:13 p.m.



Thryeris Mason, Commission President
Cannabis Regulation Commission



Josie Trevizo, Commission Executive Assistant
Cannabis Regulation Commission

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DCR: 2025. The time is 2 10 Pm. And we are in the building and safety boardroom at 2 0 1 North Figueroa Street, 9th floor, Los Angeles, California. I am President Thyurus Mason and I will be chairing this meeting. The following Commissioners are present, Commissioners Lim, Melendez and Nash. Commissioner Formby is in route. I'm going to go over some housekeeping items before we get started.

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DCR: This meeting is being recorded. Therefore we ask that when addressing the commission you please speak close to the microphone and only resident my apologies. We have to restart the live feed.

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DCR: We may restart

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DCR: welcome to the Cannabis Regulation Commission meeting today is Thursday, February 20, th 2025. The time is 2 11 Pm. And we are in the Building and Safety Board Room at 2 0 1 North Figueroa Street, 9th floor, Los Angeles, California. I am President Thyurus Mason, and I'll be chairing this meeting. The following commissioners are present Commissioners, Lim Melinda, as in Nash and Commissioner Farmy as in route. Are we working?

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DCR: We are working. Okay. I'm going to go over some housekeeping items before we get started. This meeting is being recorded. Therefore we ask that when addressing the Commission, you speak close to the microphone, and only one person at a time.

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DCR: please state your name each time you speak.

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DCR: members of the public who wish to only listen to the Commission meeting and not provide public comment, may call council phone at (213) 621-2489, or (818) 904-9450.

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DCR: This meeting is also being live, streamed individuals who wish to watch this meeting may do so by visiting cannabis.lacity.gov.

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DCR: We will be following the agenda order. For the most part agendas are located on the table by the entrance door, along with speaker cards. Individuals who are physically here and wish to address this commission must fill out a speaker's card and specify which item or items you are speaking on. This is

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DCR: the speaker. Card.

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DCR: Individuals can provide public comment or comments about a specific agenda item in person, or virtually via the zoom

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DCR: link provided on the agenda. If you are present at the meeting, please please fill out a speaker card and turn it into Irene or Josie. When I call your name, please come up to the podium and clearly say your name.

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DCR: If you are in the zoom call when the item you wish to speak on is called, please press Star 9 to get on the speaking queue.

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DCR: The Commission Executive assistant will call out each speaker by the last 4 digits of their phone number to identify the caller. The caller will be prompted to unmute themselves by dialing star 6. We will consider general public comment and single or multiple agenda items together.

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DCR: Therefore, speakers will have 1 min for general public comment and 1 min per item with a maximum of 2 min per or multiple agenda. Items. In total, an individual shall be limited to 3 min of public comment per meeting

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DCR: representatives from neighborhood councils who have filed a resolution or community impact statement with the city clerk which relates to any agenda item will be given time to speak during the item itself.

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00:53:26.110 --> 00:53:34.030

DCR: Please provide a copy of the filed statement or resolution to the Commission Executive Assistant. Any Neighborhood Council representative?

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00:53:35.910 --> 00:53:37.740

DCR: Sorry lost my place.

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DCR: Any Neighborhood Council representative, speaking on behalf of their Neighborhood Council, must provide a letter on their letterhead stating the Neighborhood Council's position on the matter absent any Neighborhood Council documentation comments may still be provided during the public comment period.

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00:53:54.310 --> 00:54:11.699

DCR: We ask that speakers state whether they are providing general public comment, and or which other item or items they are speaking on before they begin to comment, so that staff can appropriately time them. If the speaker does not specify which items they are speaking on 1 min will be provided.

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00:54:11.830 --> 00:54:23.310

DCR: Powerpoint presentations presented to the Commission today, whether it's by the department or applicants will be posted online and made available to the public via Dcr's website within 2 days

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DCR: for those attending the in-person meeting. Please be aware that after 6 o'clock Pm. If you leave the 9th floor and wish to return. You will need to check in with security on the 1st floor to reenter and access the elevators to the 9th floor.

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DCR: Please turn off your cell phones or place them on vibrate so as not to disturb the proceedings. Please be respectful. Disruptions will not be tolerated if you disrupt the proceedings you will receive 2 warnings. If you continue the disruptive behavior, you will be asked to leave the meeting

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DCR: we are on to item one. We will now open general public comment and single or multiple agenda items. Speakers can address the Commission on non agenda, related items that are within the jurisdiction of the Commission or provide public comment for items in today's agenda. If you are listening on the live stream.

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00:55:12.240 --> 00:55:30.170

DCR: and Commissioner Farny has joined the meeting. If you are listening on the live stream, and have called to provide public comment via zoom, please mute the live stream audio before you begin speaking to eliminate feedback. We will alternate between calling up individuals here at the meeting and those on the call. Please bear with us.

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00:55:30.850 --> 00:55:32.920

DCR: We are starting with Johnny rings.

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00:55:41.650 --> 00:55:42.840

DCR: Yes, sir.

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00:55:44.230 --> 00:56:03.241

DCR: please state your name. In which Johnny Raines, I want to speak on item number 10 as well as general comment. You have 2 min. Okay? And it probably won't take that long. With regard to item number 10, I'm a stakeholder in that community and have been since

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DCR: the summer of 1956, and very familiar with the location where the dispensary is wants to be, and I guess I succinctly I think all I should need to say is, there are children that live upstairs

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00:56:19.210 --> 00:56:22.880

DCR: from where this dispensary is going to be. There's apartments above this.

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00:56:23.040 --> 00:56:30.119

DCR: and children live there, and I don't think that should bear explaining. Would you want your children living upstairs from

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00:56:30.270 --> 00:56:31.530

DCR: the dispensary?

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DCR: And I'm just gonna leave it at that.

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00:56:34.820 --> 00:56:39.460

DCR: Okay, thank you. Thank you. Mr. Vizo, is there anyone in the queue?

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00:56:40.070 --> 00:56:48.330

DCR: There are no raise hands, but I will make an announcement. If anyone in the virtual meeting would like to provide public comment, please, dial star 9 to raise your hand.

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00:57:06.610 --> 00:57:11.870

DCR: There are no base counts. Okay, thank you. Last name is right. 1st name starts with M.

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00:57:21.470 --> 00:57:35.770

DCR: Good afternoon. My name is Marcel Wright, and I am here on behalf of the Chesterfield Square Community Block Club. Which are you speaking on, ma'am? I'm sorry. Which items. Are you speaking? I'm sorry. Item 10 and, general.

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00:57:35.900 --> 00:57:37.690

DCR: you have 2 min. Okay.

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DCR: and the Chesterfield Square Community Block Club feels that this proposal raises significant concerns for our community. It should be noted that within a 2 mile radius of the proposed location there are at least 12 retail

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DCR: cannabis dispensaries that are licensed, and 16 other businesses that hold a temporary approval to sell medicinal or adult use cannabis. In stark contrast we have 2 major grocery stores serving our residents. This disparity highlights a misalignment and resource allocation, favoring cannabis outlets over essential services like fresh food access.

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DCR: The proposed dispensary location within a residential apartment building raises further concerns.

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DCR: Currently current tenants are compelled to live above a cannabis dispensary, exposing them to potential crime, traffic, etc, without their consent.

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00:58:38.340 --> 00:58:43.600

DCR: This situation is neither fair nor conducive to a harmonious living environment.

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DCR: Our neighborhood already faces considerable safety challenges the 90062 Zip code experiences a crime rate of 75 incidents per resident per 1,000 residents annually

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DCR: placing it in 7 in the 17th percentile for safety nationwide, meaning 83% of US. Zip codes are safer than Chesterfield Square.

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00:59:07.750 --> 00:59:19.669

DCR: We advocate for businesses that contribute positively to our community's well-being. Given the aforementioned challenges, it's crucial that new and established businesses provide tangible benefits to our residents.

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DCR: We questioned whether another dispensary would offer such advantages.

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00:59:24.270 --> 00:59:41.960

DCR: While we welcome businesses to our neighborhood, they must align with our community needs and values. We urge this commission to consider these concerns and prioritize developments that would generally uplift the Chesterfield Square community. Thank you.

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00:59:42.330 --> 00:59:43.240

DCR: Thank you.

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00:59:43.890 --> 00:59:46.119

DCR: Mr. Rizzo, is there anyone in the queue?

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00:59:46.610 --> 00:59:55.419

DCR: There are no raised hands. But I will make another announcement. If anyone in the virtual meeting would like to provide public comment. Please, dial star 9 to raise your hand.

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01:00:11.600 --> 01:00:16.780

DCR: There are no raised hands. Okay, back to in-house. I'm Sean Allen.

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01:00:21.020 --> 01:00:25.370

DCR: Good afternoon, Sean. Allen want to speak on. Item number 10,

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01:00:25.770 --> 01:00:53.970

DCR: you have 1 min and a public general comment. Okay, 2 min. Thank you so very much. My name is Sean Allen. I'm a resident about 2 or 3 miles away from the location. It's a 10 min drive from my house. I am standing to speak about some concerns personally that I have with the proposed cannabis location. Probably a month or 2 ago we had the opportunity to speak to some of the business owners, and it's very concerning about the Security protocols that was mentioned.

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01:00:54.680 --> 01:01:06.209

DCR: This location already, of course, is near Main Street has traffic. There's it's really unrealistic to me to expect that a security guard can keep the employees inside safe

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DCR: as well as direct traffic and quote unquote. Keep those who are using the cannabis products in the parking lot, keeping them off the parking lot.

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01:01:16.060 --> 01:01:40.200

DCR: doing all that with one person with the Security officer to maintain inside, doing id checks as well as outside traffic and keeping those who are smoking cannabis, using cannabis products in the parking lot is very concerned. And we voice that we voice that concern to the business owners, to me, personally it felt like it was brushed off, and some excuses were made, and it really didn't come off very professional. We walk these streets every day.

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01:01:40.460 --> 01:01:53.870

DCR: as the gentleman mentioned. There's children that live upstairs. There's children that we walk these streets, we jog these streets, and I'm very concerned about the potential safety concerns that could happen in the parking lot with a shortened staff of security.

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01:01:53.930 --> 01:02:10.979

DCR: So I am very concerned about this proposal among the others about maintaining the property, keeping it clean, keeping the debris off the streets or in the parking lot. But my main concern is security, and I urge the Commission to really take a deeper look at some of the the language and the content

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DCR: of the proposal to ensure that it's keeping our community safe, and that the protocols are realistic and enforced because it's going to be us that's going to deal with unsafeness. It's gonna be us that will deal with debris. It'll be us that can deal with potential issues for those who are walking by riding, by driving by, or in a parking lot, or those that go inside, and may not have enough security coverage provided by the company. Thank you. Thank you.

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01:02:35.790 --> 01:02:38.080

DCR: Mr. Vizo. Is there anyone in the queue?

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01:02:39.390 --> 01:02:48.559

DCR: There are no raised hands. I will make another announcement. If anyone in the virtual meeting would like to provide public comment. Please, dial star 9 to raise your hand.

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01:02:59.900 --> 01:03:03.460

DCR: there are no raised hands. Alrighty. Javier Rivera.

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01:03:11.240 --> 01:03:20.719

DCR: Good afternoon. I'm here on behalf of the Gramercy Block Club. My name is Javier Rivera. I'm speaking on agenda, item number 10, and in general you have 2 min. Thank you.

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01:03:22.050 --> 01:03:34.200

DCR: Our Block Club represents a whole residential neighborhood surrounding this proposed dispensary, including, as you heard people living inside and around the building, including children who live inside that building.

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01:03:35.200 --> 01:03:53.909

DCR: Your commission has already heard from us, and several of our vocal members, both of the December 5, th hearing, and through several complaints that have been filed through the Dcr. As well as a letter that we sent, and a supplement to that letter that we recently sent from our Block Club, detailing several of the complaints. There are

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DCR: many of us here. The letter that we sent was signed by over 200 members of our Block club in our community opposing this application. Not all 200 of us are here, obviously, but there are several of us who have taken time away from our jobs. We have children at school. We need to pick up. We're making arrangements because we feel so strongly opposed to this application that we are here today because we want you to see and hear from us, because this is important to our community, that we keep our community safe.

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01:04:23.020 --> 01:04:25.340

DCR: and even though only some of us are here.

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01:04:26.440 --> 01:04:31.789

DCR: you know we hope that you take the time to please. Listen, please listen to us

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01:04:32.150 --> 01:04:36.920

DCR: right? We have serious concerns, and we believe all of you have

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01:04:37.140 --> 01:04:46.759

DCR: serious, serious lives, and and we want you to hear us and listen to us, because this is an important issue to our community.

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01:04:46.890 --> 01:04:49.270

DCR: And this is something that we take very seriously.

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DCR: So please help us protect the quality of life in our neighborhood, help us protect the safety of the children in our neighborhood, and help us continue to make our neighborhood a place where people want to be. People want to walk and run and be in the streets, so that my family and I, my children, we can feel safe riding our bikes to the corner store, there to get a soda, to get some chips to get some food without having to feel like we have to go walk by or ride our bikes by crime.

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01:05:19.440 --> 01:05:21.930

DCR: potential theft and danger.

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01:05:22.740 --> 01:05:25.630

DCR: Thank you so much for letting us make our case today. We appreciate it.

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01:05:25.940 --> 01:05:29.179

DCR: Thank you, Mr. Beesel. Anyone in the queue.

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01:05:29.500 --> 01:05:33.609

DCR: No, there are no raised hands. Okay, Evelyn Roland.

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01:05:34.980 --> 01:05:37.100

DCR: forgive me if I mispronounce that.

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01:05:40.730 --> 01:05:41.320

DCR: Okay.

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01:05:46.360 --> 01:05:50.689

DCR: I am speaking on agenda. Item number 10, and in general.

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01:05:50.970 --> 01:06:13.049

DCR: we have major concerns with the location. I'm sorry. What is. Can you please state your name for the oh, yes, Evelyn Grolan. Okay, you have 2 min. I am speaking on agenda, item number 10, and in general we have major concerns with the location of this proposed sensory. The bottom floor of a small two-story, mostly residential building.

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01:06:13.560 --> 01:06:16.990

DCR: There's roughly 12 families that live in the second

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01:06:17.110 --> 01:06:23.349

DCR: story, and many of them tell us that they do not want the dispensary below them.

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01:06:23.690 --> 01:06:31.609

DCR: This is not a modern apartment building on a busy street. It's an old rundown building in a quiet, residential neighborhood.

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01:06:31.800 --> 01:06:41.130

DCR: The building itself is in bad shape, security lights are always burned out, the windows are boarded up, refugee is constantly on the walls.

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01:06:42.570 --> 01:07:05.740

DCR: Also there are over a dozen schools, churches, Daycares within a half a mile, some of the same on the same street. Within blocks of this proposed dispensary, while not technically within 700 feet, many families with their children to and from these places every day passing right by where the dispensary will be located, including myself. We do that every day

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01:07:05.940 --> 01:07:24.890

DCR: we feel a dispensary will be better suited in an area that has a business park, not on the edge of a quiet neighborhood. Simply put this location is unacceptable. I want to add on a personal note. Also, I am a marijuana user. For health reasons. I use it daily, and I still oppose this dispensary.

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01:07:29.840 --> 01:07:32.279

DCR: Miss Treviso. Is there anyone in the queue?

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01:07:32.830 --> 01:07:43.869

DCR: No, there are no raised hands. Okay. Can I break with protocol and just go through in-house? And if someone does appear on the queue, they can raise their hand.

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01:07:45.520 --> 01:07:50.300

DCR: If anyone in the virtual meeting would like to provide public comment. Please.

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01:07:50.680 --> 01:07:52.980

DCR: dial Star 9 to raise your hand.

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01:08:08.550 --> 01:08:15.249

DCR: Then I'm going to take the next 3 public comments inside, and then we'll go back to the queue.
Okay, Gabe Diaz.

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01:08:22.620 --> 01:08:27.940

DCR: Hello! My name is Gabriel Diaz. I'm speaking on agenda, item number 10, and in general

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01:08:28.149 --> 01:08:30.369

DCR: we have 2 min all right.

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01:08:31.560 --> 01:08:35.350

DCR: So we also see massive red flags about the operators.

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01:08:35.859 --> 01:08:41.080

DCR: They have been in control of 2 storefronts on the ground floor for the past 5 years.

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01:08:41.330 --> 01:08:52.419

DCR: In 2022 neighbors started noticing lots of noisy cars, loud late night parties, and overwhelming smell of marijuana something was going on

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01:08:53.930 --> 01:08:59.569

DCR: At the last, hearing Commissioner Lamb praised our block club for speaking up for using our voice.

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DCR: but he also warned us not to base our decision on fear, stating that

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DCR: to the best of his knowledge the business quote wasn't open yet. End quote

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01:09:11.359 --> 01:09:22.429

DCR: Commissioner Farby Farm, B. Agreed, saying, quote, the place is not open, so we should assume there's no activity happening there unless maybe there is end quote.

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01:09:22.700 --> 01:09:28.429

DCR: But let's clear that up right now. Until quite recently that place was opened

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01:09:28.750 --> 01:09:35.600

DCR: and there was plenty of activity. They were running a cannabis delivery service there. Thank you for your time.

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01:09:38.920 --> 01:09:40.740

DCR: Thank you. Claudia Guadron.

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01:09:44.090 --> 01:09:50.910

DCR: Hello! My name is Claudia Weedron, and I'm speaking for item Number 10, and in general.

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01:09:51.020 --> 01:09:53.149

DCR: you have 2 min. Thank you.

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01:09:53.340 --> 01:09:59.199

DCR: Well, so okay. Neighbors started complaining to each other about the constant noise

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01:09:59.360 --> 01:10:01.618

DCR: and smell from the downstairs.

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01:10:02.290 --> 01:10:08.770

DCR: From the downstairs. Some even called our senior officer lead officer, Paul Eveleth.

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01:10:09.020 --> 01:10:16.720

DCR: But when these complaints were brought up at the last meeting, even the applicant's lawyer appeared confused.

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01:10:17.330 --> 01:10:24.129

DCR: Quote, we're not operational. There's no cannabis. I don't know where the smell is coming from, said

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01:10:24.722 --> 01:10:30.350

DCR: if there's even a smell, it's not us. This is not an operational business.

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01:10:30.570 --> 01:10:39.510

DCR: Okay, members of this Commission ask how? So? If many complaints could be generated by company? That is not operational?

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01:10:40.130 --> 01:10:44.359

DCR: Look, we can confirm that these applicants have been running

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01:10:44.510 --> 01:10:48.209

DCR: in cannabis business for over 3 years.

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01:10:49.200 --> 01:11:00.329

DCR: as proven by numerous complaints, witness testimony, and online listings and yelp reviews from this cannabis delivery business that, still

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DCR: as active in 2025,

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01:11:03.850 --> 01:11:13.190

DCR: and many of the positive comments and reviews online have been actually written by the applicant themselves.

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01:11:14.110 --> 01:11:21.219

DCR: This directly contradicts what they're saying about a business not being operational.

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01:11:22.850 --> 01:11:23.910

DCR: Thank you.

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01:11:24.230 --> 01:11:25.070

DCR: Thank you.

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01:11:30.390 --> 01:11:33.579

DCR: Janice. Last name starts with a R.

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01:11:41.021 --> 01:11:44.389

DCR: Yes, good afternoon. My name is Janice Ramcalawan.

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01:11:45.050 --> 01:11:49.309

DCR: and I am going to be speaking on agenda. Item number 10, and in general

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01:11:49.460 --> 01:11:51.779

DCR: you have 2 min. All right.

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01:11:51.930 --> 01:11:56.880

DCR: Thank you. At the last, hearing the Commission spent a lot of time trying to figure out

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DCR: what was behind all the complaints about the marijuana smell.

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DCR: We want to clear that up.

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DCR: The applicant's lawyer stated quote, everything is prepackaged. Retailers have a minimal amount of smell.

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DCR: Even the slightest odor within the store never leaks out into the public or the surrounding area.

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DCR: Yet

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01:12:19.070 --> 01:12:36.289

DCR: multiple neighbors submitted complaints and sworn statements to CD. 8 and Lapd, indicating that this overwhelming smell of marijuana occurred only after the applicants moved in and began their operations.

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DCR: Multiple residents also reported seeing massive hvac

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01:12:43.090 --> 01:12:47.920

DCR: units being installed and then removed from the alley behind the store.

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01:12:48.990 --> 01:12:56.369

DCR: So why would a non-operational cannabis business need massive industrial air conditioners?

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01:12:56.820 --> 01:13:01.969

DCR: That is a question to filter out the overwhelming smell that didn't exist

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01:13:02.980 --> 01:13:08.520

DCR: from the prepackaged vacuum sealed products that weren't being sold or consumed.

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01:13:09.780 --> 01:13:13.469

DCR: This is a more important issue than just the smell.

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DCR: We are far more concerned that the applicants are not being truthful and honest to this commission and to the neighbors. Thank you very much.

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01:13:24.350 --> 01:13:27.860

DCR: Thank you, Mr. Vizo. Is there anyone present in the queue.

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01:13:28.030 --> 01:13:31.290

DCR: There are no raise hands, but I will make another announcement.

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01:13:31.620 --> 01:13:38.450

DCR: If anyone in the virtual meeting would like to provide public comment. Please, dial star 9 to raise your hand

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01:13:39.870 --> 01:13:47.000

DCR: caller with phone number ending in 6, 9, 8, 6. Please state your name, and which items you wish to speak on.

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01:13:49.650 --> 01:13:52.259

16462096986: Hi! My name is Tony Johansson. I am here.

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01:13:52.260 --> 01:13:55.139

DCR: One more able to hear you.

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01:14:01.160 --> 01:14:04.419

DCR: Okay, please state your name, and which items you wish to speak on.

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01:14:10.950 --> 01:14:14.380

DCR: Caller. Please state your name and the items you wish to speak on.

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01:14:25.050 --> 01:14:28.930

16462096986: My name is Tony Johansson. I want to speak on item Number 10, and in general.

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01:14:29.400 --> 01:14:30.840

DCR: You have 2 min.

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01:14:32.660 --> 01:14:50.149

16462096986: We have. I would have loved to been there today. But our 2 kids that are in 4th and 1st grade are on break today, so unfortunately can't make it. I just want to speak about the safety issue that I think this provides for our neighborhood.

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01:14:51.050 --> 01:14:58.089

16462096986: and we drive by or walk by this location every day to and from school. And with the recent

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01:14:58.520 --> 01:15:04.769

16462096986: crime rate in a neighborhood that is have happened on the street, I feel like this has.

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01:15:05.520 --> 01:15:10.680

16462096986: like Evelyn would said could go somewhere else, and maybe in a business park.

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01:15:10.990 --> 01:15:11.870

16462096986: That's it.

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01:15:13.120 --> 01:15:13.960

DCR: Thank you.

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01:15:18.310 --> 01:15:19.610

DCR: Larry Hughes.

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01:15:26.520 --> 01:15:32.680

DCR: Good afternoon. My name is Larry Hughes. I'm speaking on item number 10, and in general you have 2 min.

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01:15:32.900 --> 01:15:42.850

DCR: Criminal activity has been absolutely present at this location. Location. Neighbors and witnesses told us and told us that the employee, delivery drivers

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01:15:43.010 --> 01:15:47.850

DCR: and sometimes customers, all use cannabis products, both inside and outside the storefronts.

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01:15:47.990 --> 01:16:00.659

DCR: While loudly partying and frankly engaging with sex workers, one whom identified to a witness as a prostitute, we provide documentation for these claims and statements from witnesses to CD. 8

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01:16:00.800 --> 01:16:04.900

DCR: and Lapd. And we cooperated with their investigation into the matter.

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01:16:05.010 --> 01:16:22.109

DCR: We also found 2 separate robberies that occurred while the applicant was renting out the space. A break in at the applicant's own storefront occurred in December, December of 2022, and another robbery late in 2024 at the corner market, in the same building.

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01:16:22.390 --> 01:16:34.540

DCR: Lapd was notified of the incidents as well. We, we later obtained text messages from one of the applicants. Admitting that a robbery occurred which contradicts the picture the lawyer painted at the last hearing.

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01:16:35.030 --> 01:16:44.529

DCR: I would say that you guys see the support that we have against this dispensary.

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01:16:45.160 --> 01:16:51.810

DCR: I want you guys to really pay attention, that this is our lies, that your decision is going to affect

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01:16:51.990 --> 01:16:56.170

DCR: our kids lives. I walk out my door and I can see this place.

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01:16:56.710 --> 01:17:03.260

DCR: I I can see the amount of traffic, the amount of cars that are parked there every day. There's no even a room for this business here.

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01:17:03.840 --> 01:17:12.839

DCR: so your vote here on on. If this dispensary should be allowed here is crucial to us, can I? Can I? Can I give you guys a demonstration?

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01:17:13.000 --> 01:17:18.540

DCR: All those who were imposed of this meeting who came to oppose this dispensary? Please stand up.

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01:17:22.000 --> 01:17:24.290

DCR: This is our neighborhood.

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01:17:24.510 --> 01:17:26.610

DCR: We are speaking to you.

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01:17:27.190 --> 01:17:28.680

DCR: We're asking

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01:17:29.340 --> 01:17:35.030

DCR: asking you then. And now please do not allow this to happen. You may be seated. Thank you.

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01:17:42.790 --> 01:17:44.650

DCR: Lisa. No last name.

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01:17:52.030 --> 01:17:59.409

DCR: Good afternoon. My name is Lisa, and I'm also speaking on agenda. Item 10, and in general you have 2 min.

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01:18:00.410 --> 01:18:08.070

DCR: At the last, hearing the applicant mentioned the buildings upstairs tenants, including my mother, Maria

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DCR: by her name, saying, quote.

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01:18:11.190 --> 01:18:18.800

DCR: I trust in the community, I am reliant on the upstairs. Neighbors. Maria, if something is wrong, they give me a call.

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01:18:19.490 --> 01:18:26.359

DCR: I'm here today to say that I live upstairs from the building of where this dispensary wants to be open.

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01:18:27.280 --> 01:18:34.330

DCR: My family lives upstairs. I have a baby whose brain is in the process of developing. She lives upstairs.

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01:18:36.240 --> 01:18:38.829

DCR: my neighbors and their kids live upstairs.

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01:18:39.530 --> 01:18:43.119

DCR: and we want to say now, and I want to say it very clearly, that

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01:18:43.270 --> 01:18:46.629

DCR: we do not want this business directly below us.

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01:18:47.080 --> 01:18:55.870

DCR: We don't trust them. We already face a lot of health and safety issues in this apartment, and we can't afford to face even more risks.

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01:18:57.510 --> 01:19:04.240

DCR: We have complained about the noises, the smoke, the parties, and the drug use that has been happening for years now.

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01:19:04.870 --> 01:19:09.790

DCR: for the sake of my family, for my baby for the families in our neighborhood.

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01:19:10.250 --> 01:19:15.970

DCR: I beg you, and I ask you to please not grant this license. Thank you.

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01:19:17.880 --> 01:19:20.229

DCR: Mr. Vizo. Is there anyone in the queue.

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01:19:20.840 --> 01:19:30.030

DCR: No, but I will make it another announcement. If anyone in the virtual meeting would like to provide public comment, please, dial star 9 to raise your hand.

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01:19:41.700 --> 01:19:44.750

DCR: There are no raised hands. Henry Garcia.

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01:19:51.180 --> 01:19:58.559

DCR: Hi! My name is Henry Garcia. I'm speaking. I'm also speaking up for the agenda. Item number 12, and in general

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01:19:59.759 --> 01:20:04.430

DCR: I'm I'm sorry. Item number 10, we would ask you to refrain.

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01:20:05.030 --> 01:20:05.940

DCR: Thank you.

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01:20:06.410 --> 01:20:08.510

DCR: You have 2 min. Thank you.

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01:20:09.330 --> 01:20:15.570

DCR: You just heard from one of our neighbors who actually lives in the building.

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01:20:16.100 --> 01:20:19.110

DCR: Unfortunately, many neighbors have chosen to

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01:20:19.520 --> 01:20:23.729

DCR: come forward anonymously because they have concerns.

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01:20:23.880 --> 01:20:26.119

DCR: They will be retaliated

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01:20:26.660 --> 01:20:35.940

DCR: against by the owners or applicants who have been aggressive, hostile, and use threatening language towards towards them.

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01:20:36.570 --> 01:20:40.049

DCR: One resident, who requested to remain anonymous.

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01:20:40.260 --> 01:20:45.480

DCR: submitted this statement to the Dcr complaint Portal Quote.

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01:20:46.390 --> 01:20:50.490

DCR: I live in the building that they are planning to open the dispensary in.

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01:20:50.680 --> 01:20:52.140

DCR: I have witness.

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01:20:52.280 --> 01:20:57.139

DCR: I have witnessed them firsthand since they moved back in 2022

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01:20:57.590 --> 01:21:06.490

DCR: the the operators have been aggressive and rude to tenants of the building, and they have been very shady in their business dealings.

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01:21:06.680 --> 01:21:12.730

DCR: I have personally witnessed delivery trucks pulling up to the store with uncovered marijuana.

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01:21:13.410 --> 01:21:21.120

DCR: They were storing and storing it inside the building. I called the police and reported it end of quote.

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01:21:21.660 --> 01:21:27.290

DCR: It's sad and unfortunate that so many neighbors are afraid to speak

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01:21:27.400 --> 01:21:34.779

DCR: out today because of the hostile behavior from owners and operators. I thank you so much for your time.

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01:21:36.990 --> 01:21:38.719

DCR: Max Frischberg.

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01:21:44.910 --> 01:21:50.750

DCR: Hello! My name is Max Frischberg. I'm speaking on agenda, item number 10, and in general, you have 2 min

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01:21:51.300 --> 01:22:03.050

DCR: in the lead up to the 1st hearing last year, during over 3 h of public comment, all of which were attended by our members. 38 neighbors spoke out against the dispensary.

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01:22:03.280 --> 01:22:07.470

DCR: Not a single person from the community spoke up in support of it.

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01:22:08.120 --> 01:22:17.709

DCR: In the many Block Club meetings and Neighborhood Council meetings between then and now not a single member of the public raised their hand to show support of this dispensary.

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01:22:17.970 --> 01:22:23.190

DCR: Since the last hearing. We understand the applicants have hired the services of a consultant.

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01:22:23.300 --> 01:22:32.140

DCR: If there is a sudden outpouring of support today, we only ask this commission. Remember the facts I just told you, and consider the source and the timing.

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01:22:32.730 --> 01:22:38.890

DCR: And we ask where all these authentic supporters were during the months leading up to the previous hearings

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01:22:39.160 --> 01:22:47.389

DCR: to date. We have received over 250 signatures on a petition asking this commission to reject the license.

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01:22:47.680 --> 01:23:04.330

DCR: We do not know the legal procedure rules that would allow you to your commission to receive this document, but I wanted to take the opportunity to show you the names and verifiable addresses of more than 250 real people who are very opposed to this dispensary, and have been from the beginning.

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01:23:04.430 --> 01:23:08.870

DCR: Thank you, Frank Buck.

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01:23:18.530 --> 01:23:34.079

DCR: Hello. My name is Frank Bach, speaking on agenda. Item 10. And for a general comment, you have 2 min cool. The last Dcr. Hearing you all granted us a continuance, so that more information and facts could be gathered. We have done that

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01:23:34.300 --> 01:23:42.909

DCR: Commissioner Farm be stated that since he's been on this commission he hasn't seen quote that many folks and had that many comments, all negative.

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01:23:43.520 --> 01:23:50.580

DCR: Even the applicant's lawyer had to admit that, too, that he has never seen so much community backlash. That's a direct quote.

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01:23:51.170 --> 01:23:59.599

DCR: I don't think we need to tell you all how unprecedented this is. I think you know the sheer amount of people and volume of commentary. Speaks volumes.

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01:23:59.940 --> 01:24:08.440

DCR: and Commissioner Farnby said we should quote, think of this industry as partners coming into the neighborhood to meet the folks who live here, and we couldn't agree more.

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01:24:08.560 --> 01:24:17.909

DCR: Hearing from neighbors who live. The closest to this would-be dispensary paints a pretty clear picture of a community who doesn't view these applicants as sincere, honest partners.

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01:24:18.400 --> 01:24:28.799

DCR: And that's not to say we're opposed to any cannabis dispensary. We're strongly against this dispensary with these operators in this location. Thanks.

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01:24:30.480 --> 01:24:33.899

DCR: thank you, Mr. Vizo. Is there anyone in the queue?

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01:24:34.610 --> 01:24:38.190

DCR: There are no raise hands. But I will make another announcement.

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01:24:38.440 --> 01:24:44.990

DCR: If anyone in the virtual meeting would like to provide public comment. Please, dial star 9, to raise your hand

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01:24:50.450 --> 01:24:57.370

DCR: caller with phone number ending in 1, 1, 9, 4. Please state your name, and which items you wish to speak on.

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01:25:05.630 --> 01:25:07.720

19172071194: Hi. My name is Jennifer Johansen.

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01:25:09.070 --> 01:25:11.890

DCR: I would like to speak on. Item number 10.

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01:25:12.740 --> 01:25:14.019

DCR: You have 1 min.

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01:25:15.680 --> 01:25:16.630

19172071194: Thank you.

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01:25:17.281 --> 01:25:20.230

19172071194: I I'm I'm a neighbor in the

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01:25:20.310 --> 01:25:48.330

19172071194: Gramercy Block Club, and I'm also a mother, and I want to speak on behalf of the other mothers in the neighborhood, which there are more and more of us. There are also a lot of mothers that take their children to the daycare located right on Van Ness or the elementary school that's also located right on Van Ness. There's actually 2 elementary schools right next to this proposed dispensary

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01:25:49.185 --> 01:25:51.365

19172071194: in light of many

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01:25:52.990 --> 01:25:56.307

19172071194: raising rising crime rates that have

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01:25:57.140 --> 01:26:07.400

19172071194: or crime issues that have popped up into the neighborhood lately. I've been extremely concerned about the neighborhood. And this dispensary.

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01:26:07.690 --> 01:26:17.829

19172071194: as you heard, brings up a host of a whole bunch of us other issues that many of us concerned, mothers would hope that you take into

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01:26:17.990 --> 01:26:20.270

19172071194: account when.

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01:26:20.270 --> 01:26:21.409

DCR: Thank you. Your time is up.

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01:26:21.410 --> 01:26:22.389

19172071194: On top of the.

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01:26:25.810 --> 01:26:27.040

DCR: Doris Davis.

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01:26:44.510 --> 01:26:52.499

DCR: Hello! My name is Doris Davis. I'm speaking on item agenda, item 10, and generally you have 2 min. Thank you.

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01:26:53.260 --> 01:27:00.629

DCR: At our initial meeting, the applicant dismissively told us, this is not Beverly Hills. He said it a few times.

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01:27:00.920 --> 01:27:09.109

DCR: It was not a casual remark, it was a negative judgment. It meant, we have decided that you don't have enough money for us to care about you.

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01:27:10.240 --> 01:27:18.429

DCR: You don't matter. Your neighborhood felt our neighborhood felt that. And I, as I'm certain members of this Commission, might as well.

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01:27:19.260 --> 01:27:35.350

DCR: We are a community of librarians, lawyers, skilled tradesmen, retired teachers, real estate brokers, homemakers, and families, restaurateurs, artists, and entrepreneurs. We know the value of our property.

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01:27:35.600 --> 01:27:46.470

DCR: We also know the value, our value as human beings. We are just as respectable and important as anyone else in the city, including those in Beverly Hills.

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01:27:47.220 --> 01:27:49.739

DCR: Dress it up as blunt talk or

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01:27:50.560 --> 01:28:00.810

DCR: not. Sugar coating it all he likes. The applicant has made his position clear, and as someone who is proud to reside in South Los Angeles all my life

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01:28:01.430 --> 01:28:06.159

DCR: an honor to call this my home, I can just say as bluntly.

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01:28:06.610 --> 01:28:17.660

DCR: we don't want your business in our neighborhood if they can get away with lying about when they were or were not operating their business. Then how can we trust them?

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01:28:18.820 --> 01:28:19.770

DCR: Thank you.

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01:28:26.080 --> 01:28:27.590

DCR: Zachary Hosberg.

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01:28:36.620 --> 01:28:43.240

DCR: Zachary Hofberg, speaking on agenda, item number 10, and in general you have 2 min. Thank you.

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01:28:43.530 --> 01:28:52.150

DCR: In the past, and perhaps even later today, the applicants have tried to spin this entire case as a clash of personalities or misunderstanding between 2 parties.

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01:28:52.310 --> 01:29:09.560

DCR: We are here today, backed by over 250 neighbor signatures, dozens of photos, sworn statements, online reviews, screenshots from websites, letters of support from 2 block clubs, 2 churches, a Neighborhood council, an Lapd. Officer and Council district 8.

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01:29:10.220 --> 01:29:17.160

DCR: All this to say, there is no misunderstanding. The problems run much deeper than a clash of personalities.

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01:29:17.620 --> 01:29:26.470

DCR: This is a case of bad faith operators trying to muscle their way into our neighborhood. We believe they have been dishonest to the community, and to this commission

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01:29:27.070 --> 01:29:29.529

DCR: they said there was no operational business.

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01:29:29.710 --> 01:29:32.549

DCR: There was, they said, there was no smell.

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01:29:32.720 --> 01:29:36.939

DCR: There was, they said, there was no crime there was.

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01:29:37.040 --> 01:29:45.319

DCR: The applicants have given us overwhelming reasons to vote against them, and not a single valid reason to vote for them. Thank you.

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01:29:47.980 --> 01:29:49.420

DCR: Harry Firschberg.

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01:29:53.780 --> 01:29:58.409

DCR: I'm Harry Frischberg. I'm speaking on agenda, item number 10. And in general

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01:29:58.630 --> 01:30:11.319

DCR: you have 2 min, and I think everyone will be glad to know that at least from our group. This is the final statement on this agenda item before we can move along. But I did want to mention in my capacity as president of this block club.

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01:30:11.771 --> 01:30:23.990

DCR: That, following the end of our last hearing, the applicants had, as you heard, reached out to consultants to try to force a resolution to this problem. We have given them many, many hours of good faith effort.

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01:30:24.661 --> 01:30:38.359

DCR: And we've tried. We've given it an honest effort to try. But at the end of a very exhausting and and frankly very contentious zoom call their lead consultant asked for and recorded. She told me the following.

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01:30:38.920 --> 01:30:45.789

DCR: this thing is done. They already have the license. We're just going through the motions at this point, but it's a done deal.

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01:30:45.940 --> 01:30:47.959

DCR: no matter how much you show up.

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01:30:48.570 --> 01:30:50.320

DCR: no matter how much you fight.

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01:30:50.510 --> 01:30:53.300

DCR: At this point you are just wasting everyone's time.

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01:30:54.300 --> 01:30:58.969

DCR: I took this as an affront to the entire process that the fix was in.

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01:30:59.080 --> 01:31:01.029

DCR: we shouldn't bother trying to stop it.

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01:31:01.510 --> 01:31:03.570

DCR: But we've refused to accept that.

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01:31:04.130 --> 01:31:10.040

DCR: We've rallied even harder, and today we come before you, believing in the integrity of this process.

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01:31:10.220 --> 01:31:19.769

DCR: So we conclude with a plea from our families, our neighbors, and our constituents. Please do not allow these bad faith actors to take an even stronger hold

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01:31:20.050 --> 01:31:25.279

DCR: on our community and continue to endanger the lives, the health, and the well-being.

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01:31:25.450 --> 01:31:27.220

DCR: This is the wrong location.

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01:31:27.370 --> 01:31:30.950

DCR: These are not sincere partners, and they are dishonest.

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01:31:31.570 --> 01:31:37.480

DCR: It is for these reasons we implore you to please reject this application. Thank you.

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01:31:40.460 --> 01:31:44.760

DCR: Thank you, Mr. Vizo. Are there any other commenters in the queue.

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01:31:45.120 --> 01:31:50.330

DCR: There are no raised hands, but I will make one more announcement.

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01:31:50.500 --> 01:31:57.040

DCR: If anyone in the virtual meeting would like to provide public comment, please, dial star 9, to raise your hand

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01:32:05.810 --> 01:32:12.790

DCR: caller with phone number ending in 2 2 0 2. Please state your name, and which items you wish to speak on.

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01:32:21.140 --> 01:32:35.729

13107172202: Hi. I am Vincent Zadeh. Speaking on behalf of Pnpl. Express, Inc. Agenda. Item number 18. I just wanted to clarify. I will be speaking on behalf of that applicant.

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01:32:37.490 --> 01:32:38.543

DCR: Thank you.

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01:32:41.020 --> 01:32:43.589

DCR: Okay, so you're speaking. You're the rep.

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01:32:44.950 --> 01:32:46.621

DCR: Yes, that is correct.

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01:32:47.290 --> 01:32:50.669

DCR: Okay, we will put you back in the queue until the item is called.

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01:32:51.780 --> 01:32:52.800

TELEPHONE_USER: Thank you.

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01:32:59.340 --> 01:33:11.829

DCR: There are no other raised hands. Okay, I have no other speaker card. So at this time general public comment and single and multiple agenda items is now closed. We will move on to

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01:33:12.623 --> 01:33:20.836

DCR: item number 2, just an announcement to elected office and Neighborhood Council representatives that this is

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01:33:21.390 --> 01:33:50.699

DCR: If you have filed a resolution or a community impact statement with the city clerk which relates to any agenda item, you will be given time to speak during the item itself. Please provide a copy of the filed statement or resolution to the Commission Executive Assistant. Any Neighborhood Council Representative, speaking on behalf of their Neighborhood Council must provide a letter on letterhead stating the Neighborhood Council's position on the matter absent. Any Neighborhood Council Documentation comments may still be provided during the public comment period

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01:33:50.800 --> 01:34:02.210

DCR: onto, item, 3 Commission business Commissioners. You should have an advanced calendar in front of you with our future meeting dates. Please take a look and advise. If there are any planned absences from any of the commissioners.

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01:34:14.690 --> 01:34:23.079

DCR: Hearing none, we will move on to the approval of minutes. We were sent the minutes of February 6, 2025 for review. Do I have a motion to approve?

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01:34:24.310 --> 01:34:32.379

DCR: Commissioner Farny? I make the motion to approve. Is there a second Commissioner Melendez, I second Mr. Visa, please call the Roll Commissioner Farny. Aye.

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01:34:32.510 --> 01:34:36.660

DCR: Commissioner Melendez. Aye, Commissioner Lim. Aye.

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01:34:36.870 --> 01:34:48.380

DCR: vice President Nash. Aye, President, Mason, aye, the motion passes. Thank you. Moving on to commission announcements and updates commissioners. Are there any announcements or updates

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01:34:53.200 --> 01:34:57.370

DCR: hearing none? Are there any requests for future agenda items?

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01:35:00.290 --> 01:35:06.730

DCR: Hearing none. Then we are moving on to Item 4. Report from the assistant executive director. Is there a report.

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01:35:08.920 --> 01:35:30.330

DCR: Jason? Clean assistant executive director? No, there's not a report today. Okay, thank you. I am taking item 16 out of order. This is Dcr. Core record number 3, 1, 0 8, 5 0. The applicant is Duke Brothers, LLC. The recommendation is to receive and file, and no action is necessary. The matter is therefore received and filed.

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01:35:30.350 --> 01:35:59.550

DCR: I'm taking item 11 out of order at the Department's request. That is, Dcr. Core record number 3, 1, 0 1 5, 9. The applicant is Southern California Flower Company, LLC. The Department's recommendation is to continue the matter to the commission meeting of April 3, rd 2025. Are there any questions from the Commissioner, nurse regarding this request? Sorry? Can you repeat this, Commissioner Farm can repeat the date, please. April 3, rd 2025.

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01:36:01.850 --> 01:36:03.449

DCR: May I have a motion, please.

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01:36:04.440 --> 01:36:10.589

DCR: Commissioner Farnby, I make the motion moved. Continue with Beanie, President Mason seconds, Mr. Vizo, please call the Roll

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01:36:11.110 --> 01:36:15.010

DCR: Commissioner Farmy. Aye, President Mason. Aye.

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01:36:15.410 --> 01:36:44.909

DCR: Commissioner, Lim. Aye, Commissioner Melendez. Aye, Vice President, Nash. Aye, the motion passes. Thank you. I'm also taking item 17 out of order at the request of the department. This is Dcr. Core record number 3, 1, 0 2, 4, 5. The applicant is Gold Star Industries, Llc. The Department's recommendation is to continue the matter to the meeting of April 3, rd 2025 Commissioners. Are there any questions for the department regarding this recommendation?

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01:36:47.450 --> 01:36:52.799

DCR: May I have a motion? Please, Commissioner Farmer, make the motion?

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01:36:53.090 --> 01:36:55.199

DCR: This is President Mason. I second

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01:36:56.070 --> 01:37:03.570

DCR: Mr. Vizo, please call the Roll Commissioner Formby. Aye, President Mason. Aye, Commissioner Lim. Aye.

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01:37:03.770 --> 01:37:09.220

DCR: Commissioner Melendez. Aye, vice President Nash. Aye, the motion passes.

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01:37:09.700 --> 01:37:18.540

DCR: Thank you. I am taking item 21 out of order at the request of the department. This is Dcr core record number 1, 0 1

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01:37:18.790 --> 01:37:36.189

DCR: 8, 1 0. The applicant is Kush Kinder, understanding, sensitive, healing, collective, Incorporated. The Department's recommendation is to continue the matter to the meeting of April 3, rd 2025. Any questions for the department regarding this recommendation.

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01:37:37.290 --> 01:37:38.870

DCR: May I have a motion, please?

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01:37:42.060 --> 01:37:43.369

DCR: I'll make the motion.

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01:37:43.820 --> 01:37:51.630

DCR: You are Commissioner Lim. Thank you. This is President Mason. I second Mr. Vizo. Please call the Roll Commissioner Lim.

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01:37:51.740 --> 01:38:03.049

DCR: Aye, but President Mason. Aye, Commissioner Farmy. Aye, Commissioner Melendez. Aye, vice President Nash. Aye, the motion passes.

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01:38:03.540 --> 01:38:26.050

DCR: Thank you. We are back to the regular agenda agenda order. We are on. Item 5 Dcr core record number 1, 1, 0 0 5 0. The applicant is mainstay goods incorporated to approve an annual license for storefront retail commercial cannabis activity located at 3,401 South San Pedro Street.

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01:38:26.050 --> 01:38:35.379

DCR: Commissioner Mason. I would like to this is City Attorney Alison Toll. I would like to note that Commissioner Lim is recusing himself on this item, and so we will

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01:38:35.570 --> 01:38:39.950

DCR: pause until he has left the room to avoid any conflict.

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01:38:44.540 --> 01:38:53.360

DCR: and Commissioner Lim has departed. Please continue, Mr. Piso, are there any Neighborhood Council or elected office representatives on this item.

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01:38:53.610 --> 01:39:00.650

DCR: No, we do not have a speaker card or a raised hand in the virtual meeting. Okay, then, at this time we will hear from Staff.

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01:39:01.050 --> 01:39:10.209

DCR: Good afternoon. My name is Megan Bloomin. I am a management analyst for Dcr licensing. I will present item number 5 for the Department of Cannabis Regulation.

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01:39:10.430 --> 01:39:21.300

DCR: Dcr. Core record number 1 1, 0 0 5 0 is associated with mainstay goods, Inc. The applicant seeks an annual license for the type 10 retail commercial cannabis activity.

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01:39:21.500 --> 01:39:28.560

DCR: The business is located at 3401 South San Pedro Street, in the southeast Los Angeles Community plan area within Council District 9.

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01:39:28.960 --> 01:39:40.759

DCR: The business premises is located my apologies. The applicant was issued temporary approval by Dcr. With an effective date of November 28, th 2,023, under the new entity name of Mainstay Goods, Inc.

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01:39:41.160 --> 01:40:02.899

DCR: Since that time the applicant has completed all requirements for the issuance of an annual license in accordance with Lamc. Section 104 0, 6. The applicant currently possesses a State provisional license number c. 10, 0 0 1, 1, 2, 7, lic. To conduct retail with on-site sales. Commercial cannabis activity, which is active through June 28, th 2025.

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01:40:03.350 --> 01:40:09.459

DCR: This applicant is not subject to the requirements of Lamc, section 104 20 for the Social equity program.

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01:40:09.620 --> 01:40:27.430

DCR: This application was previously heard by the Commission on November 7, th 2024. The motion to approve or deny the application failed, due to a split vote between the 4 commissioners in attendance and the Commission subsequently voted to continue the hearing of this application to a date at which all commissioners would be in attendance to deliberate.

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01:40:27.570 --> 01:40:55.300

DCR: On October second, 2024 Dcr. Did conduct a compliance inspection of the business premises, and a notice to correct was issued on November 26, th 2024. As of today, all of the cited deficiencies have been corrected, however, 4 moderate and 2 major violation violation types were identified. A representative from the Compliance and Enforcement Division is in attendance and available to provide more detail regarding the compliance activities associated with this location. At the end of Licensing's presentation

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01:40:55.650 --> 01:41:11.300

DCR: on or about September 4, th 2024 Dcr. Provided notice of the community Meeting and Cannabis Regulation Commission meeting by mail to the owners and occupants of all property within 700 feet of the property line of business premises. Notice was provided in accordance with the municipal code.

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01:41:11.430 --> 01:41:33.380

DCR: Dcr. Held a virtual community meeting on Thursday, September 26, th 2024. During the meeting, members of the public were afforded 2 min each to speak about the application. Dcr. Also accepted online, written and put through the date of the community meeting. The oral comment provided by a representative of the business was positive. A representative stated that the business has worked hard to maintain a clean environment for the community

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01:41:33.710 --> 01:41:50.590

DCR: based on the Department's analysis. The proposed project is consistent with the criteria for a class one and class 32. Categorical exemption pursuant to ceqa guidelines. Since the project meets all of the requirements, and none of the applicable exceptions apply. It is appropriate to determine. This project is categorically exempt.

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01:41:50.770 --> 01:42:03.210

DCR: The Staff report lists a number of reasons. Dcr. Or the Commission may deny a license. At present Dcr. Is not aware of any existing facts or circumstances to deny this annual license for the reasons in Lamc, section 104 0, 4.

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01:42:03.640 --> 01:42:09.870

DCR: Therefore Dcr. Recommends the Commission adopt the recommendation included in the Staff Report, and approve the issuance of this annual license

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01:42:09.980 --> 01:42:15.579

DCR: that concludes licensing's presentation for this item. Compliance and enforcement will now provide their review.

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01:42:25.320 --> 01:42:30.939

DCR: Good afternoon, Commissioners. My name is senior management analyst Christina Campos with compliance and Enforcement Division

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01:42:30.990 --> 01:42:57.050

DCR: for a brief summary for mainstay goods at 3,401 South San Pedro Street. The compliance and for compliance inspection, was conducted on December 26, th and we did issue a notice to correct November 26th for the 11 deficiencies that were identified. All 11 deficiencies have been corrected, and they are actually all minor and moderate. There was a typo for

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01:42:57.460 --> 01:43:00.499

DCR: numbers, deficiency number 10 and 11.

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01:43:01.340 --> 01:43:09.069

DCR: So at this point they have corrected all minor and moderate deficiencies, and have passed compliance, inspection.

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01:43:11.350 --> 01:43:13.610

DCR: Thank you, Commissioners, any questions.

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01:43:15.260 --> 01:43:17.260

DCR: This is Commissioner Melendez.

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01:43:17.980 --> 01:43:21.739

DCR: So you had the inspection. On the 26th of December

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01:43:21.950 --> 01:43:25.700

DCR: you issued your notice to correct on the 26th of November.

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01:43:26.653 --> 01:43:33.929

DCR: Yes, we did. A compliance inspection. I'm sorry. December 26, th and a notice to correct was issued on.

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01:43:34.610 --> 01:43:39.879

DCR: I'm sorry that's the other way around. It was November 26, th was the compliance.

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01:43:40.690 --> 01:43:45.679

DCR: No, wait, we actually have. October second is the inspection.

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01:43:46.050 --> 01:43:55.739

DCR: and a notice to correct was issued. November 26.th The compliance date which they had to have corrected all their deficiencies is December 26.th

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01:44:01.080 --> 01:44:08.100

DCR: Thank you. This is Commissioner Farny, all of the I see the notations around

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01:44:09.220 --> 01:44:16.680

DCR: them being a compliant where they were in compliant by the date of the 26 of December.

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01:44:16.830 --> 01:44:30.784

DCR: No, they were not. All deficiencies were not corrected until February this year. Yes, we did conduct a

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01:44:31.470 --> 01:44:42.849

DCR: reason, being we had to do a second inspection, because for one of their deficiencies, the the employee that was there was unable to operate the surveillance system.

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01:44:42.990 --> 01:44:50.360

DCR: So we had to do a reinspection which our analysts conducted a virtual inspection on January the 9.th

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01:44:51.330 --> 01:45:00.440

DCR: So after that inspection, they corrected everything was correct. So then they pass compliance, inspection. But that was the the reason for the delay.

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01:45:01.550 --> 01:45:02.423

DCR: Thank you.

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01:45:05.290 --> 01:45:07.170

DCR: Any other questions, Commissioner.

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01:45:11.170 --> 01:45:12.719

DCR: Okay, thank you.

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01:45:14.680 --> 01:45:17.000

DCR: Then, at this time we'll hear from the applicant.

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01:45:21.750 --> 01:45:26.050

DCR: can we? Maybe on the virtual meeting

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01:45:27.120 --> 01:45:33.619

DCR: caller with phone number ending in 4, 3, 0 6? Please state your name, and whether you represent the applicant.

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01:45:45.140 --> 01:45:48.109

13104034306: Hello! Thank you so much. My name is Molly Pitlock.

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01:45:48.220 --> 01:45:54.040

13104034306: I'm licensing and compliance representative for Maine State Guards, located.

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01:45:54.040 --> 01:45:55.030

DCR: The Commission.

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01:45:56.010 --> 01:46:02.099

13104034306: Okay. Sorry about that. Located at 34 0, 1 South dam. Pedro Street, in Los Angeles.

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01:46:02.290 --> 01:46:12.929

13104034306: Mainstay has a State dispensary license and temporary approval from Dcr. We've worked really hard to obtain our licenses and build the business, and had no complaints or opposition at the community meeting.

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01:46:13.050 --> 01:46:21.450

13104034306: We have also been working hard on our certificate of occupancy. We have approved plans from Dbs, and we should be on final inspection soon.

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01:46:22.100 --> 01:46:28.840

13104034306: Previously this hearing was continued to allow mainstay and Dcr time to issue and provide the additional corrections

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01:46:29.210 --> 01:46:35.460

13104034306: as it was not aware of from Dcr. Compliance, inspection, and we thank you for the extra time.

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01:46:35.600 --> 01:46:59.010

13104034306: We had a call initially, and then a meeting with the Dcr. Inspector and provided all the required corrections, including the limited access log label revision, financial records, fine employee training records, employee training revisions, adding the Dcr core record number to the employee badge replaying requested dates, times and areas of surveillance and confirming the metric transactions

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01:46:59.440 --> 01:47:02.829

13104034306: after providing the above list of corrections on

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01:47:03.413 --> 01:47:12.750

13104034306: our meeting. Excuse me, it was on January 9th we provided everything possible, and it was our understanding that we passed at that time.

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01:47:13.625 --> 01:47:18.840

13104034306: As you are aware, there was an issue with the emails on file, with Dcr compliance

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01:47:19.000 --> 01:47:26.649

13104034306: previously, which is why we did not have the correct manager on site to access the surveillance footage or the metric account.

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01:47:26.940 --> 01:47:29.460

13104034306: They rushed as fast as they could, but they didn't make it.

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01:47:29.690 --> 01:47:40.269

13104034306: At the second re-inspection. With Dcr. Compliance we were advised that someone must be on site at all times with access to surveillance footage, and we made sure that that is the case now.

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01:47:40.951 --> 01:47:43.660

13104034306: Along with our metrics, compliance.

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01:47:44.710 --> 01:47:45.520

TELEPHONE_USER: Advisor.

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01:47:51.230 --> 01:47:52.280

DCR: Thank you. Was.

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01:47:52.280 --> 01:48:14.083

13104034306: Oh, excuse me, I'm so sorry. I think I was cutting out. No, I'm so sorry about that. I think I was cutting out after providing. And we really appreciate Fred and the Dcr compliance team for working with us on making all these corrections prior to the the re inspection, we had actually provided all of the written requirements.

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01:48:14.570 --> 01:48:19.650

13104034306: in conjunction with what we had previously submitted prior to even receiving the notice to correct.

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01:48:20.210 --> 01:48:33.139

13104034306: and then, most importantly, here, mainstay meets all the criteria for the issuance of its annual license. None of the general denial reasons apply to mainstay the license premises are the same as the diagram submitted to Dcr.

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01:48:33.370 --> 01:48:39.869

13104034306: We've never denied the Dcr. Access to the premises had a license revoked or suspended or failed an inspection.

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01:48:39.980 --> 01:48:53.340

13104034306: The Staff report does reference a complaint in the portal that mainstay was operating without the proper licenses, but it was fully licensed at that time for operations because it received approval temporary approval. On November 28, th

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01:48:53.520 --> 01:49:02.079

13104034306: while Mainstay was not aware of this complaint, we would have provided our licenses and information if requested directly from the concerned Council district.

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01:49:02.210 --> 01:49:06.079

13104034306: There have been no other complaints against mainstay, including at the community meeting

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01:49:06.490 --> 01:49:21.460

13104034306: none of the the businesses premises fully complies with sections 105.0 1 and 105.0 2 of Los Angeles municipal code. We're located in the southeast Los Angeles community per line area that has not reached undue concentration.

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01:49:21.680 --> 01:49:27.129

13104034306: The premises have not been the site of padlocking or illegal commercial cannabis activity.

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01:49:27.240 --> 01:49:31.569

13104034306: at least for the past 5 years, and none for what we know of

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01:49:32.019 --> 01:49:38.419

13104034306: the owners of the business and of the property do not hold any office in any State agency or State

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01:49:38.930 --> 01:49:50.000

13104034306: agency related to commercial cannabis, and no, on our primary personnel has a disqualifying conviction, or a disqualifying civil judgment.

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01:49:50.480 --> 01:49:56.110

13104034306: Because of all of this, and because we have met past the compliance inspection we please

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01:49:56.920 --> 01:50:01.420

13104034306: respectfully request approval of the annual license, and

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01:50:05.660 --> 01:50:08.749

13104034306: thank you. I think I was cutting out again. But thank you very much.

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01:50:09.600 --> 01:50:11.109

13104034306: and I'm I'm here to answer your.

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01:50:12.280 --> 01:50:14.819

DCR: Commissioners any questions for Ms. Pitluck.

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01:50:18.060 --> 01:50:27.369

DCR: Commissioner Farming. How you doing spit? Look at the moment from your understanding. You are in complete compliance with all of the

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01:50:28.051 --> 01:50:35.280

DCR: the pieces that was outlined due through the the compliance department for Dcr.

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01:50:35.280 --> 01:50:37.670

13104034306: Absolutely. Yes, absolutely.

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01:50:37.940 --> 01:50:38.850

DCR: And.

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01:50:40.100 --> 01:51:01.360

13104034306: We were able to show them. When we had our reinspection, we were able to show them we had all the people necessary people there who ran the surveillance, our metric compliance, we were able to show them our metric was fully up to date, and that our surveillance cameras were working and recall and replay anything that they asked, including all different areas.

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01:51:01.360 --> 01:51:02.270

TELEPHONE_USER: The premises.

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01:51:05.210 --> 01:51:05.940

DCR: Thank you.

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01:51:07.300 --> 01:51:09.289

DCR: Any other questions. Commissioners.

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01:51:12.410 --> 01:51:17.480

DCR: Okay, Miss Pitlock, thank you so much for calling in. We're going to move on to deliberations.

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01:51:22.570 --> 01:51:23.990

DCR: Commissioner farmy.

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01:51:25.090 --> 01:51:31.360

DCR: I recall this applicant. I remember when we were deliberating, there was quite a few.

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01:51:32.060 --> 01:51:42.729

DCR: so quite a quite a few issues. That we recall us discussing at least based on what I'm hearing from the compliance department that all of those

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01:51:42.980 --> 01:51:46.320

DCR: have been completed, even though they were.

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01:51:46.720 --> 01:51:50.950

DCR: it exceeded the timeline, but it. It shows that the work was done.

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01:51:51.519 --> 01:51:54.389

DCR: And everything seems to be in order

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01:51:54.810 --> 01:51:56.589

DCR: in terms of what's in front of us.

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01:51:57.170 --> 01:51:58.740

DCR: It's a lot of work.

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01:51:59.710 --> 01:52:05.460

DCR: No, this case, thank you, Commissioner Formby. Any other

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01:52:05.960 --> 01:52:20.900

DCR: deliberation, then do we have a motion? This is Vice President Nash. Regarding item Number 5, Dcr core record number 1, 0 0 5, 0 for the business located at 3 4, 0, 1 South Pedro Street.

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01:52:21.240 --> 01:52:32.329

DCR: I move to adopt staff recommendations. As stated their staff report, dated February 13, th 2,025. I need you to restate that the street.

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01:52:32.490 --> 01:52:33.510

DCR: the street.

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01:52:34.460 --> 01:52:50.470

DCR: the business premises, are 3, 4 0 1 South San Pedro Street. Thank you. I only heard Pedro. That's why, thank you. Is there a second? Is Commissioner Farm be a second. There is a Pedro street, Mr. Vizo, please call the roll

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01:52:51.390 --> 01:52:58.510

DCR: Vice President Nash. Aye, Commissioner Farmy. Aye, Commissioner Melendez. Aye.

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01:52:58.910 --> 01:53:06.730

DCR: President Mason. Aye, the motion passes okay. We'll hold for Mr. Commissioner Lim to rejoin the meeting.

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01:53:22.620 --> 01:53:25.230

DCR: Okay, yeah, he's

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01:54:33.180 --> 01:54:51.069

DCR: Commissioner Lim has rejoined the commission body, and we are moving on to Item 6 Dcr core record number 1, 0 0 6, 8. The applicant is the Relief collective, incorporated to approve an annual license for storefront, retail commercial cannabis activity located at

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01:54:53.220 --> 01:55:02.900

DCR: 5, 8, 1, 6 to 5, 8, 1, 8, West Pico Boulevard, Mr. Vizo. Are there any Neighborhood Council or elected office representatives on this item?

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01:55:03.050 --> 01:55:09.479

DCR: No, we do not have a speaker card or a raised hand in the virtual meeting. Okay, thank you. Then, at this time we will hear from Staff.

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01:55:10.510 --> 01:55:16.480

DCR: This is management. Analyst Megan bloom. Presenting item Number 6 for the Department of Cannabis Regulation.

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01:55:16.600 --> 01:55:34.220

DCR: Gcr core record number 1, 0 0 6, 8 is associated with the relief collective Inc. This applicant seeks an annual license for the type, 10 retail commercial cannabis activity. The business is located at 5, 8, 1 6 to 5, 8, 1 8 West Pico Boulevard in the Wilshire Community plan area within Council District 10.

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01:55:34.460 --> 01:55:48.029

DCR: The applicant was issued temporary approval by Dcr. With an effective date of March 19, th 2019. Since that time the applicant has completed all requirements for the issuance of an annual license in accordance with Lamc. Section 104 0, 6.

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01:55:48.030 --> 01:56:06.849

DCR: The applicant currently possesses a State provisional license, number c. 10, 0 0 3, 3, 6 lic. To conduct retail with on-site sales, which is active through June 27, th 2025. This applicant is not subject to the requirements of Lamc. Section 104, 20 for the social equity program.

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01:56:07.140 --> 01:56:24.129

DCR: On September 18, th 2024, Dcr. Conducted a compliance inspection of the business premises, and a notice to correct was issued on November 12, th 2024, citing a total of 11 violations, 5 of which were classified as moderate violations, and 2 of which were classified as major violations

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01:56:24.160 --> 01:56:50.819

DCR: on the originally scheduled hearing date of November 21, st 2024. The Department recommended that the Commission continue the hearing of this applicant to a later date to allow time for them to remedy the compliance infractions as of today. All of the cited deficiencies have been corrected. A representative from the compliance and enforcement division is in attendance and available to provide more detail regarding the compliance activities associated with this location. At the end of Licensing's presentation

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01:56:51.020 --> 01:57:11.149

DCR: on or about September 4th 2024 Dcr. Provided notice of the community Meeting and Cannabis Regulation Commission meeting by mail to the owners and occupants of all property within 700 feet of the property line of the business premises. Notice was provided in accordance with the municipal code. Dcr. Held a virtual community meeting on Thursday, September 26, th 2024.

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01:57:11.150 --> 01:57:23.429

DCR: During the meeting, members of the public were afforded 2 min each to speak about the application. Dcr. Also accepted online, written input. Through the date of the community meeting. Dcr. Did not receive any oral or written testimony for this applicant.

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01:57:23.680 --> 01:57:41.410

DCR: based on the Department's analysis. The proposed project is consistent with the criteria for a class one and class 32. Categorical exemption pursuant to ceqa guidelines. Since the project meets all of the requirements, and none of the applicable exceptions apply, it is appropriate to determine. This project is categorically exempt.

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01:57:41.410 --> 01:57:53.929

DCR: The Staff report lists a number of reasons. Dcr. Or the Commission may deny a license. At present Dcr. Is not aware of any existing facts or circumstances to deny this annual license, for the reasons in Lamc, section 104, 0, 4.

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01:57:54.020 --> 01:58:01.320

DCR: Therefore Dcr. Recommends the Commission adopt the recommendations included in the Staff Report, and approve the issuance of this annual license

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01:58:01.510 --> 01:58:06.799

DCR: that concludes licensing's presentation for this item and compliance and enforcement will now provide their update.

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01:58:11.460 --> 01:58:16.419

DCR: Hello, Commissioners, Senior Management Analyst, Christina Campos with compliance and enforcement Division.

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01:58:16.550 --> 01:58:43.840

DCR: Brief summary for the Relief collective as mentioned by licensing. We did conduct an inspection on September 18, th and sent out a notice to correct November 12th for the 11 deficiencies that were identified out of the 11 deficiencies we identified 2 major violations which included the code of conduct with the patron code of conduct, was not displayed, as well as

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01:58:46.380 --> 01:58:51.619

DCR: the delivery vehicle was not equipped with a global positioning system.

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01:58:51.740 --> 01:59:06.469

DCR: At this point they have made all the necessary corrections, and they did email us initially with their corrections. On December 12th their compliance date was December 12.th They submitted. I'm sorry an email. December 10, th

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01:59:06.660 --> 01:59:18.200

DCR: and the analysts did review. And at this point they have passed compliance. The only step left for them is to send them an email which we send after they pass compliance.

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01:59:20.350 --> 01:59:22.660

DCR: Thank you. Are there any questions.

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01:59:27.020 --> 01:59:31.949

DCR: Okay, hearing none. Thank you. We are going to hear from the applicant at this time.

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01:59:34.270 --> 01:59:36.830

DCR: Randy Wizado Risotto.

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01:59:42.010 --> 01:59:50.990

DCR: honorable members of the committee. I need you to state your name for the record. You're Randy Randy Cruzado. I'm the founder, owner, operator of the Relief collective. Inc.

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01:59:51.180 --> 02:00:05.650

DCR: Thank you. All right. You'll have 10 min. Honorable members of the committee. Thank you for the opportunity to speak. My name is Randy Cruzado, and I am the founder and owner operator of the relief collective, Inc. Established in 2,007 in Mid City, Los Angeles.

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DCR: Our mission at the time was simple. To provide safe and reliable access to medicinal cannabis.

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DCR: Now, as we offer cannabis at the recreational level, we continue the mission while prioritizing compliance with both local and State regulations, ensuring that we operate with integrity at all times.

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DCR: At the Relief collective.

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DCR: We are more than just a dispensary. We focus on educating our customers about cannabis and Cbd, creating a welcoming space for a diverse diverse community, from grandmothers to working professionals.

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DCR: We've become an integral part of our neighborhood, contributing to initiatives like great streets program which was headed by Eric Garcetti and supporting local causes like Saturn elementary schools, fundraising efforts

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DCR: over the years. We've helped countless individuals manage their health and stress building meaning meaningful relationships with our customers.

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DCR: Our 4.9 star rating on Google and 4.5 star rating on yelp

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DCR: reflects our commitment to exceptional service and integrity.

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02:01:10.650 --> 02:01:15.569

DCR: Thank you again for your time and consideration. We are proud to continue serving our community.

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02:01:16.410 --> 02:01:20.870

DCR: Thank you any questions. Thank you for being here. Any questions for the applicant.

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02:01:22.420 --> 02:01:25.339

DCR: Now, this is Commissioner Les. What's the name on the building?

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DCR: Then it's the grocery the relief Collective, Inc. DbA, the grocery.

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02:01:32.650 --> 02:01:33.520

DCR: Thank you.

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02:01:35.570 --> 02:01:37.480

DCR: Any other questions. Commissioners?

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02:01:40.510 --> 02:01:45.000

DCR: Okay, hearing none. Thank you. Thank you. We are on to deliberations, if any.

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02:01:48.580 --> 02:01:50.920

DCR: Okay, hearing none, is there a motion?

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02:01:52.520 --> 02:01:55.530

DCR: This is Vice President Nash. Regarding item number 6,

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02:01:55.810 --> 02:02:18.070

DCR: Dcr core record number 1, 0 0 6, 8 for the business located at 5, 8, 1, 6, 5, 8, 1 8 West Pico Boulevard. I move to adopt staff recommendations. As stated, their staff report, dated February 13, th 2025. Mr. Melendez. I second, thank you, Mr. Vizo, please call the roll.

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02:02:18.420 --> 02:02:28.850

DCR: Vice President Nash. Aye, Commissioner Melendez. Aye, Commissioner Lim. Aye, Commissioner, farmy

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02:02:33.850 --> 02:02:38.980

DCR: President Mason, I Commissioner Farmy

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02:02:40.650 --> 02:02:54.590

DCR: apologies for the disruption. This is City Attorney Alison told Commissioner Farm B. And I were just wanted to make sure that we clarified. There is a concern that the report states that there is only

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DCR: was one major violation, but that the oral report

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DCR: listed 2 major violations, and so

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DCR: can ced just confirm the number of major violations. My apologies. If there's 2.

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DCR: There are 2, major.

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02:03:22.200 --> 02:03:30.340

DCR: So we are closing the vote. We're going to return to licensing for confirmation

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02:03:31.410 --> 02:03:41.209

DCR: first.st Yes, I stated there were 2 major violations. Okay, thank you. And then, yes, 2, 2 major violations. It's deficiency number 3

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02:03:41.350 --> 02:03:43.650

DCR: and efficiency number 11.

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02:03:43.980 --> 02:03:57.550

DCR: And so what I'm hearing is there something different in the written report. Yeah. Under under this Commissioner Farby, under Number 3, regulation 582, Bii is listed as a minor

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02:03:58.730 --> 02:04:00.840

DCR: for the code of conduct.

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02:04:01.230 --> 02:04:07.330

DCR: Yes, the written report for the Commission, not from your oral. Thank you.

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02:04:09.186 --> 02:04:10.404

DCR: So we need.

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02:04:13.320 --> 02:04:18.250

DCR: So the written report to the Commission only reflects one major

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02:04:18.500 --> 02:04:25.920

DCR: violation in us. Number 11. So we need to. This Commissioner, limb number 11. I have moderate

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02:04:28.410 --> 02:04:29.830

DCR: it, says Major.

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02:04:29.960 --> 02:04:31.660

DCR: Right are you, miss? You

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02:04:31.870 --> 02:04:44.620

DCR: confirmed? This is City Attorney Alison Toll. The only major violation that is listed is number 11. So if we could amend the motion to just to clarify that

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02:04:45.230 --> 02:04:51.810

DCR: I it includes Dcr's report as amended here, just to just to clarify.

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02:04:53.460 --> 02:04:57.623

DCR: I'll start over. Thank you. I'll drop my earlier motion.

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02:04:58.220 --> 02:05:03.609

DCR: Dcr core record number regarding item number 6, Dcr core record number

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02:05:03.880 --> 02:05:06.489

DCR: 1, 0 0 0 6, 8

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02:05:06.800 --> 02:05:12.499

DCR: for the business located at 5, 8, 1 6. That's in 5, 8, 1 8 West Pico Boulevard.

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02:05:12.690 --> 02:05:20.349

DCR: I move to adopt staff recommendations as orally corrected. At this hearing

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02:05:21.669 --> 02:05:28.800

DCR: and approve the recommendations stated in the Staff Report, dated February 13, th 2,025.

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DCR: This is Commissioner Melendez. I second.

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02:05:31.150 --> 02:05:35.210

DCR: thank you, Mr. Visa. Please call the roll Vice President, ash.

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02:05:35.510 --> 02:05:46.450

DCR: I Commissioner Melendez. Aye, Commissioner Lim. Aye, Commissioner Farny. Aye, President Mason. Aye, the motion passes.

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02:05:46.560 --> 02:05:47.630

DCR: Thank you.

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02:05:48.020 --> 02:05:52.889

DCR: We're on to item number 7. Dcr, core record number 1, 0 0.

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02:05:53.010 --> 02:06:10.999

DCR: I'm sorry. 1, 0 0 4 4. The applicant is Platinum Club, incorporated to approve an annual license for storefront, retail commercial cannabis activity located at 1 8, 4, 4 1 West Van Oyn Street, Mr. Vizo, are there any Neighborhood Council or elected office representatives on this item?

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02:06:11.180 --> 02:06:15.480

DCR: No, we do not have a Speaker card or a raised hand in the virtual meeting.

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02:06:15.590 --> 02:06:18.020

DCR: Thank you. Then, at this time we'll hear from Staff.

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02:06:20.290 --> 02:06:25.620

DCR: This is management. Analyst Megan Bloem, presenting item number 7 for the Department of Cannabis Regulation.

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02:06:26.010 --> 02:06:45.699

DCR: Do you see our core record number 1, 0 0 4 4 is associated with Platinum Club, Inc. The applicant seeks an annual license for the type, 10 retail commercial cannabis activity. The business is located at 1, 8, 4, 4, 1 West Van Owen Street in the Receda West Van Nuys, community plan area within Council District 4.

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02:06:46.370 --> 02:06:59.259

DCR: The applicant was issued temporary approval by Dcr. With an effective date of March 19, th 2019. Since that time the applicant has completed all requirements for the issuance of an annual license in accordance with Lamc. Section 104, 0 6.

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02:06:59.370 --> 02:07:17.690

DCR: The applicant currently possesses a State provisional license, number c. 10, 0 0 1, 1 4, 1 lic. To conduct retail with on-site sales, which is active through June 29, th 2025. The applicant is not subject to the requirements of Lamc. Section 104, 20 for the social equity program.

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02:07:18.120 --> 02:07:26.469

DCR: On October 9, th 2024 Dcr. Conducted a compliance inspection of the business premises, and a notice to correct was issued. On October 29, th 2024.

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02:07:26.740 --> 02:07:40.179

DCR: No major violations were cited. A representative from the Compliance and Enforcement Division is in attendance and available to provide an overview of the current compliance status associated with this location at the end of Licensing's presentation

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02:07:40.610 --> 02:08:05.799

DCR: on or about September 4, th 2024 Dcr. Provided notice of the community Meeting and Cannabis Regulation Commission meeting by mail to the owners and occupants of all property within 700 feet of the property line of the business premises. Notice was provided in accordance with the municipal Code Dcr. Held a virtual community meeting on Thursday, September 26, th 2024. During the meeting, members of the public were afforded 2 min each to speak about the application.

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02:08:05.800 --> 02:08:13.499

DCR: Dcr also accepted online written input through the date of the community meeting. Dcr. Did not receive oral or written testimony for this applicant

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02:08:13.620 --> 02:08:40.320

DCR: based on the Department's analysis. The proposed project is consistent with the criteria for a class one and class 32. Categorical exemption pursuant to Ceqa guidelines. Since the project meets all of the requirements, and none of the applicable exceptions apply. It is appropriate to determine. This project is categorically exempt. The staff report lists a number of reasons. Dcr. Or the Commission may deny a license. At present Dcr. Is not aware of any existing facts or circumstances to deny this annual license

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02:08:40.320 --> 02:08:56.800

DCR: for the reasons in Lamc. Section 104, 0 4, therefore Dcr. Recommends the Commission adopt the recommendations included in the Staff Report and approve the issuance of the Samuel License. That concludes Licensing's presentation for this item, and compliance and enforcement will now provide their review.

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02:09:04.390 --> 02:09:11.139

DCR: Hello, Commissioners, Senior management, Analyst Christina campos with compliance and enforcement, providing a summary for

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02:09:11.430 --> 02:09:14.709

DCR: 1, 8, 4, 4, 1 West Vanawan Street Platinum Club.

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02:09:15.360 --> 02:09:22.449

DCR: Compliance inspection was conducted on October 9, th and a notice to correct was issued on October 29.th

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02:09:24.140 --> 02:09:34.319

DCR: During the inspection we identified 13 deficiencies which have all been corrected. All the deficiencies were a minor and moderate. They do not have any majors.

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02:09:35.220 --> 02:09:43.830

DCR: Currently, they've again corrected all their deficiencies, and they have modification. Forms submitted for 2 of the items

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02:09:48.390 --> 02:09:51.820

DCR: any questions one moment, please.

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02:09:59.090 --> 02:10:00.759

DCR: This is Vice President Nash.

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02:10:01.230 --> 02:10:06.969

DCR: The report indicates that there's more than 2 outstanding

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02:10:08.660 --> 02:10:24.600

DCR: But you're saying that there are now only 2. Yes, since then they have made corrections. Actually, they've been working with their analysts consistently, and a couple of the corrections were actually just fixed. I believe it was yesterday's date, I'll verify. But

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02:10:24.710 --> 02:10:41.609

DCR: and which are currently outstanding nothing, is currently outstanding. They have done their part and made all the corrections they've submitted. Mods for deficiency number One and Number 6, and it's just a matter of the department viewing and signing off on.

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02:10:42.220 --> 02:10:43.090

DCR: Thank you.

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02:10:47.820 --> 02:10:56.759

DCR: I'm sorry I had to get Miss Commissioner Farny together, and Commissioner Melendez. Any other questions for compliance and enforcement?

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02:11:01.680 --> 02:11:03.699

DCR: Okay, hearing none. Thank you.

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02:11:07.230 --> 02:11:13.189

DCR: Mr. Vizo. Is there someone in a queue for this applicant there is a raise hand. I will call on them.

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02:11:14.000 --> 02:11:22.100

DCR: Caller with phone number ending in 6, 3, 7, 3. Please state your name, and whether you represent the applicant, you'll have 10 min to address the commission.

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02:11:40.180 --> 02:11:48.200

18184536373: Good afternoon. This is Nori Kordanian, and I'm the licensing and compliance consultant for Platinum Club, Inc.

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02:11:48.670 --> 02:11:51.770

18184536373: We appreciate the opportunity to appear before you today.

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02:11:51.940 --> 02:12:02.840

18184536373: Platinum Club has been a valued member of the Receda West Van Nuys Community Plan area, and we maintain an open line of communication with the Receda Neighborhood Council.

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02:12:03.750 --> 02:12:19.789

18184536373: We thank the Dcr. For their recommendation. As it was stated, we've been working diligently with them to correct all the violations. We're proud to say that I think that we've corrected pretty much everything, and we've submitted the modifications for some of the outstanding ones.

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02:12:20.170 --> 02:12:23.849

18184536373: And I'd like to make myself available for any questions that you may have.

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02:12:25.280 --> 02:12:28.930

DCR: Thank you for calling in commissioners any questions.

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02:12:32.820 --> 02:12:40.210

DCR: Okay, hearing none. We will close out the applicants presentation and move on to the deliberations if they meet.

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02:12:45.430 --> 02:12:47.049

DCR: may I have a motion?

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02:12:47.540 --> 02:13:05.930

DCR: And this is Commissioner Lim in regards to Number 7, Dcr. Core record number 1, 0 0 4, 4 for the business located at 1, 8, 4, 4, 1 West Event, Owen Street. I make a motion to adopt the staff report Vice President Nash seconds the motion.

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02:13:06.100 --> 02:13:08.830

DCR: Thank you, gentlemen. Miss Treviso, please call the Roll

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02:13:08.970 --> 02:13:17.410

DCR: Commissioner. Lim. Aye, Vice President Nash. Aye, Commissioner Farmy. Aye, Commissioner Melendez. Aye.

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02:13:17.910 --> 02:13:24.839

DCR: President Mason. Aye, the motion passes. Thank you. Item number 8 is Dcr core record number

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02:13:25.030 --> 02:13:47.980

DCR: 3, 2, 0 0 3, 3. The applicant is Glen Oaks, retailer, Llc. To approve an annual license for storefront, retail, commercial cannabis activity located at 1, 3, 5, 6, Glen Oaks Boulevard, Miss Treviso? Are there any Neighborhood Council or elected office representatives? On this item. No, we do not have a speaker card or a raised hand. Okay, then, thank you. At this time we'll hear from Staff.

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02:13:48.280 --> 02:13:53.029

DCR: Thank you. This is Megan Blum. I will present item number 8 for the Department of Cannabis Regulation.

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02:13:53.070 --> 02:14:14.120

DCR: Dcr. Core record number 3, 2, 0 0 3, 3 is associated with Glen Oaks retailer, Llc. The applicant seeks an annual license for the type, 10 retail commercial cannabis activity. The business is located at 13, 5, 6, 7 Glen Oaks Boulevard in Sylmar, California. In the Sylmar community plan area within Council District 7.

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02:14:14.150 --> 02:14:42.190

DCR: The applicant was issued temporary approval by Dcr. With an effective date of January 16th of 2024. Since that time the applicant has completed all the requirements for the issuance of an annual license in accordance with Lemc. Section 104 0, 6. The applicant currently possesses a State provisional license number c. 10, 0 0 1, 3, 6, 1 lic. To conduct retail with on-site sales, commercial cannabis activity, which is active through June 28th of 2025.

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02:14:42.320 --> 02:14:52.640

DCR: The applicant is subject to the requirements of Lamc, section 104 20 for the social equity program to comply with social, to comply with the equity, share requirements, seias.

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02:14:52.640 --> 02:15:14.639

DCR: social equity, individual applicants must possess unrestricted ownership of their share of the social equity, applicant business, a proportional right to vote and to the profits and include code mandated language as part of the application process. Dcr. Reviewed the corporate and ownership documentation provided for this applicant and determined that the applicant met the minimum equity share requirements at the time.

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02:15:14.940 --> 02:15:29.159

DCR: On October 17, th 2024 Tcr. Conducted a compliance inspection of the business premises, and a notice to correct was issued on November 26, th 2024, which included a total of 5 violations, all classified as minor violation types

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02:15:29.230 --> 02:15:54.019

DCR: to allow time for the applicant to comply with the pending Ntc. The Commission voted to continue the hearing of this application on the originally scheduled date of December 5, th 2024 to today's date. All cited deficiencies have since been corrected by the applicant. Should the Commission want to ask further questions regarding the applicant's compliancy. Status, a representative from the Compliance and Enforcement Division is in attendance and available

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02:15:54.320 --> 02:16:11.709

DCR: on or about October 17, th 2024 Dcr. Provided notice of the community Meeting and Cannabis Regulation Commission meeting by mail to the owners and occupants of all property within 700 feet of the property line of the business premises. Notice was provided in accordance with the municipal code.

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02:16:11.900 --> 02:16:39.459

DCR: Dcr. Held 2 virtual community meetings, one on November 14, th and one on November 18th of 2024. During the meetings members of the public were afforded 2 min each to speak about the application. Dcr. Also accepted online written input, through the date of the community meeting. In general, the oral and written comments provided by the public were mixed comments in favor of the application mentioned. Good security measures, comments in opposition stated that the business exposes high school students to marijuana fumes and dangerous traffic conditions

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02:16:39.520 --> 02:16:56.600

DCR: based on the Department's analysis. The proposed project is consistent with the criteria for a class one and class 32. Categorical exemption pursuant to Ceqa guidelines. Since the project meets all of the requirements, and none of the applicable exceptions apply. It is appropriate to determine. This project is categorically exempt.

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02:16:56.690 --> 02:17:19.600

DCR: The staff report lists a number of reasons. Dcr. Or the Commission may deny a license. At present Dcr. Is not aware of any existing facts or circumstances to deny this annual license for the reasons in Lamc. Section 104, 0 4, therefore Dcr. Recommends the Commission adopt the recommendations included in the Staff Report and approve the issuance of this annual license that concludes the Department's presentation for this item.

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02:17:20.270 --> 02:17:21.270

DCR: Thank you.

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02:17:21.370 --> 02:17:31.859

DCR: Commissioners, any questions for the Department Commissioner Farming. Can you confirm the location of the business and proximity to

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02:17:31.980 --> 02:17:34.450

DCR: any schools nearby.

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DCR: Give us just one moment, please.

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02:18:09.840 --> 02:18:14.790

DCR: Jason, clean assistant executive director. I can confirm that the

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DCR: business premises. Location complies with Lamc. 10.5, and the distancing restrictions.

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DCR: The the closest sensitive use, or something that could possibly be a sensitive use, is well over a thousand feet away.

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02:18:28.139 --> 02:18:29.209

DCR: Thank you, Jason.

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02:18:31.270 --> 02:18:33.079

DCR: Any other questions for Seth.

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02:18:36.170 --> 02:18:37.543

DCR: hearing none.

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02:18:38.389 --> 02:18:41.549

DCR: We will hear from the applicant at this time.

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02:18:43.020 --> 02:18:44.910

DCR: 1st name is Arman.

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02:18:45.490 --> 02:18:47.089

DCR: I'm not gonna try it.

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02:18:52.379 --> 02:18:57.060

DCR: Thank you. I'm the CEO of rebirth

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02:18:57.620 --> 02:19:02.729

DCR: part owner of the Glenox retailer that operates under DbA Rebate.

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02:19:03.828 --> 02:19:08.970

DCR: We already been operational in this location approximately almost a year now.

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02:19:09.665 --> 02:19:16.650

DCR: There was never any major incidents or even minor incidents. You know, neighborhood is

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02:19:17.309 --> 02:19:23.539

DCR: pretty quiet. You know. Very well maintained storefront is

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02:19:24.556 --> 02:19:35.180

DCR: it's a smaller storefront compared to our other locations. It's a 1 main operation, and usually we open at 10 Am. And we close down at 8 pm.

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02:19:35.299 --> 02:19:55.189

DCR: It's in a shopping plaza that we have very nice neighbors, and we help each other at the shopping plaza. We have a restaurant Mexican restaurant next to us. I'm not aware of any. I just 1st time I heard about the students. But, my knowledge, I don't see any students just going around our store.

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02:19:55.670 --> 02:20:02.059

DCR: We do have a security. 3rd party security that maintains on all operational hours.

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02:20:03.260 --> 02:20:04.399

DCR: That's about it.

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02:20:05.490 --> 02:20:13.359

DCR: Thank you for being here, Commissioners. Any questions for the applicant. This is Commissioner Melendez Armand. How many dispensaries do you have

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02:20:13.540 --> 02:20:17.349

DCR: we currently operate 4 dispensaries, and we have

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02:20:18.480 --> 02:20:24.500

DCR: under the rebate. We do have 4 dispensaries, but we helped approximately almost

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02:20:24.680 --> 02:20:35.410

DCR: 40 plus social equity applicants to maintain licenses until this day. We're trying to help them to find investors and

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02:20:35.510 --> 02:20:40.060

DCR: find locations and help them and guide them through the process.

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DCR: There is other investor groups that maintain some of those licenses

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02:20:47.820 --> 02:20:58.669

DCR: that we help them to through the process. We do have another dispensary that currently is not open, even though we already got all the licenses for it, even the annuals.

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02:20:59.088 --> 02:21:22.970

DCR: Hoping to probably get operational. It's in some future, maybe next few months. Yeah, I was only asking this, Commissioner Melendez once again, because I see one of the complaints was fumes. And I've seen you here quite a few times, and I know that you're a good operator. So I was wondering if you could address the the complaint about fumes coming from your from your your business.

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02:21:22.970 --> 02:21:46.639

DCR: That's what it says on the complaint. I'm not clearly understanding what that means. Well, you could smell. You could smell the the cannabis is, it should be completely sealed. I don't see you cited for it, so I'm sure that you're that you would, you would know. But I'm just asking you. Yeah, I think that one complaint was about our micro business license in North Hollywood. If I'm not mistaken, right?

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02:21:46.740 --> 02:22:03.779

DCR: Or it is particular for this license particular for this License. It said that there was. There was fumes. High School kids could see, you know, it might entice them, and there was also an issue with the parking. It was dangerous for traffic going by. That's what the complaint was.

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02:22:03.930 --> 02:22:31.669

DCR: I mean. The store is located in in shopping plaza. So shopping plaza has a lot of parkings there. Regarding the fumes. I do not believe it's a correct assessment, because all the cannabis we get. It's a prepackaged you know, products. I mean, even being in the store. You can smell cannabis. I don't know where that comment comes from. Honestly, I just wanted to just inquire. Thank you.

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02:22:33.570 --> 02:22:57.539

DCR: Commissioner Farley. I had a question. You've been operational for a year. You talked about how you work together with the the surrounding businesses. Can you talk a little bit about how you partner in the community with the, with the businesses? Yeah, we're trying to get a better understanding the needs of our neighbors. businesses. Specifically, there is a smoke shop in the same shopping plaza

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02:22:57.670 --> 02:22:58.310

DCR: and

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02:22:59.340 --> 02:23:12.709

DCR: before we were opened the owner of the smoke shop. We're concerned that we might start selling some you know, papers, and job breaks, or any accessories that would harm their business.

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02:23:12.810 --> 02:23:24.799

DCR: and we got a pretty good understanding that we will not carry those type of an items in order not to have an impact on their business. So we kept our word. We strictly just selling just cannabis goods.

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02:23:25.590 --> 02:23:26.410

DCR: Thank you.

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02:23:28.350 --> 02:23:29.750

DCR: Any other questions.

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02:23:32.410 --> 02:23:38.030

DCR: All right. Thank you for being here. Thank you for having us. We are on to deliberations, if any.

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02:23:41.620 --> 02:23:43.350

DCR: we are on to the motion.

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02:23:45.150 --> 02:24:02.969

DCR: This Commissioner Lynn, in regards to item Number 8, Dcr core record number 3, 2, 0 0 3, 3 for the business located at 1, 3, 5, 6, 7, Lent Oaks Boulevard. I make a motion to adopt the staff report. Vice President Nash seconds the motion.

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02:24:03.090 --> 02:24:12.440

DCR: Thank you, Mr. Wiesel, please call the Roll Commissioner Lim. Aye, Vice President Nash, I Commissioner Barnby.

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02:24:14.300 --> 02:24:19.230

DCR: Aye, Commissioner Melendez. Aye, President Mason.

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02:24:19.360 --> 02:24:22.399

DCR: Aye, the motion passes. Thank you.

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02:24:22.810 --> 02:24:44.309

DCR: Item 9 Pcr. Core record number 3, 1, 0 0 1 5. The applicant is Imperia holdings LlC. To approve an annual license for storefront retail, commercial cannabis activity located at 7,677 West Sunset Boulevard. Mr. Vizo. Are there any Neighborhood Council or elected office representatives on this item.

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02:24:44.470 --> 02:24:48.570

DCR: No, we do not have a Speaker card or a raised hand in a virtual meeting.

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02:24:48.740 --> 02:24:51.669

DCR: Okay, thank you. Then at this time we'll hear from Staff.

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02:24:52.480 --> 02:25:15.290

DCR: This is management. Analyst Megan bloem. Presenting item number 9 for the Department of Cannabis Regulation, Dcr, core record number 3, 1 0 0 1 5 is associated with Imperial holdings. Llc. The applicant seeks an annual license for type 10 retail commercial cannabis activity. The business is located at 7,677 West Sunset Boulevard, in the Hollywood Community Plan area within Council District 13.

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02:25:15.670 --> 02:25:40.750

DCR: The applicant was issued temporary approval by Dcr. With an effective date of January 1, st 2023. Since that time the applicant has completed all requirements for the issuance of an annual license in accordance with Lamc. Section 104, 0, 6. The applicant currently possesses a State provisional license number c. 10, 0 0 1, 2, 9, 9, lic. To conduct retail with on-site sales, which is active through May 18, th of 2025.

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02:25:40.880 --> 02:26:08.300

DCR: The applicant is subject to the requirements of Lamc, section 104 20 for the social equity program. To comply with equity share requirements, seias must possess unrestricted ownership of their share of the social equity, applicant business, a proportional right to vote and to the profits and include code mandated language as part of the application process. Dcr. Reviewed the corporate and ownership documentation provided for this applicant and determined that the applicant met the minimum equity share requirements at the time

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02:26:08.630 --> 02:26:35.289

DCR: the Commission voted to continue the hearing of this application on the originally scheduled date of December 5, th 2024, to allow time for the applicant to comply with pending violation and correction notices issued by the compliance and Enforcement Division as recommended by the Department. A compliance inspection was recently conducted, and a representative from compliance and enforcement division is in attendance and available to provide an overview of the compliance activities at the end of Licensing's presentation

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02:26:35.470 --> 02:26:51.690

DCR: on or about October 17, th 2024 Dcr. Provided notice of the Community meeting and Cannabis Regulation Commission meeting by mail to the owners and occupants of all property within 700 feet of the property line of the business premises. Notice was provided. In accordance with the municipal code.

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02:26:51.980 --> 02:27:10.810

DCR: Dcr. Held 2 virtual community meetings, one on November 14th and November 18, th 2024. During the meetings members of the public were afforded 2 min each to speak about the application. Dcr also accepted online written input through the date of the community meeting, 5 community residents and 3 business representatives spoke in favor of the business

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02:27:10.810 --> 02:27:23.419

DCR: citing. It is well managed with great security services, friendly and knowledgeable staff that provide a welcoming atmosphere that is clean and pet friendly. One resident argued against the store questioning. If the business was operating prior to being licensed

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02:27:23.510 --> 02:27:26.580

DCR: and is concerned, the storm may attract crime to the community

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02:27:26.780 --> 02:27:43.839

DCR: based on the department's analysis. The proposed project is consistent with the criteria for class one and class 32. Categorical exemption pursuant to ceqa guidelines. Since the project meets all of the requirements, and none of the applicable exceptions apply. It is appropriate to determine. This project is categorically exempt.

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02:27:43.940 --> 02:27:56.760

DCR: The Staff report lists a number of reasons. Dcr. Or the Commission may deny a license. At present Dcr. Is not aware of any existing facts or circumstances to deny this annual license for the reasons in Lamc. Section 104, 0 4,

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02:27:56.900 --> 02:28:09.379

DCR: therefore Dcr. Recommends the Commission adopt the recommendations included in the Staff report and approve the issuance of this annual license that concludes Licensing's presentation for this item. Compliance and enforcement will now provide the review.

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02:28:13.150 --> 02:28:19.149

DCR: Good afternoon Commissioners, Rocky Wiles Division Chief for the Compliance and Enforcement Division for Dcr.

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02:28:20.540 --> 02:28:35.350

DCR: This location came to our attention back in November of 2023, due to a shooting that occurred during a special event. So it was one of the very 1st locations that the new division investigated.

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02:28:36.190 --> 02:28:58.129

DCR: We have. There were 2 notices violations that we issued, and those 2 notices have been resolved via a settlement agreement that was executed in June of last year. I can go through the nob violations and a timeline if you would like. But I want to give you the

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02:28:58.739 --> 02:29:04.609

DCR: the space to ask questions. I don't know if you want me to go into all the details

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02:29:04.730 --> 02:29:06.540

DCR: since this has been resolved.

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02:29:06.840 --> 02:29:09.429

DCR: But I can do that at your pleasure.

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02:29:10.780 --> 02:29:34.929

DCR: They're currently in compliance. Currently they are in compliance. Let me add, that part of the settlement also required that we conduct a compliance inspection, which we did in August of last year, and they did pass that compliance inspection. We didn't issue a notice to correct. So the compliance the compliance team did conduct a compliance inspection.

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02:29:38.060 --> 02:29:40.509

DCR: no issues, no issues.

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02:29:40.960 --> 02:29:42.779

DCR: As I said, it's been resolved.

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02:29:43.380 --> 02:29:50.161

DCR: So don't know if you want me to go through the whole timeline, but I'm here to answer all your questions.

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02:29:51.210 --> 02:30:07.630

DCR: This is Vice President. This is Vice President. I'd like to have a little bit more detail about the violations. With the dates. And there were 3 complaints. Can you tell us what each of the complaints were?

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02:30:08.330 --> 02:30:19.890

DCR: From from memory? I do remember looking at the complaints, and they were mostly they were about the special events. Yes, they were about the parties that they were hosting on site

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02:30:20.570 --> 02:30:27.170

DCR: and because of the shooting, also that exacerbated the number of complaints that we received.

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02:30:28.144 --> 02:30:43.775

DCR: The 1st notice of violation was issued in it was issued in February of last year, and we cited them for hosting an unlicensed cannabis event. They had

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02:30:44.540 --> 02:31:10.410

DCR: They did changes to their security cameras, the locations without submitting a business premises, diagram update to the department. So what we had and what was actually in the field was very different. We also cited them because they didn't report the shooting, which is also a requirement in our regulations. We knew about it obviously from the neighbors, and we did follow up with lapd

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02:31:11.960 --> 02:31:26.490

DCR: as far as the shooting. It was 2 patrons. They didn't catch the shooter. It was in the parking lot. He was injured, but there was no, there was no further follow up because they didn't catch the perpetrator.

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02:31:27.837 --> 02:31:36.340

DCR: There was also video games on Site their use of the DbA was not registered with our department.

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02:31:36.510 --> 02:31:44.930

DCR: and they were not able to produce records on site when we had, when we requested them.

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02:31:45.400 --> 02:31:49.210

DCR: The second Nov. Was issued on April 29, th

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02:31:49.640 --> 02:32:01.950

DCR: and at that time we cited them for another unlicensed cannabis event. Excuse me, Rocky. Yes, this is Commissioner Meliss. Can you? April 20th of what year? I'm sorry. 2024. Thank you.

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02:32:03.970 --> 02:32:15.490

DCR: We also cited them because their surveillance cameras were malfunctioning. And they did have another event where they had a Dj on site.

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02:32:18.220 --> 02:32:27.295

DCR: Those. Those were basically the violations that were on the notices. That we issued to this applicant.

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02:32:28.120 --> 02:32:32.349

DCR: it was difficult getting all the camera surveillance recordings

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02:32:32.500 --> 02:32:36.330

DCR: we made, I believe, 2 or 3 different requests

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02:32:36.600 --> 02:32:39.739

DCR: to them. The the 1st request

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02:32:40.130 --> 02:32:45.100

DCR: was made in December 20th of 2023.

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02:32:45.370 --> 02:32:52.460

DCR: We requested the surveillance recordings from november 11, th and November 12th

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02:32:53.442 --> 02:33:07.960

DCR: on December 29, th the license. They notified us that they could not comply with the request, because they didn't have the recordings for the past 90 days, so we never got the 1st request submitted or complied with.

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02:33:09.910 --> 02:33:11.323

DCR: Then, on

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DCR: On January 19th of 2024, we requested video surveillance for a period from January 1st to the 18th of 2024

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02:33:23.851 --> 02:33:33.390

DCR: we were informed on January 25th that they had modified the camera placements.

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DCR: So that was another violation. And basically we couldn't. We couldn't match the you know, where the cameras were to the business premises diagram. My staff really had a hard time matching you know the cameras.

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02:33:48.890 --> 02:33:55.530

DCR: What they were given us to was that what was on the business premises diagram. So we did cite them for that.

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02:33:59.112 --> 02:34:02.107

DCR: let me look, let me look. Yeah. And then

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02:34:03.020 --> 02:34:07.830

DCR: In January, on January 12th they actually held another special event.

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02:34:08.050 --> 02:34:09.100

DCR: So

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DCR: while we were, you know, back and forth trying to get video surveillance equipment, they did host another event.

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02:34:19.095 --> 02:34:39.809

DCR: However, you know the the Novs were issued. After all the special events were held. I know there was a question or pre-meeting about that. So they? They were on notice that these things, you know, we were asking for surveillance equipment. We had not cited them officially. We had not given them a notice of violation for those events.

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02:34:39.960 --> 02:34:51.150

DCR: But we had requested surveillance, equipment, surveillance recordings, for specific dates that were obviously because of, you know, special events.

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02:34:57.220 --> 02:35:13.209

DCR: and just to wrap that up in June is when we signed the, we executed the stipulated agreement, and it was a global settlement for both of the notices that we issued, and then in August we conducted the the inspection.

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02:35:14.970 --> 02:35:18.070

DCR: This is Vice President Nash, you know.

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02:35:19.668 --> 02:35:33.300

DCR: When you made the second request for the video. I understand that there was problem with the camera locations and the it being inconsistent with the diagram. But did they give you all the video you requested.

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02:35:35.198 --> 02:35:39.350

DCR: Yes, we had. It's 32 camera locations.

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02:35:40.018 --> 02:35:58.409

DCR: They they did. Finally, I believe they did do that. We didn't, because we didn't cite them again for that and we, you know. I attended several meetings with their attorneys, and we finally came to an agreement, and they eventually did. Yes.

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02:35:59.730 --> 02:36:05.130

DCR: and is Commissioner Melendez rocky? So the 1st

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02:36:05.310 --> 02:36:13.150

DCR: time that they had an event which was a shooting was in November of 2023. Yes, and then they had

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02:36:13.330 --> 02:36:16.559

DCR: another event. January 24th of 2024.

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02:36:16.960 --> 02:36:40.620

DCR: The second event was January 12th of 2024, all right, and then you mentioned something about April 29, th 2024, as well on April is when we issued the second notice of violation, and we cited them for that second event, and in between the 1st event and the second event, did somebody, from your compliance division speak to them and tell them that they were in violation by having events.

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02:36:43.500 --> 02:36:47.309

DCR: No, not we did not. Not. Officially.

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02:36:47.440 --> 02:36:51.179

DCR: The 1st notice was issued in February. Okay, thank you.

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02:36:52.390 --> 02:36:56.900

DCR: Solution form thanks, Rocky. So this is

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02:36:57.050 --> 02:37:01.850

DCR: my. What I'm hearing is, there were 2 events that took place.

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DCR: That is correct. Huh? Okay, November and January right? And even though

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DCR: there was no communication immediately after you did notify them of the violations of what that means in terms of the events. Correct? In February we did in February. Yes, right. Okay?

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DCR: And I mean, I'll I'll save my questions for the operator. But I just wanted to make sure that I understood that. And at this point, just to confirm they're in full compliance.

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DCR: Yes.

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02:37:34.570 --> 02:37:43.810

DCR: this Vice President Ash, how did the Department find out about the second event? I know that there were complaints about the 1st event to involved the shooting. But

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02:37:43.960 --> 02:37:47.030

DCR: how did the department find out about the second event?

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DCR: I can.

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02:37:49.920 --> 02:37:56.409

DCR: I don't want to misstate the facts, and I can confirm. But typically

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DCR: my investigators are looking through social media and things like that. But I can. I can confirm that I don't have that information with me right now.

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DCR: that's typically what we do. Yeah, thank you. This Commissioner Lim. Under the oral presentation it was stated that the this hearing was continued from December

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DCR: of December 5, of 2024, because of the the the compliance report. But

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DCR: the the report states that as of August 12, th 2024, they were in full compliance. So I don't recall why we continued this in December 5.

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DCR: It wasn't because of the to follow up on the compliance report because they were in compliance as of August 12, th 2024. Yes, Commissioner, I mean, I was prepared to testify it on that day. I the applicants representative is here.

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DCR: I believe you know, and I'm not on that day, and my memory is not the greatest. But on that day there were a couple 2 or 3 items that I think we have to continue. And I believe that maybe the I don't know if this is that case. But maybe the owners were out of town, I'll stop you because I don't want you to speculate. Yeah, yeah. But okay, yeah, I'll wait, but I just want to clarify that we the the report the oral report was given seemed inaccurate.

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DCR: This is management. Analyst Megan bloom licensing would like to clarify that, and I'll need to close out compliance and reopen the department. You got it.

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02:39:33.890 --> 02:39:35.720

DCR: Presentation. Go ahead.

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02:39:38.070 --> 02:39:47.070

DCR: You may go ahead licensing would like to clarify that licensing the department recommended the continuation due to the pending

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02:39:47.790 --> 02:39:49.169

DCR: compliance issues.

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02:39:51.740 --> 02:39:52.879

DCR: Oh, my Apollo.

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02:39:54.420 --> 02:40:05.740

DCR: I think rocky wilds may be correct, that the Department recommended the continuation due to availability of the applicant, and just not being ready to recommend it for approval.

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02:40:06.920 --> 02:40:07.910

DCR: Thank you.

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DCR: Maybe we ought to let the applicants be okay. We're going to close out the department's presentation at this time and call Mike Sage into the podium.

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02:40:24.700 --> 02:40:35.170

DCR: See everybody. Hello, Mike Sagan! Licensing consultant for Imperial holdings. Llc. Dcr. Number 3, 1, 0 0 1 5,

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02:40:36.720 --> 02:40:38.730

DCR: Should I start by clarifying?

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02:40:38.830 --> 02:40:42.829

DCR: Or do you want to wait? It's your 10 min, all right. So

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02:40:43.040 --> 02:40:50.859

DCR: I'm gonna do my piece. The owner was supposed to be here, but he just got admitted to the hospital. I showed Rocky all the pictures of that.

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DCR: and we also have our store manager on the line. Her phone number ends in 8, 2, 3, 8.

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DCR: I'll go 1st and we'll pass it to Allie.

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DCR: This store is located at 7, 6, 7, 7, Sunset Boulevard, on the north side of Sunset, east of Fairfax and west of La Brea.

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DCR: The business operates from 8 am. To 10 Pm. Daily.

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DCR: It has 20 parking spaces in its own parking lot, and there's always one security guard on site. They're current on all city and state taxes, as well as all Dcr fees.

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DCR: They have security cannabis bank account, so there's never excess cash on site, and last, but not least.

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DCR: they have an accurate certificate of occupancy with building and safety, and they also have their health emblem from the La County Health Department.

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DCR: although the requirement of obtaining an operating permit is still a few years away. We plan to be the 1st retailer to get that in the city.

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DCR: Not sure if anybody has that yet.

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DCR: I wanna share some personal sentiments on this one. I've come before you guys on a lot of applicant applications.

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DCR: and I don't pick favorites amongst my clients. But this one has done some really good work to to get in compliance.

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DCR: They had a rough start. There was an unfortunate incident at their grand opening party

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DCR: and after that there was a second violation that was given. Once security cameras were requested they

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DCR: they saw

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DCR: a Dj. Which is what led to the second violation. It was really a patient appreciation day with music playing but we can see how that is a violation. And it has been cured.

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DCR: I'll pass it to Ali now and then. I'll read the owners section that was printed earlier.

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DCR: Hallie's in the Queue Chelsea.

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02:43:06.660 --> 02:43:11.459

DCR: Yes, caller, with phone number ending in 8, 2, 3, 8.

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02:43:11.750 --> 02:43:14.599

DCR: Please state your name, and whether you represent the applicant.

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02:43:24.399 --> 02:43:32.380

16263908238: Good afternoon, everyone. My name is Allie Forrest, and I am the manager and neighborhood liaison of Imperial holdings. Llc.

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DCR: I appreciate the opportunity to present to this Commission today for our annual license.

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16263908238: We are proud to provide a space where every customer feels safe, valued and empowered with the information they need to make responsible decisions

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16263908238: beyond our storefront, we take pride in being active and engaged neighbors.

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16263908238: Every day we conduct trash pickups around the area to ensure that our surroundings remain clean and inviting

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16263908238: our team places great importance on maintaining open lines of communication with our neighbors and local authorities

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16263908238: to prove our commitment. I've attended Multiple Neighborhood Council meetings throughout the past year, even as recently as last night.

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16263908238: and we have addressed concerns promptly and thoughtfully. For example.

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16263908238: in response to a request from our Neighborhood Council. We took proactive steps to mitigate traffic concerns by requesting the city to install a permanent sign, directing customers exiting our parking lot to turn left towards Sunset Boulevard, away from residential areas.

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16263908238: While waiting for the city's response, we implemented interim measures, including a temporary sign and the presence of a security guard to ensure traffic flows in the desired direction.

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16263908238: This is just one example of our dedication to being proactive in addressing community needs.

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16263908238: We are also proactive in maintaining strict compliance with all of our Dcr's rules and regulations.

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16263908238: Although we didn't start off on the right foot, we quickly pivoted, studied the regulations, and became a model retailer.

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16263908238: one that the Dcr can use as an example of a success story. Our 1st annual compliance inspection which took place this past August resulted in no violations and no corrections were needed. I can personally say that the journey of running this store has been transformative. My team and I have overcome challenges grown together, and we have committed ourselves to creating a safe, compliant, and community oriented space.

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16263908238: I am confident in our ability to maintain and exceed these standards ensuring that our presence continues to be a positive force in the neighborhood. Thank you for your time and consideration. This concludes my portion, but I will stay on the line in case I need to address any questions. Thank you.

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02:45:42.830 --> 02:45:44.310

DCR: Thank you for calling in

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02:45:45.196 --> 02:45:55.640

DCR: Commissioners any questions for the applicant? Can I just also read? Oh, I'm sorry you're still. I'm sorry. Thank you so much. So yeah. Alan has something written. I'll read it.

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DCR: Good afternoon, Commissioners and Dcr staff.

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02:46:00.110 --> 02:46:16.599

DCR: My name is Alan Artunian. Obviously it's not. And I'm the owner of imperi Holdings, LLC. I'm thankful to be here today, and I'd like to express my deepest gratitude to Dcr. Staff to Rocky and the Compliance Division, and to this commission for making this possible.

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DCR: It's been quite a journey since we opened in November 2023. I have faced numerous challenges, and I've learned valuable lessons while our grand opening was overshadowed by an unfortunate incident. I stand here today proud of the strides we have made to enhance our operations and compliance.

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DCR: The safety of our customers and neighbors are of the utmost importance, and have been a focus of ours in the past year.

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DCR: As Ali mentioned, we open lines of communication with Lapd and our Neighborhood Council to address any potential concerns.

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DCR: As a matter of fact, at the Hollywood Hills, West Neighborhood Council meeting this past November, the President of the Council and the senior lead officer covering the area, reported that neither have received complaints about our store since our grand opening. This shows how far we have come, and is a testament to the importance of community engagement.

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DCR: Our commitment extends beyond security. We are 100% committed to full compliance with the Dcr rules and regulations.

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DCR: I know I'm reiterating what Ali and Mike have already stated, but it's worth to mention

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DCR: the Compliance and Enforcement division really deserve major kudos for all the informative materials they have put out.

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DCR: We tuned into their compliance webinar last year, and we also studied their 32 page self assessment, compliance checklist. It is because of these materials that we were able to achieve perfect compliance.

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DCR: Thank you. Again.

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02:47:47.480 --> 02:47:52.899

DCR: wasn't there one more thing you wanted to address regarding the continuance.

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02:47:53.130 --> 02:47:54.850

DCR: Yeah. So

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02:47:55.480 --> 02:48:01.989

DCR: I was supposed to be here. I'm listed as a authorized contact on the record. But I was out of town.

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02:48:02.420 --> 02:48:07.960

DCR: and we had our store manager Ali here, ready to present. But

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02:48:08.110 --> 02:48:17.960

DCR: since she wasn't listed as an authorized contact. I believe that's why it was continued, okay, thank you.

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02:48:21.320 --> 02:48:28.710

DCR: You're finished. Sure, I'll I know there's a lot of questions coming. So Commissioners questions for the applicant.

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02:48:32.060 --> 02:48:34.126

DCR: This is Vice President, hash.

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02:48:35.521 --> 02:48:40.350

DCR: I'm a little concerned about the fact that there were 2 special events.

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DCR: It's somewhat mitigated by the fact that

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02:48:44.862 --> 02:49:06.990

DCR: compliance has indicated that you had not received the notice of violation on the 1st event before the second event occurred. But I would just like a statement from the after as to why the second event occurred. When I assume, after the 1st event, they knew that it was not allowed.

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02:49:08.300 --> 02:49:12.749

DCR: When the second event happened, the applicant still

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02:49:12.940 --> 02:49:22.210

DCR: was unsure of what is allowed and what's not allowed. The 1st event for sure was a full blown event, no debating that.

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DCR: The second one could be debatable, but we didn't debate it. We we understood Ced's position, and we we settled that violation. It was

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02:49:34.340 --> 02:49:37.610

DCR: literally a patient Appreciation day with

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02:49:37.810 --> 02:49:41.890

DCR: a setup that had a Dj.

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02:49:42.290 --> 02:49:50.870

DCR: The person that was there is a Dj. And there was music playing. But this is a famous Dj, that's also associated with cannabis.

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02:49:52.710 --> 02:49:56.990

DCR: Was that event inside or outside the dispensary inside?

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02:50:00.590 --> 02:50:01.420

DCR: Thank you.

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02:50:02.120 --> 02:50:09.510

DCR: The 2 events are not comparable, like the 1st one is a full on blown big violation.

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DCR: and the second one is not.

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02:50:13.490 --> 02:50:20.630

DCR: I guess, by the letter of the law. It it is, but it's it wasn't a party per se.

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02:50:21.480 --> 02:50:24.000

DCR: But there was amplified music.

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02:50:25.770 --> 02:50:30.980

DCR: Yes, okay, question

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02:50:34.880 --> 02:50:36.530

DCR: is Commissioner Melendez.

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02:50:37.650 --> 02:50:59.080

DCR: So when when the applicant applied for his license right? And there's all these rules and regulations that come with the application. It's just something you skip over. Or is it something that you know they read? And there, they say, Okay, this is not that can't do this, but I'm going to do it anyways, or is it just he didn't read it at all. That's the question.

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02:51:00.770 --> 02:51:19.519

DCR: So for the record, I was not an authorized contact on this when the application was submitted. I do go over the rules and regulations, and there is a Dcr form where applicants attest that they're familiar with the rules and regulations.

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DCR: I asked them if their attorney went over that with them

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02:51:23.970 --> 02:51:28.160

DCR: before they did this, and they had no clue of it.

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02:51:30.350 --> 02:51:38.849

DCR: Most operators. And I'm not saying it's okay. But most operators throw grand opening parties, not knowing that it's a violation

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02:51:39.870 --> 02:51:49.209

DCR: that's concerning you guys have seen it throughout. Your hearings. It's it's a common thing. Unfortunately.

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02:51:49.680 --> 02:51:56.830

DCR: this Commissioner Lim, when did you get retained to be a consultant for this applicant?

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DCR: After they got the notice of violation, a mutual contact got me in touch with the applicant.

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DCR: Because it's it's it's commendable

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02:52:06.250 --> 02:52:19.040

DCR: that after rough start to get a 0 citations, it's, I think this may be the only second or 3rd one that we've seen. So that's very commendable, and

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02:52:19.160 --> 02:52:25.779

DCR: to have the city Council send us a letter in full support

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02:52:25.890 --> 02:52:33.159

DCR: of this application is also, it may be, a 1st for us, I appreciate, you know. So it's it's

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02:52:33.490 --> 02:52:46.780

DCR: and you 8 out of 9 favorable from the neighborhood. So it's there's definitely seems that there was a change. And that's why we've definitely gained the support of of the neighborhood and the Council.

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02:52:50.520 --> 02:52:52.000

DCR: Any other questions.

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02:52:53.140 --> 02:52:56.259

DCR: Alright, thank you for being here, Mike. Thank you.

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DCR: We are on to deliberations.

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DCR: The commission for me.

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DCR: Just kind of like listening and looking at the trajectory of

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02:53:09.270 --> 02:53:16.270

DCR: this applicant. It was obviously some rocky starts here both unintended.

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02:53:16.823 --> 02:53:20.939

DCR: When we talk about the the shooting, but also with the 2

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DCR: events after being notified, or of these being clear violations.

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02:53:28.190 --> 02:53:32.359

DCR: Since then it appears that there's been some

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02:53:32.870 --> 02:53:49.040

DCR: some improved relations with the community which I think goes a long way through through the Neighborhood Council meetings that took place, and they're currently in compliance. But I think to to vice President Nash's point, what was

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DCR: kind of coming up for me was the the 2 incidents of of the events. Not sure, I mean listening to listen to the comments. I understand it, but

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02:54:00.980 --> 02:54:07.880

DCR: you know that's a little concerning for me to hear the comment around that most operators

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02:54:08.090 --> 02:54:20.719

DCR: kind of kick off their grand opening in violation. So I think that there's something that we can work on in terms of education, but in terms of the current moment they seem to be in in compliance.

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02:54:21.476 --> 02:54:46.029

DCR: This is President Mason. What I appreciate about their this applicant is that they went above and beyond what the code requests in terms of Neighborhood Council engagement, and that they do attend the meetings regularly, and they have incorporated some of the Neighborhood Councilman Council recommendations into their operating practices. The other thing that jumped out for me was their

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02:54:46.310 --> 02:54:52.940

DCR: review and self-assessment performed

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02:54:53.260 --> 02:55:14.174

DCR: as it pertains to the Ceds self assessment checklist. And I think that's I'm sure that's the 1st I've heard an applicant say that they've utilized the checklist and compared their performance against what would be required. And that's what helped them successfully pass the last compliance inspection.

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DCR: I note a rocky beginning. But I note progress.

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02:55:19.820 --> 02:55:23.839

DCR: and I also note that they have

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02:55:24.220 --> 02:55:29.160

DCR: negotiated a settlement with the department, and that they are paying

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02:55:29.260 --> 02:55:35.389

DCR: that settlement. So all of those things added up are a win for me.

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DCR: You just repeated what this Commissioner Lim. You just repeated what I was going to say much better. By the way, thank you.

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02:55:44.930 --> 02:56:07.979

DCR: Yeah. I think they had a choice. To tell you the truth, you know, to be in that position to actually get what they want. I mean, I think they had to do exactly what they have done, so I give them credit for getting their act together and making that happen. But we've seen some who don't exhibit the same level of cooperation. So.

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DCR: But thank you for that. Any other comments.

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02:56:11.370 --> 02:56:12.870

DCR: Is there a motion

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02:56:13.850 --> 02:56:43.410

DCR: Commissioner farmy. This item, 9, right? Okay. Item number 9. Do you see our court record number 3, 1, 0 0 1 5. The applicant is imperial holdings. Llc. Located in Hollywood, Hollywood Hills, West Neighborhood. The premise address is 7, 6, 7, 7, West Sunset Boulevard. I make a motion to accept the Staff's recommendation, as stated, does Commissioner Lim. I second that.

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02:56:43.680 --> 02:56:53.650

DCR: Thank you, Mr. Wiesel, please call the Roll Commissioner Formby. Aye, Commissioner Lim. Aye, Commissioner Melendez. Aye.

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02:56:53.800 --> 02:56:56.009

DCR: Vice President, Nash. Aye.

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02:56:56.510 --> 02:57:13.099

DCR: President Mason. Aye, the motion passes, and the time is 4, 17. Thank you, Mr. Wiesel. And madam President, needs a quick break. We will be back at 4, 25 Commissioners, 4, 25. I need you back in your seats. Thank you.

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03:06:12.320 --> 03:06:13.869

DCR: We may resume.

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03:06:14.280 --> 03:06:16.590

DCR: The time is 4, 27.

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DCR: We are resuming with item number 10, Dcr. Core record number 3, 2, 0 0 4, 8.

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DCR: The applicant is Lne retail Ll. To approve an annual license for storefront.

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DCR: retail commercial cannabis activity located at 4, 3, 6, 9, South Venice Avenue.

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DCR: We are going to begin with the department presentation

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DCR: Before the Department presents. I believe that there may be comments from either other city departments or

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DCR: members of the Neighborhood Councilor, Commission or Council Office.

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DCR: Okay, we're starting off with the Neighborhood Council, aren't we?

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DCR: This is City Attorney Allison Dole. We had discussed that we were going to have the department present first, st

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DCR: so that all information is available prior to the engagement with the additional stakeholders, so that all information can be available

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DCR: as part of the deliberations.

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DCR: My apologies, Mr. Clean.

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DCR: That's fair, that's a fair look.

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DCR: Jason, clean assistant executive director, acting general manager, currently.

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DCR: Here for item number 10 for the Department of Cannabis Regulation.

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DCR: I would like to preempt some of the comments that I anticipate will come later.

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DCR: Dcr. Core, record number 3, 2, 0 0 4, 8 was submitted on October 10th of 2023,

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DCR: so to the extent that there was unlicensed commercial cannabis activity at this location prior to the date of the application. This does not have anything to do with this particular applicant.

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DCR: I do know that Lapd had investigated this location previously for an unlicensed cultivation grow.

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DCR: The Lapd did not file any criminal proceedings against the landlord or the operator. This location was not subject to a conviction for either illegal cannabis, activity, or unlicensed cannabis activity, nor did the department of Building and safety padlock this location for unlicensed activity, as they're allowed to do by code.

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DCR: and the Department of Water and Power did not do a utility shut off for unlicensed commercial cannabis activity. At this location.

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DCR: Currently, Dcr does not have any formal record from Lapd and a review of the Lapd crime map does not show actually any crimes tied to this particular location. I know there were a number of comments made as it pertains to people, not filing police reports, but the lack of filing a police report, and then conjecture within the hearing does not rise to the level of a reason to deny

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DCR: the applicant is seeking an annual license for the type 10 commercial cannabis activity.

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DCR: The applicant does not currently have a license from the Department of cannabis regulation to operate. They are non operational. The business is located at 4,369 South Venice Avenue, Los Angeles, California, 9 0 0 6 2, which is located in the West Adams, Baldwin Hills, Lemur Park Community Plan area, which is located within Council District 8.

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DCR: This application was last heard before the Commission on December 5th of 2024, due to strong opposition from the community, and a lack of clarity of whether or not there were Lapd calls. The Commission voted to continue this their decision on this matter until today's date, to allow for time for the applicants to meet with the community members and the Empowerment Congress, Central Area Neighborhood Council.

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DCR: As I mentioned previously, the applicant has not yet been issued. Temporary approval by Dcr.

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DCR: The applicant is actively competing completing all of the requirements for the issuance of an annual license. If they are issued an annual license, and they pass a initial inspection, they would be eligible to get temporary approval and begin operations.

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DCR: The applicant does not currently possess a State license. That may have changed since the last time we brought this issue before the Commission.

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DCR: based on the Department's analysis, the proposed project is consistent with the criteria for a class one and class 32. Categorical exemption pursuant to the SQL guidelines. Since the project meets all of the requirements, and none of the applicable exceptions applied is appropriate to determine. This project is categorically exempt.

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DCR: The Staff report lists a number of reasons. Dcr. The Commission may deny a license. At present Dcr. Is not aware of any existing facts or circumstances to deny the annual license for the reasons in the municipal code under sections 104.0 4. As I previously mentioned.

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DCR: the property is properly zoned, the property is properly distanced, and there have not been any

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DCR: activity at the location for unlicensed activity that would make it scorched earth and prevent the license issue issuance. Currently, Dcr does not have anything on the record to warrant placing any conditions due to graffiti

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DCR: vagrants in and around the property. The way that the property owner is maintaining the property. You know, to the extent that residents have an issue with the property owner

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DCR: and their landlord. The city does have a Los Angeles housing department. Complaints can be filed directly to the housing department. Their investigators will investigate complaints about the dwelling, the status of the dwelling, and that's how that would be properly handled.

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DCR: But as it relates to the cannabis applicant, this is not the appropriate forum to, you know, raise concerns about the landlord, and how they're treating the tenants. As I said, this is a commercially zoned property. It is multi-use, and the 1st floor is allowed to have a retail storefront business.

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DCR: And that concludes the oh, I did respond. I did review all of the correspondence that came before the Commission today. So if you have questions about specific correspondence, I do have it in front of me. And that concludes the Department's presentation.

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DCR: Thank you.

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DCR: Assistant director, colleen, assist President Mason. I do have a question.

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DCR: Is this applicant in the possession of an operating permit from the department.

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DCR: No, and are they in U of

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DCR: I did hear you say that they do not have a temporary approval.

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DCR: and so delivery services would fall under commercial cannabis activity

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03:13:18.160 --> 03:13:21.180

DCR: if it was occurring at this location. Yes.

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DCR: okay, thank you. I have no other questions, for now

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DCR: this is vice President yash during public comment. There were a couple of comments that I want to inquire

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DCR: with the department.

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DCR: One of the comments was that there's 12 dispensaries within 2 miles.

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DCR: You know I've did a little bit of math, and I thought if that was true.

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DCR: there would have to be a violation of the

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DCR: the distance between dispensaries. So I wonder if that

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DCR: from the Department's perspective is true or not? There.

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DCR: And the second question which is related, since you're doing a search is that they mentioned that there's 2 schools nearby. Can you tell me what the closest school is, and how far it is away.

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DCR: Yes, I can, sir. Give me one moment.

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DCR: -

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DCR: The closest school is

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DCR: 40 Second Street elementary school. And that's outside of a 700 foot radius of the business.

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DCR: There is no other commercial cannabis business within

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DCR: 700 feet of this location, and there's nothing

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DCR: within thousands of feet on Van Ness. Of this location the closest northbound dispensary

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DCR: is located on Second Avenue, and I can do a more in depth. Calculation, if you need it. But there's there's no

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DCR: commercial cannabis business anywhere close to 700 feet for this location.

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DCR: and the school is well outside of 700 feet.

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DCR: Thank you.

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DCR: Any other questions for the department at this time. This Commissioner Wynn.

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DCR: in regards to sensitive use. This is a mixed unit where it's commercial on the 1st floor and residential on the second floor. What is the is that in any way limitation, or is a violation of sensitive use under the auto guideline.

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DCR: Jason Green, Assistant Executive Director, Commissioner Lim. This property is zoned c. 2, which is allowable for a type, 10 retail storefront license. So the zoning does comply with the requirements for a commercial cannabis business. The fact that it's mixed use does not preclude the issuance of a license, and there are no sensitive use or distancing restrictions between residentially owned properties or units and a commercial cannabis dispensary. And, in fact.

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DCR: this Commission knows that a lot of times you have the commercial corridor, and then directly behind that commercial property are residential properties.

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DCR: right? But this is a mixed use for this 1st floor and a second floor, and

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DCR: possibly the same Hvac system is being used for all the units, and I'm wondering if that in any way violates any sensitive use. It does not violate any sensitive use, and if the tenants have concerns about the way the property is maintained, those are best addressed through the Los Angeles Housing

department, so that the housing inspectors can go out and do an investigation to determine whether or not the landlord is responsible for remedying anything at the property.

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DCR: This Commissioner Lim, again, now obviously engaging in an unlicensed cannabis, is one of the reasons to deny this application. There has been several public

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DCR: accusations that talked about these.

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DCR: I'm sorry. That's warning number one.

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DCR: you may continue. Oh, thank you about improper delivery smells. Hvac being removed, and and so on, and so on, to imply that it's illegal use. However, as you mentioned, the police department has no record on illegal cannabis operation, no lockdown, no cut off the water and utilities.

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DCR: Is it prudent for us to deny an application based upon an accusation made by the community?

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DCR: The municipal code outlines specific reasons why the Commission or the Department can deny a license

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DCR: for unlicensed commercial cannabis, activity or illegal cannabis activity. That threshold is a conviction.

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DCR: To my knowledge the business entity has not been convicted of a violation of the municipal code for unlicensed commercial cannabis activity. As you correctly stated, my testimony was the department of water and power did not do a utility shut off at this location, the building was not subject to padlocking by the department of Building and safety, and the investigation by Lapd for an illegal grow.

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DCR: You know, to the extent that it predated when the application was submitted.

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DCR: doesn't make it the current applicant's responsibility, and, as members of the public have stated, they have complaints about smell and unlicensed cannabis activity going back 3 years, and this applicant applied for a license in October of 2023.

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DCR: Does Commissioner live? Do we? Do we know why that

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DCR: they they're not ready to open or ready to get a provisional license.

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DCR: It seems that process been going on for a while. I mean, it's they've been in the process for less than 18 months. It's not uncommon for businesses to take 6, 1218 plus months to go through the permitting process.

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DCR: They also have to apply for and get their state license in order to operate they could have been doing tenant improvements, doing other things at the location to bring it up to code. But at this time the applicant does not have a license to engage from the city. And they'll need that license plus their state license before they can begin operations.

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DCR: Thank you, Commissioner. Farming

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DCR: So this this location, this operation, has no permit or temporary approval. Is that correct?

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DCR: They do not have a license from the city to engage in commercial cannabis activity. Correct? Okay.

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DCR: We've heard from the community not just today, but in the past.

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DCR: Regarding issues and concerns about this property.

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DCR: Not just the property itself, because what I'm hearing is not an ideological issue, but it's more so around this specific

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DCR: operator. So that's what I want to get to. This specific operator

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DCR: currently is not what I'm asking. This specific operator is not

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DCR: in the process or currently in compliance to operate a retail storefront business. Is that correct?

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DCR: The applicant does not currently possess a city of Los Angeles license to engage in commercial cannabis activity at this location

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DCR: we doing here? So I look, I

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DCR: I'm hoping that we can get some clarification if the operators here. I think I've heard what I needed to hear from the community, but I would like to be able to hear something to kind of give us some validation as to what's happening here. And Jason, my, my clarification question

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DCR: to you, is, how how being that? This is? Not

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DCR: it doesn't have the permit or the the temporary approval. Do we know or have any idea, how long

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DCR: the this place has been operating under the current

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DCR: situation? There? There's no evidence currently that they are operating since the application got submitted. There are Google links associated with a different business entity for the location that predates when the application was submitted.

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DCR: You know, it's not uncommon for

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DCR: applicants to apply at locations that were previously associated with non proposition d non emmd non licensed locations given the sensitive use and buffering restrictions. There are limited commercial corridors where people can operate, and you know there are fewer landlords that are willing to

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DCR: lease to this type of business. So it's not uncommon that somebody now is looking to go into a location where there was previous unlicensed activity or unpermitted activity. But that shouldn't be held against the applicant.

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DCR: Understood. Understood. Okay, this is President Mason. What is this applicant's Db

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DCR: the applicant does not have a. dB. On file. The legal business name is Lnd retail. Llc, okay?

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DCR: And to the best of the department's knowledge.

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DCR: are any of the current partners in L. And E.

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DCR: Associated

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DCR: with the prior owner in any way, shape or form. Did any of the prior occupants of the premises migrate over to this new partnership.

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DCR: To the

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DCR: best of the department's knowledge. We don't track any of the occupancy or other related information, especially as it would have related to an unpermitted non applicant of the department. For this particular record. This is the only application we have ever received

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DCR: for this address, so we only have ownership information as it applies to L and E for the application for you today. Okay, thank you.

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DCR: That's Commissioner Melendez, Jason.

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DCR: So this is a C 10

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DCR: if there are children that live in that building is there? Can you explain how the C. 10 and the

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DCR: and the separation between that and and the housing above how that is impacted.

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DCR: From a land use where it can be located. There's nothing there's nothing that would preclude it from being there, you know to the extent that residents have concerns about the Hvac system, you know. That's something that should go through the housing department. They should talk to the landlords about it. You know, when the city was considering commercial cannabis regulations, there was a lot of discussion about.

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DCR: If you lived in a an apartment, and the landlord allows people to consume cannabis and smoke cannabis in their unit. Well, you have shared walls. You have shared ventilation, etc.

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DCR: Ultimately it's up to landlord to make that determination, and if a tenant is unhappy with the smells and the owner and the landlord's allowing it, then, you know effectively, they could look for a new location to live in, as you know, cold, hard as it sounds, but there are no

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DCR: restrictions. There are no requirements placed on the business to upgrade the Hvac system or do anything else. And you know this is not a cultivation location. It's purely retail storefront, so these will have to be prepackaged. So odor, mitigation is something that we would take into account. But ultimately, if the residents are concerned about the Hvac system or shared ventilation. They're gonna have to raise those issues with their landlord.

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DCR: No, thank you, Jason.

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DCR: This is City Attorney Alison Toll. I do just want to clarify some questions that were asked earlier about the reasons for denial, and I want to make sure that we're

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DCR: super clear on those reasons. So under 104 0, 4 B. 7. When we talk about the unlicensed activity that may be happening. If there is a conviction as tied to that business premises, that business premises is not eligible for licensure for 5 years. Separately there is 104, 15 which prohibits unlicensed commercial cannabis activity, but that attaches to a

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DCR: person. So any entity or individual conducting unlicensed commercial activity is not eligible

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DCR: for licensure. So there's there's 2 different

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DCR: roots when we are talking about unlicensed activity. This is President Mason. I aren't there. 3, 1 0, 4, that oh, 0 6 e.

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DCR: I'm sorry. This was. I'm related. I'm relating this specifically back to Commissioner Lim's question. Yes, I'll be quiet in addition to the

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DCR: myriad. For reasons this Commissioner Lim, in regards to the second one that you mentioned. Yes, about a person doing business unlawful on cannabis. Does that have to arise to a conviction? It does not.

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DCR: But there needs to be evidence to that effect.

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DCR: but it does not require a conviction.

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DCR: And under which venue is this evidence taken in in any venue? Or

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DCR: do you mean, how would the Department accept evidence of that? Sufficient documentation by the Los Angeles police department?

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DCR: Well, how about all these people today at the public, this commission. How about other people?

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DCR: The public comments that we've heard today about, you know, illegal activity being conducted in this area seems

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DCR: sufficient evidence there, do we, and that would be at your

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DCR: at your discretion. So this is where your your independent fact finding does come in at this point. But, the extent that you are forming a denial. You need to

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DCR: find that there is sufficient evidence of the unlicensed activity, and we also it depends on your grounds for denial. Were you to deny. And we can

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DCR: talk about that later. That's a premature conversation. Yeah. But I I do want to clarify that

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DCR: the department of cannabis regulation has no jurisdiction over unlicensed commercial cannabis activity. We don't make a determination of fact to that, you know. Complaints that come in about unlicensed activity would get routed to the Los Angeles police department, and then they, as their subject matter experts, would determine whether or not they work with the Department of Water and Power Department of Building and Safety, the city attorney's office to adjudicate. You know those allegations.

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DCR: There's Commissioner Lim. But if we are talking about a granting a annual license, and there is sufficient evidence

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DCR: to indicate that a person was conducting illegal business at that location.

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DCR: I don't think we need to go through the police department

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DCR: or a lockout or water utility being turned off to make that a reason to deny the application. Is that correct?

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DCR: I'm just trying to figure out what our authorities are. Hi, this is President Mason. You know what? Before we go down that rabbit hole I'm going to request. Commissioner Lim. You hold that until we get to deliberations and let's move on to the next presenter.

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DCR: If we're done with the Department because we can always reopen. Alright.

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DCR: then we are moving on to the Neighborhood Council Presentation.

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DCR: President Mason. I do want to note that there's a raised hand in the virtual meeting. I'm not certain who that may be.

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DCR: Are you all expecting someone to call in? No.

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DCR: okay, give me just a moment, you can confirm, but

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DCR: they have no time at this time. Right.

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DCR: caller with phone. The hand went away. Oh, there it goes! One more time.

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DCR: caller with phone number ending in 9, 9, 6, 6. Please state your name, and if you

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DCR: are part of the Neighborhood Council on this item.

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13102949966: This is Sarah Leedy.

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13102949966: Can I be heard.

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DCR: Are you with the Neighborhood Neighborhood Council.

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13102949966: No, actually, I am with the consultant.

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13102949966: Yeah, I'm with the applicant team.

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DCR: Okay, we the Commission President has not called on the applicant yet, so we will put you back in the queue.

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TELEPHONE_USER: Thank you.

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DCR: Thank you. Okay, please. State each of your names for the record. And

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DCR: Alrighty, I'm Janae Copeland oops. Sorry. Ingrid Rivera Guzman, Harry Frischberg.

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DCR: Awesome. May we continue? And what Neighborhood Council are you with? We're with empowerment. Congress, Central Area Neighborhood Council, Ec. Central. My name is Janae Copeland. I'm the President. Thank you, Commissioners. You may begin

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DCR: awesome. Good afternoon. Thank you. My name is Janae Copeland, President of Ec. Central Neighborhood Council. We collaborate with elected officials to enhance our community, identify concerns, resources, and solutions. Our boundaries cover over 50,000 constituents, including myself.

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DCR: Our stakeholders, as you can see from earlier during public comment are strongly against granting a license to these applicants

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DCR: in the time we have today. I want to show you exactly why

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DCR: you've heard a lot about the location. I want you to actually see it for yourself. These photos show you the retail side on Vernon.

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DCR: Around the corner is the residential side of the building shockingly. This is actually where the dispensary is being proposed.

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DCR: As you can see, trash is piled up on the curve. Graffiti sprawled across the wall. The security lights have been burnt out for a long time.

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DCR: And please also note that these photos were taken less than 2 weeks ago.

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DCR: In fact, these photos were taken on the very same day that dispensary paid consultants, distributed a vague letter to the community, promising to be good partners and neighbors.

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DCR: This is a building that houses families in a quiet neighborhood. This is not an appropriate location for dispensary.

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DCR: thank you. And obviously I am speaking right now in my capacity as the area 2 rep for the Neighborhood Council, though I am also part of the Gramercy Block Club, and I live only a couple of blocks away from here. But I am speaking today because I want to very much take the opportunity to add some clarity to the discussion that had happened earlier. And we were planning on adding this clarity, anyway. The applicants in question control both 4,369 and 4,367,

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DCR: if you'll notice. And even in the previous slide you could see both addresses are essentially right next to each other, between a thin wall.

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DCR: That is, there's been some discussion about that. But they are, for all intents and purposes, basically adjoining properties that are both controlled by the same groups. You can see on the screen right now. There are 2 very similarly named, similarly licensed groups that have been in this place by their own admission. During the last hearing for 5 years.

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DCR: For 3 plus of those years both spaces were actually used as a cannabis delivery service, despite their attorney telling this Commission quote, it's not operational. There's no cannabis. This is not an operational business.

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DCR: Both addresses are listed on numerous cannabis sites as quote operational, and the delivery service still has a profile on Google that lists it as open

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DCR: on Yelp, Google, and other similar sites. You can find many of very recent reviews relatively recent reviews, many of them are extremely negative, many of them mentioned, the drivers arriving clearly intoxicated. Many accuse them of shady and deceptive business practices.

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DCR: Sure some are positive. These reviews come directly from the applicants themselves, using their own names and publicly vouching for the very services that they told. This Commission

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DCR: quote don't exist. Can we go back to the Prior Slide? I'm sorry. Thank you.

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DCR: Okay, thank you. Thank you. Madam President, as you can see on the next slide for someone who claims to want to be a part of this community. The applicants seem to be in a big hurry to sell this business.

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DCR: This listing from only a few months before their last hearing lists 43, 69,

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DCR: as quote very open operational revenue, generating business.

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DCR: starting at 1 million dollars. They are looking to sell a quote, turnkey, dispensary, and delivery operation.

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DCR: We found ads even in foreign language magazines

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DCR: touting the quote, social equity, licensed business, that is, for sale.

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DCR: regardless of anything else they will tell you, or claim

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DCR: this rush to offload the direct, the business before it is even fully licensed, and even and legally operational

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DCR: flies in direct opposition to why the Social equity program was created. In the 1st place.

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03:37:42.200 --> 03:38:01.070

DCR: So I'm going to restate some of the things that you've already heard earlier this afternoon during public comment, and this issue was actually brought to our Neighborhood Council by community concerns that have only increased overwhelmingly over the past 3 months, as more and more neighbors have become aware of the situation.

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DCR: In addition to our own community impact statement from the Neighborhood Council. There has also been 2 letters of opposition from both block clubs. That neighbor the proposed dispensary.

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DCR: We also have opposition from faith-based leaders, including 2 churches that are nearby, the location.

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DCR: Our Southwest Division, senior lead officer, Paul Elbeth, who, I believe, is also here, and can speak for himself, also, provided public comment at our Neighborhood Council with illegal activity and his own concerns about this, and urged the Neighborhood Council to take action and come before this commission, which is why we are standing here before you today.

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DCR: and our Council Member Council, President Harris Dawson, has also conducted his own investigation. His office is also here today since you issued the continuance.

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DCR: And finally, we have conducted a petition collected over 250 signatures from neighbors strongly opposing this dispensary location.

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DCR: we hope we have made our reason for opposition very clear. This is an inappropriate and unacceptable location that has a history of neglect, despair, and unsafe conditions. The operators have shown themselves to be dishonest and untrustworthy, especially when it comes to their true intentions with this business. And finally, the overwhelming community response is something we haven't seen at our Neighborhood Council in quite some time.

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DCR: and one that we doubt you have experienced in some time as well. Thank you, honorable commission. We ask that you guys reject this application. Thank you for your time.

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DCR: Thank you.

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DCR: At this time we'll hear from Lapd.

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DCR: Commissioner Mason.

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DCR: I do believe that representative from Lapd is speaking in conjunction with Representative from the Council district.

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DCR: Okay, thank you. Thank you.

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DCR: My name is Paul Eveleth. I'm a senior lead officer assigned to the Southwest Community Police Station, which covers the address for item Number 10.

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DCR: Good afternoon, President Mason, Commissioners and staff. Thank you for allowing me to speak.

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DCR: I am the senior lead officer for several communities in South La, including Arlington Park, Angeles, Mesa.

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DCR: parts of Vermont Square, Chesterfield Square and Lemur Park.

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DCR: I want to start by saying I've met the most amazing people in these communities in my entire life, and I have a lot of passion for this community, and that's why I'm here to represent the community. And what information that they've shared with me over the past several months.

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DCR: The area along Vernon. The Vernon corridor, which encompasses several of those communities that I mentioned has several vehicle repair shops which, on its own brings a lot of quality life issues.

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DCR: There are problematic street racing.

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DCR: And there's a number of crimes that have occurred. I'd like to start with some of the crimes that we have data from for the last 2 years that have occurred, either at the intersection of Van Ness Avenue and Vernon, or at the actual building where the application has set forward.

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DCR: We had records of 3 burglaries, 3 burglary investigations, rather

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DCR: a stolen vehicle, an individual with a firearm, a recovered stolen vehicle.

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DCR: and miscellaneous disturbances which the last one was on December 6, th at 4 in the afternoon, where a fight led to a female victim being cut on her face. That just happened several weeks ago.

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DCR: Some of the other crimes in the neighboring communities.

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DCR: A short car ride away from that intersection in 2025 alone. There were 17 of which were considered violent crimes.

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DCR: Just 2 weeks ago

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DCR: there was a shooting, luckily no injuries in the 4,200 block of Van Ness, which to put in perspective, that takes about 5 min to to walk there from

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DCR: this location of 4,367 to 4,373, Van Ness Avenue. But, as I said, there was no entries thankfully.

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DCR: Last year, from September to December. There were 3 shootings, not at that intersection at that address, but not too far away. Just to kind of give you a perspective. What we what the community suffers from in that particular community.

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DCR: Some of the complaints that the residents have brought to my attention about this intersection and about this very short block

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DCR: would be the obvious graffiti. We saw the photo. So it speaks for itself.

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DCR: And, by the way, that graffiti is removed by the city of Los Angeles nonprofit Agency, la Conservation Corps. It is not being removed by the property owner.

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DCR: so it is clear violation of the municipal code to leave graffiti on on a structure, especially when it's in public view when it is in public view. Rather, there is a significant on street parking problem, as we have in many communities of La, in fact.

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DCR: specifically right in front of this building. I can't even park the police car like we normally would in an emergency call without blocking traffic completely. In addition, because the error, the road is too narrow and there's constant red curb violations. There's just not enough parking in that block, and there's no parking lot for the the building itself, other than across the street for the tenants.

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DCR: Reports of illegal fireworks, noise complaints.

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DCR: And then, about a year ago, I had a complaint from one of the residents who actually lives in the building, that he smelled cannabis from his apartment.

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DCR: which led me to further investigate.

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DCR: And so I kind of watchful eye noticed, you know, that that there were a lot of what appeared to be customers, maybe delivery drivers where they would always block the alleyway. This is not an alleyway where, if you park your car, somebody could scoot by you. This is a an alleyway, because it's an older community where, if you park your car.

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DCR: there is no way that another car could come through, including an emergency vehicle.

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DCR: So it became clear, in speaking to other neighbors and some of the neighboring businesses, that there was some type of a delivery service of cannabis going on just behind the grocery store that's currently there on the lower level of the apartment building.

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DCR: maybe 6 months after that. So now we're talking over a year and a half ago.

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DCR: I was just providing routine patrol on that block, as I often do, because I get a lot of complaints about that particular area. Somebody came out of the the retail storefront where, this delivery service had a front door, because there's a rear door as well with a loading dock.

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DCR: and he introduced himself, and he says, Well, you know I'm trying to open up a retail store here. He, you know, mentioned his name. I have it all on body. Cam. By the way, I don't have it here to show you, but it's all on record, and I, he says, would you like to come in? And I said, Sure, so I walked in immediately. I saw cannabis stored. There was a guard dog and he says, Yeah, you know, I'm thinking about doing a retail

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DCR: operation.

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DCR: And I said, Okay, you know. And from what I know, retail operations are usually done by the books, and they're usually successful. But I thought to myself, I feel really bad for the community in this case, because of the location. It's just not ideal.

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DCR: I have in my community where I live in northeast Ia, and there there's no issues with them.

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DCR: So I I have no personal problem with with cannabis.

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DCR: So that happened, you know, several months later.

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DCR: next door is a repair facility, a body shop, and it's they do it the right way. It's clean. It's painted. Never graffiti. Then there's a restaurant that's popular on the front side, and then you have a problematic tow yard just to give you a perspective of what goes on in that community. Many of you heard the news a couple nights ago

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DCR: where in Riverside some independent tow trucks were found by the Department of Insurance to keep vehicles. Hostage was a scam where they get money out of the insurance companies for storing the vehicle at length. Well, there's that type of a business right there, 2 doors up. So we're dealing with a lot in a very small condensed area, with very little parking

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DCR: on a busy quarter.

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DCR: Our concern is that if the civil and legal responsibilities of the applicant are not met, that the

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03:47:36.870 --> 03:47:53.219

DCR: quality of life will be affected negatively, and crime could occur. So we do encourage you to look at every detail, and to thoroughly consider what's at stake, and we appreciate you listening to the community.

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DCR: James.

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DCR: Greetings Commissioners. My name is James Ingram, Director of Constituent Services for Council, President Marquise Harris Dawson, of the 8th District. I was assigned to both. Read and submit this letter

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DCR: on behalf of our director, our district director, Fernando Montez Rodriguez.

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DCR: so dear members of the Department of Cannabis Regulation Commission

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DCR: following the December 5, th 2,024. Hearing regarding L. And E. Retail Llc's application to establish a cannabis dispensary at 4 3, 6, 9, South Van Ness Ave.

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DCR: Our office reiterates the serious concerns raised by the community, and formally request that the application be denied

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DCR: basis for denial. The application has failed to meet and comply with Mc. 104 0, 4, and the location has been the site of significant public safety issues documented by Lapd. Southwest Division

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DCR: crime reports between the years of 23 to 2,025

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DCR: located between 4, 3, 6, 7 to 4, 3, 7 5 NS.

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DCR: And the Venice Vernon intersection include violent and property crimes, public safety, threats.

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DCR: shootings and injuries, burglaries and stolen vehicles, disturbances, including fights, resulting in injuries.

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DCR: Community opposition residents, churches, and stakeholders have repeatedly voiced opposition. Citing these public safety concerns. Attached are letters from the community members urging denial of this application.

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DCR: Given these significant concerns, we strongly urge you. We strongly urge the Commission to reject this application. Thank you for your time and consideration.

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DCR: Slow, Elvis.

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DCR: Mr. Ingram. Thank you both for being here. This is Commission President Mason. You guys were both given this. Have you had a chance to read the right side.

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DCR: And what that this is is

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DCR: a statement from L and E retail presented to the Commission.

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DCR: and I'm specifically asking them to read remarks as it pertains to interaction with Lapd, southwest Division.

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DCR: Let me know when you're ready.

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DCR: Okay, so on 1213, 2024, we are advised by L. And E. Retail that

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DCR: an unnamed Lapd Southwest Narcotics division detective was contacted and their response was,

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DCR: that there was information that there was an illegal role. The Lapd never found anything. Were you aware, were either of you aware with of this interaction?

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DCR: So I can speak to that, ma'am. Thank you. So Detective Levin leads up the narcotics team of officers that consists of, I believe, 5 undercover officers, including 2 detectives.

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DCR: They cover over 20 square miles of the Southwest community police stations area they are not

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DCR: staffed to be able to constantly surveil or watch a location. I was the the one that personally notified them of what the community told me, and what I felt was likely going on, and so they probably only went out there once, knowing how much time they have.

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DCR: so it's not uncommon that they would tell me or tell someone else that they went out, and they didn't see anything. As far as I've heard. It was a late night operation when it was active

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DCR: with the trucks arriving.

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DCR: So it could be that maybe this was occurring

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DCR: on the outside when the narcotics officers were not staffed when they were not working.

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DCR: Okay, thank you.

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DCR: Next comment.

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DCR: The February 6, 2025. Interaction, which was this month.

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DCR: wherein the narcotics detective responded that they have received info, that there was a cannabis shop, but they have never seen any evidence of it, and either of you speak to that.

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DCR: I can speak to that, ma'am. That's pertaining also to the 1213 comment. And that's the same group of officers.

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DCR: Okay, thank you. You're welcome. There was something else there that about Harry Griffith. Can I comment on that? I was going there? But, hey? Oh, I'm sorry. No, go right ahead.

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DCR: So I'm a little surprised to see his name mentioned because he doesn't work at the station, and he hasn't worked there in probably 8 months.

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DCR: He is the captain at a different police station, also within lapd. I'm not sure how anybody would have gotten a hold of him unless they? They know him personally.

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DCR: Okay, thank you for that clarification.

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DCR: And I'm good with that. Thank you for

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DCR: speaking to each of those commissioners. Were there any questions?

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DCR: This is Vice President Nash. This is a question for you, officer, sir. You indicated that you entered a premises.

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DCR: and that you saw cannabis.

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DCR: Can you specifically tell me the address of those premises that you went into and entered?

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DCR: Yeah, I believe I have a picture of, not of the cannabis, but of the storefront on my phone.

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DCR: And it's there's most of these entrances are on Van Ness.

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DCR: I apologize.

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03:55:03.850 --> 03:55:07.468

DCR: There's no rush. Okay, thanks. I'll I'll find it.

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DCR: is it? I know it was 2 in from the alleyway.

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DCR: There's several what appears to be vacant properties there or vacant retail.

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DCR: Okay? Looks like I found it.

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DCR: I believe it was 43, 71,

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DCR: because 43, 73 is the main entrance to the apartment building, I believe, and then 4,371 is just to the north of there, which should be the location where he invited me in, and that goes deep back into the rear. Most area of that building. It's quite large.

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DCR: even though the entrance looks small.

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DCR: and I believe you indicated you do not know who let you in.

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DCR: I don't recall his name, because this is almost a year ago, but he identified himself as as the owner.

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DCR: and that the owner of, not the building, but of the business that was supposedly delivering

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03:56:20.820 --> 03:56:24.079

DCR: cannabis or distributing cannabis. Somehow there was no retail

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DCR: operation at that point. One issue I have is that the location of the premises that they're asking for the license for is 4, 3, 6, 9,

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DCR: South Van Ness Avenue not 4, 3, 7, 1.

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DCR: That's right next door. It could have been that like I said, Sir, there's 3 or 4 entrances right there.

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DCR: It's possible. Do you know what date. That was that you entered the premises. I don't. But I could definitely research it because I had body camera on the entire time. If you have a picture. It's date stamped.

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DCR: This is a picture that I took recently. Man, okay, yes, not not a year ago.

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DCR: Yeah, I know. I wish I.

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DCR: And then, when you entered that premises, what? Exactly did you see?

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DCR: I saw a cannabis product. I don't recall exactly what, because it was such a long time ago, but if I were to go back in time, you know, if you need it later, maybe another hearing, or what have you? I could certainly look at it on the video. Now, when you when you say product, you're talking about package

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DCR: product, yeah, I don't think they were growing it there. It was more

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DCR: process to to deliver out, it seemed, and and what quantity of whatever you saw was there

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DCR: extensive, where it was clear to me that there was a distribution going on.

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DCR: and I could smell it instantly as I walked in.

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DCR: When you say extensive, can you describe it a little bit more? Is it.

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DCR: you know, the size of a small car did appear to be a hundred pounds approximately. How much was there?

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DCR: I would say, equivalent of pallet, at least

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DCR: something that you would need a forklift to move.

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DCR: Not necessarily. It's just that in quantity equaling. If you put it all on a pallet, it would fill up the pallet pretty high

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DCR: from what I recall, and enough to have a guard dog there

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DCR: to protect whatever was inside the building.

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DCR: Thank you very much. You're welcome.

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DCR: There's a Commissioner Lim. Can you talk some more of the public safety issues that you believe

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DCR: would be arise if this application was given an annual license.

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DCR: You know the the violence has gotten slightly better over the years in that area. But we still have shootings. We still have. Narcotics issues people with addictions, people that suffer from mental illness. And of course, the unhoused more specifically for you said that for that location very dense. Very Currently, there's you were mentioning a lot of

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DCR: crimes in that near that area. And at that area. And he talked about the tow truck and things

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DCR: specifically for that location. What sort of public safety concerns do you have not cannabis in general, but for that specific location.

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DCR: you know I'm a firm believer that

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DCR: if you take care of your property

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DCR: and show the community and prove to the community that you care about the community.

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DCR: there's going to be less crime. There's crime even in the most expensive areas. And there's crime in the areas that suffer.

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DCR: But if this corner isn't

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DCR: dressed up to what the community deserves. I fear that another business a business that has a lot of in and out traffic.

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DCR: There's there's robberies in the area. It just seems that it is not ideal.

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DCR: If this was a redevelopment that we're talking about, I think that you wouldn't see all the folks in the room.

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DCR: I think that it's just.

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DCR: I'm surprised that they would actually

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DCR: want to do this without fixing up the building. To be honest, you saw the graffiti

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DCR: We don't have that type of graffiti necessarily on a blanket wall. It's actually a pretty graffiti free area. We report it right away.

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DCR: And to have that type of graffiti on a regular basis

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DCR: does not help with public safety

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DCR: as does Commissioner Lim. Has anyone been anyone been in contact with the owner of the property

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DCR: to voice these concerns and to

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DCR: because we're not sure whether the garbage or the graffiti

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DCR: arises from due to the applicant being there.

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DCR: Yeah, that's a good point the the developer. Botash management owns several properties in the city of La, including a number of properties in that area. And I'm

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DCR: over the years I've been in contact with them about a number of quality life issues not just their

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DCR: and

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DCR: we even put a housing complaint in. To be honest, I did it on behalf of the community because they were scared.

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DCR: And the housing department does code enforcement because it's a multi

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DCR: dwelling, building, building, and safety doesn't go there for that. And so

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DCR: and I'm sorry if I'm repeating something you probably already know. But for the rest of everybody.

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DCR: so it it. I cover such a wide area. There probably should be more conversations with building owner about this, but there's only so much time in the day.

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DCR: Commissioners. Any other questions for these 2 gentlemen?

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DCR: Alright, thank you for being here. Don't go far at this time.

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DCR: We will hear from the applicant.

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DCR: You can do that.

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DCR: Good afternoon, Commissioners, and there is someone in the queue still.

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DCR: the hand is no longer there, but I can make it announce, oh, it went just back up, is there someone else that's there's, I think, 2 people in online

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DCR: and couple of people in the gallery that are going to speak as well.

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DCR: So President Mason, will. Would you like me to call on the caller first, st or and are they sharing time?

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DCR: They're sharing time. But do you have a border preference? I like to go first, st if possible. Okay.

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DCR: so they can go.

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DCR: They're sharing the 10 min. Yes, I'm sure.

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DCR: So I'm going first.st They are. No, I was asking if I could go first.st Oh, I'm sorry I misunderstood you. Yeah, I said, I'd like to go go right ahead. I'm sorry.

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DCR: So good afternoon. My name is Norek Balagiosia, and I'm the attorney who's in charge of the you know system with compliance and

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DCR: licensing for L and E. Retail.

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DCR: I believe there's been this

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DCR: huge misunderstanding as to what's going on, in a sense where being the community

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DCR: has an issue with with the the owners. I think some of those issues you guys are aware of.

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DCR: but as far as on licensed cannabis activity, any sort of illegal activity. Any sort of

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DCR: anything illegal or unlicensed has never happened on the property just like the Neighborhood Council's presentation presentation mentioned. There's a entity named Leo Group, Llc. Which has a had a licensed Dcr license and State licensed delivery service at

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DCR: 4, 3, 6, 7, North South Van Ness, the 2 units next to each other.

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DCR: That was operational, for I don't know the exact date, but

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DCR: they've received their license all above board. They were operating there no community complaints? There's always a neighbor liaison, no Dcr inspections or

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DCR: violations, no state inspections or violations. Keep in mind that again, the important thing is to distinguish these 2 properties. They're they're separate from each other. There was Leo Group, Llc. That was fully licensed, legally operational at 4, 3, 6,

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DCR: 7 Van Ness. And then this application is 4, 4, 3, 6, 9. Van Ness.

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DCR: The Leo group is no longer operational. It hasn't been since June of last year. I'm sorry. June or

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DCR: July.

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DCR: we have not. They have not renewed the state license, and then we've informed Dcr. That we're not going to be renewing the city license during this

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DCR: 2020 four's renewal process there has not been cannabis

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DCR: at the delivery address. Again, separate locations, separate addresses

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DCR: again since they stopped, the operation was in July. There hasn't been any cannabis there.

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DCR: That's essentially, I believe, the word the biggest confusions coming from as to legal or illegal. So when the officer mentioned that they've invited him to look at the location, he was invited into the operational, licensed, fully licensed operational delivery service.

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DCR: Why would someone invite a police officer into a legal place? It was above board. Dcr. Can confirm it. State can confirm it. All the licenses. Were there no complaints, ever, no violations.

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DCR: as far as operational compliance standpoint? They were on point with everything, no issues with metric, none of that.

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DCR: That's why there was packaged cannabis there when the officer witnessed it.

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DCR: That's why

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DCR: there's delivery vehicles coming in the back to deliver cannabis. Because state regulations don't allow some of the state regulations don't allow like front door delivery, and then sometimes, depending on how the layout of the building is, they have to go through the back door.

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DCR: essentially was better to do that through the backdoor as far as the graffiti or the unkept property. Again. This was a delivery service. They are not allowed to have any sort of advertising. They're not allowed to have any sort of

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DCR: signage or anything like that. It's just a delivery service. Now, sure, they could have cleaned up the graffiti. But I think, like the whole building has an issue with that I mean,

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DCR: essentially the reason why it wasn't cleaned up is just because as an operational business, it wasn't really, you know, detrimental for them to do the cleanup, especially if it's gonna get

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DCR: graffitied again, I guess. But that's something definitely can be fixed, discussed, addressed.

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DCR: Now, switching to 4, 3, 6, 9 South Venice, which is the the other. That's the the license, the unit, the address we're discussing now again, the reason why it's unkept is or there hasn't been done in tenant improvements, and just like Mr. Killeen mentioned.

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DCR: We haven't had our inspection yet, because we are waiting for this to go forward. Keep in mind this is a social equity applicant. They don't have unlimited funds. They can't pour a bunch of money into a property, build it out, clean it up, and then, you know, not get a license.

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DCR: So

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DCR: all of that's going to be addressed. Once we are allowed to be operational there. Clearly, we're gonna build it out. We're gonna clean it up.

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DCR: The Cr is gonna come and inspect it. All of those things are going to happen.

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DCR: Regarding the complaints about all illegal cannabis activity.

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DCR: Specifically talking about the police show like investigating a potential grow.

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DCR: I don't know the date of that. And then we weren't able to verify when that was. But if I'm

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DCR: guessing right, it was either

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DCR: the delivery service was mistaken for a grow operation by the community for whatever reason or that happened before even the delivery service was there. If we can get clarification on when that visit was, I think you would shed a lot of light on that as well.

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DCR: So, going back to

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DCR: a comment regarding I said that there was no cannabis activity at the location, and that's exactly what I said. This specific address

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DCR: had never, never had cannabis in it. It was never an operational legal. It was an empty unit until the social equity won the lottery, and then they've approached the landlord to see if the empty unit they can

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DCR: essentially get it so they can do the application all of that so?

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DCR: and that's that's that. The application was submitted, and it was always empty. There was never any activity there. The unit next door was a license, delivery, state, local license, city, state license above board, no issues, no inspections, no compliance, problems ever, no shootings, no

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DCR: fights, no parties, no amplified music, at least as far as

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DCR: I know, I get not that. As far as I know, there's no reports of that.

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DCR: So I guess the issue here, fundamentally is.

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DCR: is, is the issue with the community, like

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DCR: our inability to connect with the community in a way where it would ease their concerns. And that's something we really would love to fix. I think it's we got off on the wrong foot, for whatever reason it is when I was here last time I even expressed. I'm surprised there's so much opposition, because we didn't even know there's

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DCR: there was a problem at all.

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DCR: So I guess what would. What I like is for the Commission to understand that

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DCR: these are separate businesses. Granted, the other one had comments from on

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DCR: unsatisfied clients. But it's it's business. Sometimes someone satisfied, sometimes not satisfied.

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DCR: Regarding the fact that the property was

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DCR: list, the property, the potential license was listed for sale, and someone mentioned that the the spirit of the social equity. Wasn't that I'd like to disagree with that. The social equities was the opportunity to give

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DCR: someone who's been unfairly

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DCR: affected by cannabis enforcement prior to legalization of it, and the applicant qualified and received their social equity status. Now, when they get the license, it's their license. They can choose to sell it, they can choose to sit there and operate it at a loss. Industry is not doing that great, so for them to be able to sell it in social equity to have X amount of money and go on to do bigger and better things with his life. I think that's just

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DCR: person's choice. I don't think it's inherently something wrong with that.

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DCR: Addressing that regarding the order again. Re. Whenever there is retail cannabis sales

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DCR: by law, everything needs to be packaged. I'm sure you've heard this a bunch of times now from everyone it has to be packaged. There shouldn't be smell. Sometimes there's smell.

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DCR: Sometimes buildings have very powerful, strong Hvac systems, where they have carbon scrubbers, and all of that, they help to mitigate the odor. This is a kind of an older building. If anything, they installed an A/C. Someone mentioned why they install an A/C because we want to prevent the snow from

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DCR: coming from that delivery service. So the the applicants, ready to do whatever is required and necessary to win the trust of the community.

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DCR: And I, we've already done many steps since our last hearing, December 5, th because again, we were kind of surprised that there was even an issue. That's why we kind. We were kind of taken back on that. Since then you're going to hear from Miss Kathy and several of our teams like

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DCR: Nathan Nathan Freeman, we've engaged consultants, neighborhood outreach individuals who are

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DCR: essentially the plan is for them to go out to the in the neighborhood. We've already started doing that.

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DCR: If you look at the second page of this document, you'll see that we've sent out

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DCR: letters. We've organized the zoom call with the I think the the the the grammarcy block.

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DCR: President Mason, the 10 min are up.

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DCR: That was 10 min. Wish there was.

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DCR: Oh, I I guess if if I'm allowed to maybe answer questions, maybe, or just finish that one sentence. Then

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DCR: I'll allow you to finish the sentence. I'm sure the Commission has questions. So when we've had a

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DCR: the meeting with the the Glamorcy Club. Everyone was. We set up the zoom. All the emails were sent out for the community to attend. The mailers were put out, 3 people showed up, and the general concern

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DCR: from the meeting or not the concern the general takeaways, just they just don't want us. We've we've the our approach was, please let us know. What would you like for us to change? What would you like for us to do? We ready to, you know, do everything the committee wants us to be better neighbors from what I and and the essentially, from what I understand, it was that you know, there's nothing

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DCR: can be done, or like nothing you can do at this point. It's just I wasn't there. I might be miss speaking here. This is what I understand, but anyways we've made are willing to make all the efforts necessary to to win the the community's trust back.

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DCR: However it might be again, no criminal activity, no legal license activity, none of that. There's no reason why the Commission should deny, because there's no deniable factors. One factor, the Commissioner was mentioning that possibly if they have insufficient evidence. Okay, okay, okay, sorry.

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DCR: Thank you. And as far as questions, if if there's a question that, like our security experts better to is better equipped to answer. Is that okay? If you use, you'll come up and say it, or our committee outreach individuals.

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DCR: I only had a speaker card for you.

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DCR: So we're gonna have to limit that engagement to you.

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DCR: They're the online people. But I think I took up the time. We don't have cards for them.

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DCR: Okay, with online. They don't need cards. Right?

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DCR: Correct. But you're the time is up. Yeah, all right. Commissioners

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DCR: don't all go at once. Okay, this is Commissioner Glynn. So

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DCR: I understand there's 2 different entities. Leo LEO. Retail Leo group, a Leo group correct, and then yours is Lne. Retail, correct? And are you in any way affiliated or related with Leo? Group me, or you mean the applicant in general?

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DCR: Well, let's start with you, and then I am. I helped the applicant get that license as well. Back in 2022 or 21. I don't remember exactly. It was 2020. Okay, so, okay, so you're a consultant that helped out.

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DCR: Yes, yes, from from very beginning, with social equity applicant. They came. We applied. We got the license. Everything

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DCR: was smooth. Okay? And then how about the the social equity? Is, is he in any way related to Leo? It's the same social equity person, the same person correct.

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DCR: Okay, okay. Now, so just just to clarify

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DCR: the social equity, participate in the lottery. And he was one of the people that was at randomly chosen to be able to open up the storefront. There's a different person than L. And E retail.

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DCR: Or is it the same person.

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DCR: same person, same person, same person. Different business entity. Got it? Got it?

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DCR: This is Commissioner Melendez. I have a question for Jason. Can you verify? We would have to close. I'm so sorry. I do recommend that we table that until we finish up here with the applicant.

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DCR: this vice President Nash, what is the location of the Leo group,

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DCR: 4, 3, 6, 7, South Van Ness.

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DCR: L. And E is 4, 3, 6, 9.

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DCR: Do you or anybody associated with the applicant have anything to do

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DCR: with 4, 3, 7, 1. That the officer mentioned. 4, 3, 7, 1 South Venice. No, it's not.

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DCR: We do not have control over that unit or property address.

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DCR: Now you've indicated that there is a legal delivery service there was there was, and what was their address?

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DCR: That's Leo Group. That's that's Leo group is the legal delivery service.

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DCR: So and remind me again what they're at. 4, 3, 6, 7.

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DCR: I'm sorry. Could you say it again? 4, 3, 6, 7, 4, 3, 6, 7.

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DCR: Okay.

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DCR: Solution for me.

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DCR: Can you describe for us what you believe to be

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DCR: the issue that the community has? I've heard from everybody in this room.

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DCR: You stated that there was a zoom that

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DCR: took place with people from folks in the community.

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DCR: and you all were trying to engage.

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DCR: Did you get a sense of this share with you? What the concerns were?

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DCR: I believe the general set. I was not present in the zoom, Miss Kathy Smith and Nathan Freeman, or community outreach

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DCR: individuals were at that zoom

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DCR: but essentially, from what I've been told regarding that is,

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DCR: The community was under the impression that there's illegal cannabis activity going on so that entire time.

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DCR: That they just thought it was illegal and shouldn't have been there from what I understand. As far as any further. If if allowed Miss Kathy or Nathan, they can probably address that question better. They were physically present about. Zoom, they're on.

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DCR: Click on the phone call.

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DCR: Okay? Well, I don't think they can address it at this particular moment. Times, anyway. Okay? Well, I have. Just one or 2 more questions.

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DCR: I'm just gonna be as direct and blunt as I can.

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DCR: Was there any legal activity happening at the site. I mean, we've had

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DCR: smell. We've had crime. We've had

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DCR: you know, concerns that we've heard around the different things robberies, things that have happened near, or at this facility from your

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DCR: perspective, you being the there was a and I'm kind of finishing. Oh, sorry sorry you being the attorney

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DCR: for for the applicant.

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04:20:31.020 --> 04:20:38.970

DCR: Was there any illicit illegal activity happening in on or near the business premises?

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DCR: As far as

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DCR: cannabis delivery services are concerned? That's what I can attest to. I know the applicants are always compliant.

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DCR: the regulations and laws knife around them. Someone did something illegal at 1 point I'm not sure.

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DCR: There was one incident with

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DCR: the delivery license location. Back in 2022, where there was a robbery, someone entered broke

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DCR: burglary. Someone, thank you. As a someone entered into the building after hours to I believe the burglarized steel cannabis the police was called

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DCR: The owners went there. By the time they got there people were gone, it was reported

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DCR: the Dcc. Per regulations. And then

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DCR: police didn't show up till 6 or 8 h later. From what I'm understanding, was 6 Am. The call was made. I think the police showed up at 3 Pm. In the afternoon.

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DCR: And I believe, when the Beverly hills. Comment was regarding that when it was, this isn't Beverly Hills, in a sense where, like Beverly Hills police response, I think famously. 3 min, 6 h to show up. I guess that was the concern. That was the context of that comment.

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DCR: but as far as like it's I don't know if there's anything else going on. But it's oh, the regarding the

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DCR: the police.

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DCR: So we've to clarify the the

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DCR: the captain, Perry Griffith. That wasn't a question. Oh, sorry it's printed to the criminal thing. We've done the report for crime analysis. There's nothing there. I'm sorry.

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DCR: That wasn't a question. I'm sorry. Yeah, thank you, President, but I do have one more question first. Maybe you can answer this directly.

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DCR: We've we've had reports and concerns around

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DCR: smell. I mean, you've heard about the graffiti. We've heard about the the upkeep

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DCR: of the of the of the place, with the legal side of the of your operations, that you all

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DCR: work with the community around any of the concerns that were raised around some of the things around the premises

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DCR: of of kind of upkeep of the on the legal side. As you're talking about Liberty Services side.

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DCR: Sorry I don't think regarding the upkeep of the premises

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DCR: right? So some of the pictures are up front, I think, on the sidewalk, on the tires, and all that. I don't know how much of that is

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DCR: realistically the responsibility of like a re like a business owner in front of it. Sure, it'd be great if they cleaned it up. But I guess that's something. If the community has an issue with it. We can move from

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DCR: moving on can definitely make sure that everything's

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DCR: cleaned up. But if there's trash

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DCR: on a sidewalk it wasn't caused by the

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DCR: or the applicant. On the contrary, if this license is granted, they're going to renovate the place. The reason why it looks like that is because they haven't built it out yet. It's going to be nice and clean. They're going to put the cameras, the floodlights, 24 h security to Security guards

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DCR: trolling the place. If anything is gonna get better as far as security is concerned.

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DCR: I I guess that's always my thing. So because

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DCR: a retail storefront meaning when it's a dispensary that opens is open to the public. They have.

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DCR: they have to make it nice. It's part of the the appeal very good, and it is Commissioner Lim.

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DCR: We received from you today a 2 page summary.

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DCR: and the summary has a couple of

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DCR: questions I like to ask you about sure number one.

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DCR: you. You stated that somebody contacted Lapd. Captain Perry Griffith. Correct.

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DCR: However, the the police officer testified that he's at a totally different district has nothing to do with this location.

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DCR: It seems misleading to us that someone that's not assigned that district is someone that you reach out to.

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DCR: I'd like to address that if you'd like. So Miss Kathy Smith, just like the officer mentioned, someone needs to have a personal relationship.

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DCR: She reached out to him, specifically asking if you can generate that crime analysis. And you don't need to be specifically in that district to be able to provide that. Okay. So we've reached out to the detectives, and I've even emailed the

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DCR: Council Members Office, who mentioned the police incident last time, requesting for for them to clarify. What is it that they've had? We weren't able to get any answers. So we reached out to the detective. We reached out to twice. So then Kathy, who has a personal relationship reached out to captain and said, Is it possible for you to be able to give us this crime analysis? And we said, Sure, why not? And then he provided it. And then he said, He's we need to go. Make a request to receive it. We haven't gotten it yet.

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DCR: Okay. The second one that concerns me is that you reached out to James Ingram, who, I I guess, is one of the

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DCR: person that's working for console Miss Miss Dawson.

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DCR: and it seems to imply that they're on board with you getting your Cannabis license. However, you know we have a letter dated February 22,025,

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DCR: from Councilman, councilwoman, Miss Dawson, saying that she's against the issuance of the license

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DCR: to council President Marquise here, so I'm sorry that he, Mister

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DCR: be Harris Dawson here, Miss Council, President Harris Dawson, is male right? That's who you're referring to.

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DCR: Oh, oh, the person signed the letter. Yes.

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DCR: no. The person signing the letter is not from him. It's on his letterhead right Marquis Harris Dawson

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DCR: in her letterhead is is, I'm sorry. Adamantly against the issuance

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DCR: of the license, and that's signed by Fernando. Rodriguez.

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DCR: So it seems somewhat misleading

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DCR: that it seems to imply from here that James Ingram was on board with issuing. You know, you guys, granting a license? I apologize if it came off that way, but I just reread it.

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DCR: and all it says is that we've contacted him, and that he's told us to keep in touch and keep keep him updated. And that's all it says. Now, if if that's coming off as if they're on board, I mean, we never mentioned that or claimed it. So I'll apologize. I mean it's definitely not our intention for it to come up as misleading. We just

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DCR: we showing the the commission the steps we've taken to

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DCR: to do community outreach. We're definitely not claiming that they were on board in any way. We just spoke to them.

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DCR: They offer them to join the zoom just whatever it says in the paragraph so

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DCR: understood. But those 2 items.

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DCR: looking at it quickly seems to show so. And that's why you submitted this to us to show support for issuing. I can assure you that that was not our intent, nor did we support. We submitted to show that they've supported us. If they did, we would get an actual statement of support of some kind.

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DCR: This is just showing it's actually right right under our community outreach. I guess it's just

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DCR: a a step we've taken, that's all. There is all all there's to it.

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DCR: Okay?

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DCR: Any other questions.

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DCR: Okay, we're gonna close the applicant's presentation temporarily and reopen

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DCR: licensing division for a question from Commissioner Melendez.

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DCR: Yes, Jason, this commission Millenn, is for Jason. Can you verify that there was a dispensary license at 43, 69, Venice delivery delivery.

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DCR: Jason, clean assistant executive director.

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DCR: There was a delivery license issued at 43, 67, Van Ness to the Leo Group, LLC. That was doing business as Green Lion.

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DCR: They had a state license that was issued in Calendar year 2022.

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DCR: I can confirm from an earlier record that they at least had temporary approval from the Department of Cannabis control in 2023,

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DCR: and they had renewed that license. Currently their DCR license, which is the city's license, expired as of December 31, st 2024,

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DCR: and the Department of Cannabis control license expired on February 8, th 2025

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DCR: but at least through the end of calendar year 2024, the

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DCR: adjacent property, 4, 3, 6, 7. Van Ness was licensed for the type 9 non storefront delivery activity.

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DCR: Thank you.

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DCR: This is President Mason. I have one other question, and this is something that has probably been covered in the past, but

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DCR: I can't get a grasp on it.

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DCR: Dispensaries and delivery services

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DCR: operated by 2 separate business entities are allowed to be within 700 feet of one another.

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DCR: That is correct. There is.

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DCR: there is only a distancing restriction between the type 10 license which is the retail storefront where customers are allowed to go. There is no distancing restriction between the type 10 license type and any of the other license types. You know. In fact, you could have multiple licensees for non retail or the non storefront delivery. In the same building. As long as the business premises are separated by a wall.

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DCR: Thank you.

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DCR: Any other questions for licensing before I close again.

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DCR: Okay, thank you. I'm back to the applicant.

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DCR: So I want to be sure I understood

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DCR: that one of the current partners of L and E was also involved in Leo.

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DCR: Same social equity applicant, the same social equity applicant. Okay, thank you. So he applied, got the delivery, license, delivery, license, and then participated in the lottery, won the lottery, and then chose to apply

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DCR: for their retail storefront one so called dispensary, and then wound down the delivery operation.

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DCR: Okay, thank you.

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DCR: Are there any other questions for the applicant?

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DCR: Okay, then we are on to deliberation? Thank you for being.

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DCR: And this is not dealing directly with L. And E. Retail, but with Leo group

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DCR: are they no longer interested in the delivery? And they're just gonna suspend the delivery aspect of

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DCR: it's already has been since July of last year, and all the licenses have not been renewed just like Mr. Jason mentioned. Yes, there's no we. There's no intention of deliveries.

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DCR: Yep, continue there.

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DCR: The delivery service. Sorry is your question regarding? Are they going to deliver from the dispensary. No, I was just wondering whether is it, Leo groups no more? Yeah, that that this commission only that's what I thought. But I just want to confirm that.

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DCR: Your client has his hand up. He does not have the floor.

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DCR: No, no, no, sorry, sir, you may not see. That's warning number one.

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DCR: Okay, thank you so much. And you're in a difficult position. I appreciate you for being here.

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DCR: There are no closing comments on the time. Thank you.

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DCR: Commissioners. We are on to deliberations.

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DCR: The Neighborhood Council in their presentation, or this is Vice President Nash. By the way.

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DCR: they submitted a whole bunch of blocks of information

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DCR: that I think they were trying to indicate supported the allegation that they were conducting illegal activity at this location, but my reading of that. It didn't even have a name.

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DCR: much less an address.

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DCR: The other commissioners see the same thing.

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DCR: this Commissioner Lim. I was looking at those yelp reviews and those items. And I'm assuming, since it came from City cons, you know the Neighborhood Council that it came from that site. I was looking specifically at dates, and the earliest date that I saw

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DCR: was January the last Yelp review, or whatever was January 19, th 2024,

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DCR: and he test. He testified that they continued to do business under Leo Group until July of 2024. This is President Mason. The last post was dated

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DCR: about delivery was dated July 19, th 2024.

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DCR: It it seems, that was under Leo group, because they also said

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DCR: they believe Leo Group and Lne are separate entities.

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DCR: And so I'm assuming all of those came from Leo Group.

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DCR: So I think

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DCR: I think that's where the confusion is. You're right. It didn't show the name Lnh. L. And E. Retail.

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DCR: but based upon what he told us that they did have a license.

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DCR: So it's under Leo group. And so, considering the date when I stopped doing business.

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DCR: you know. And obviously they're not gonna know that. Who?

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DCR: What's licensed, what's not licensed.

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DCR: But you're right. That's an assumption. Because I was also looking for the name, too, to see it, and there was no name on it.

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DCR: this Vice President. I didn't see it either. I pretty much disregarded that because I couldn't tell who it was about.

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DCR: No, the comments are reference delivery so, and and I but I understand where you're coming from, and then you know the as compelling as what the police officer said about all the crime that's there. I mean, it's I can't show any direct causation direct link between the

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DCR: suppose. It's an illegal activity that's there, but there's no relationship, and there is no lockout. There's no citation. There's no record to show that they were operating a retail.

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DCR: illegal dispensary at that location.

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DCR: and then the garbage. We don't know who took out who took out that garbage.

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DCR: We don't know what caused it. That's a huge jump to say that the applicants that's the applicants garbage. There's no link to it. And the graffiti they haven't opened up. They're waiting to get this done. I get it. They want to get the Ti done. They don't want to do the Ti until they get the license. Otherwise they're going to throw that money away. So just social equity limit limited funds. He's saying that once he opens he'll clean it up.

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DCR: Who who knows, but I think

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DCR: there's a lot of circumstantial, but I don't think there's enough evidence to show that an illegal retail dispenser was operating at that location.

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DCR: and I think that's the finding. If we're going to deny it, that would be the finding that we would need to make.

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DCR: And that's why I was looking at asking police officer whether because he made some comment under public safety. So I did ask him whether, under one Lamc. 104.0 4 6. There's enough evidence that this would create a public safety. But you know, again, there wasn't that much evidence of that, either.

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DCR: So based upon, and and so based upon

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DCR: the site, the law that we have to deny it.

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DCR: I you know it's compelling, but I don't think there's enough there to deny the license, but that's just my personal opinion.

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DCR: Oh, I'm sorry. Go ahead. This is Vice President Nash. You know I I do want to mention how much we appreciate the officer coming and taking the time and presentation. But I agree the requirement is set forth in 104.0 4

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DCR: a 6

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DCR: is that the issuance of a license would create a significant public safety problem as documented by a law enforcement agency.

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DCR: In my opinion, the officer told us a lot about

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DCR: crime in the area but didn't say that

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DCR: it. It would be significantly increased or otherwise impact the crime by the issuance of this particular license. And does Commissioner Lemon? That's why I did ask him point blank.

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DCR: Do do you have any evidence of a public safety violation if the application was granted. And you know

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DCR: we didn't get much on that. He talked about general socioeconomic issues of cannabis. Because I was I was looking at the same section that you were. So I wanted to ask him point blank on that

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DCR: Commissioner farm. But I'll be point blank.

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DCR: I think that there's been a lot of folks who have spoke out against this operator.

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DCR: I don't see a room full of people speaking in favor.

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DCR: We've had the council person. We've had the police.

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DCR: We have people in the community. We've had the Neighborhood Council.

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DCR: That matters

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DCR: right. I think that when we talk about the legality of our roles here I would agree with everything that has been said, but we cannot

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DCR: ignore what we're hearing today and what we've heard in the past

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DCR: right. Hold on, let me, if I may.

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DCR: look. I asked the question specifically

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DCR: around the upkeep and the presence of the facility. Now, what we can say, I think

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DCR: honestly that it may not be. We don't know what

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DCR: kind of transpired around the graffiti and the garbage. Well, we've seen time and time and time and time and time again. Several operators that have come before us that talk about their partnership

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DCR: with the community around taking out garbage, cleaning up graffiti.

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DCR: doing things in the community to show that there is a belonging and partnership and cohesiveness between the operator

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DCR: and the people in the community.

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DCR: We've heard that each and every one of us have heard that I think that that's important.

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DCR: Regardless of what the legal aspect of in terms of our roles, I feel strongly that that should be taken into consideration.

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DCR: The the other, the other piece of this for me is that

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DCR: I think that as we get into, you know, kind of this deliberation and kind of get to a place of making a decision around the licensing piece. I I was not in all honesty, not satisfied with my

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DCR: with the questions that I asked. Maybe there are other folks who on their team that could have answered it. Maybe, as I can see other folks that probably could have done that.

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DCR: Unfortunately, we're not.

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DCR: They were not in a position to do that. I get that, and I understand that I want to be clear and go on the record and say that. But but at the end of the at the end of the day to me.

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DCR: The community

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DCR: have kind of made it very clear what their concerns are. I think that there's the police department have kind of spoken

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DCR: there, because I agree that there wasn't any direct response to

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DCR: the crime question. I was hoping to have gotten some more out of that

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DCR: and we've heard from the the Council, the Council's office.

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DCR: but I think that there's something to be said around some of these questions around the actual business of the Leo groups of delivery. This one, this one, was the delivery with the the no permit and the no temporary approval.

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DCR: and going through the process. So look at least for me speaking I want to be, you know, as clear as I can be regarding my or I think things are at the folks have.

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DCR: you know, issued their, you know, have stated their concerns. There's been some communication, at least some attempts around communications around being heard. It doesn't seem to be no reconciliation between the community and the business owner. That seems very clear to me. According to what we heard. You know, you know regarding the the attorney. It's you know, that they attempted to talk.

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DCR: and the community stated. But there was no meeting of the minds. I just think that there's a lot of that's a lot of messiness

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DCR: going on here. I mean it it usually when folks come into this room

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DCR: it's together one way, or you know they got it either. We want to approve it. They're not to me. It's just making it very difficult to get to a place with everything that's being said to ignore

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DCR: what we're hearing, and just kind of err on the side of well.

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DCR: this is what we need to be looking at, because this is what determines

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DCR: whether we grant it or not. Right. I just honestly feel that we should take what we're hearing into consideration. This Commissioner Lim, I'm

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DCR: totally in agreement. I've never seen so much community members

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DCR: outright deny for denial like this. I feel bad for the

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DCR: mother that has a little. A young young child that lives up, you know, up, up above and the potential for smoke. I I get all of that. I understand it.

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DCR: And it's it's and and you're right. The the police officer coming here 1st time ever we had a police officer come here

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DCR: vehemently against the applicant and the community. I get that, and that's why.

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DCR: And by the way, the 2 page

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04:44:48.400 --> 04:44:55.389

DCR: document that the applicant gave us, as I pointed out when I 1st read, oh, okay, and I read it really quickly. I didn't

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04:44:56.070 --> 04:45:18.080

DCR: hone in on it. But to me I see this as a misrepresentation that was given to us in regards to Captain Griffith, and in regards to Council District 8. So yes, that those are all items that I get, but at the same time we have a list of items

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DCR: within which, under 104.0 4, to deny an application. So, and we have to state why we're denying it, and we have to give a section as to why we're denying it. And I and I can't see any sections that we could

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04:45:36.360 --> 04:45:42.349

DCR: fill that gotten, and we have to articulate a specific section.

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DCR: I wish we didn't have to. And I would love to say we're denying this because of of the community and failure to reach out to the community.

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DCR: This is President Mason. Question for city attorney.

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DCR: Correct me if I'm wrong. I've heard in this space before that we are not limited to what's stated in the code in terms of a denial.

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DCR: Can you clarify more about what you mean? A denial does have to be based on the reasons listed in the code. Okay, that that answers that. Okay.

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DCR: but there, I mean, there are a number of

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04:46:22.960 --> 04:46:39.190

DCR: reasons for denial listed in in the there are a number, and I'm I'm doing my best to put us into one of those numbers. I even did a Google search under Lamc. 4, 14, 0, 4, to look at the list, and I can't find

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04:46:39.350 --> 04:46:46.140

DCR: any that we could fit into this list there.

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04:46:46.280 --> 04:46:49.870

DCR: This is city attorney, Alison Toll, if I may, if

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DCR: if the Commissioners feel that they need additional fact gathering

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DCR: to make their decision, there are, there are options here. Well, okay. So here I come. This is President Mason. Every single time the 2 times this applicant has come before us there has been questions about transparency

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DCR: with respect to the information presented to this commission. There have been questions about integrity, there have been questions about how they engage with the community. That's been both times. What was especially apparent to me tonight is what Commissioner Lim touched on, and that is information that was represented to us in this

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DCR: handout

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DCR: regarding L. And E. Retail at 4,367, where Captain Perry is listed under the heading of Lapd. Southwest Division, when he is not affiliated with that division in any way, and that's something that could have been easily clarified in writing on this handout. The other thing that we had to dig for

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DCR: was whether or not the current applicant was also involved in the dispensary in the delivery enterprise, and it turns out that he was. But again, transparency

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DCR: would have been in admission

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DCR: without me having to ask. So the truth is, this applicant, as we have been told before, has been present on the premises for 5 years. His attorney said he wasn't aware of any community concerns. But not only did we hear about that. At the last meeting we sat here and watched him and a female from that community bicker

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04:48:35.590 --> 04:48:39.710

DCR: in this space, and I had to have the meeting stopped.

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DCR: So

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DCR: I don't know if we're being given truth. I don't know if we're being given fact, and because I have doubt I cannot say yes.

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DCR: it

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04:48:58.050 --> 04:49:00.291

DCR: Oh, it is Commissioner Farming.

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DCR: I I thank you. Madam President, I I do believe that I that's what I was trying to get to. I was trying to articulate that and I and I think that kind of hearing my fellow commissioners regarding the

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DCR: technical aspect of what the issuing or not issuing of the license means. I'm not arguing that I agree, and I understand it.

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DCR: It just seems to me that

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DCR: during the meetings that we've had, there's been all of the uncertainty and not not no clarification or not forthcoming. Whether that was intentional or not, I'm not judging that I'm just saying that there has been. That has been the case

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04:49:47.080 --> 04:49:54.140

DCR: right? And that's what's making it difficult for me kind of hearing the concerns

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DCR: opportunity to clarify ways to be able to kind of articulate the situation for what it is to show at least some sort of

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DCR: reconciliation or ways to work with the community. This is a business that is going to. It's coming into a community. It's coming into an established sort of grouping of folks

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04:50:22.220 --> 04:50:27.100

DCR: who own appreciate live love in that area.

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DCR: And from what I'm hearing, it is something that is disrupting that

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DCR: right. And so I also heard, you know, that

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DCR: this is not specifically, but they're not specifically against cannabis per se. But it's it's about the operator.

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DCR: right? So

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DCR: I just think that you know, in my opinion, there's just a lot of like my grandmother say a lot of messiness happening right now that I just can't

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04:51:05.230 --> 04:51:11.659

DCR: see through and figure out. And because of that, I just can't make that type of decision with that

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04:51:13.300 --> 04:51:15.009

DCR: all of that messiness.

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DCR: Oh, this is President Mason. Before you go, Commissioner Lim, I'm looking at a note that I took.

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DCR: and it's from slow elvith. And he did say that his concern is that if they fail to meet civil and legal obligations, it will impact the quality of life in that community, and that along with opposition from the Council Office and over

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DCR: 265 comments against.

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DCR: I have a hard time ignoring that.

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DCR: Yeah, I do. I'm this Commissioner Lim. I'm not trying to ignore that. I'm I'm trying to find a widget. I'm trying to find the area. So Madam City attorney, what's the difference between 104.0 4 a. Which is general denial reasons, and and I apologize for you on the spot, but and 104.0 4 b business premise denial reasons.

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DCR: Well, section B is referencing specifically the business premises. So A is general because it's more encompassing of a variety of reasons for denial. B is just honing in on the specifics of the business premises.

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DCR: Do we look at the factors under 10, 4 a. And there's 11 factors there, or and we don't look at 10, 4 point O, 4 B.

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DCR: You may consider B. But

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DCR: the assessment of the business premises, and whether or whether or not it complies with B is completed by the department prior to being presented to the Commission got it.

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DCR: And so that's why you have not engaged with that section. Why you engage with Section A understood, and

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04:53:20.030 --> 04:53:22.640

DCR: if we can figure out which

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04:53:22.750 --> 04:53:39.889

DCR: I think we're all in agreement to deny. We just need to find out which section we're gonna deny it under, because these, if they appeal to city council. They're going to, you know, they're going to review our work and our decision. And so we need to articulate

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04:53:40.070 --> 04:53:46.820

DCR: the reason. What section the denial is under. And and that's what I'm trying to do is find the section.

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DCR: because I'm completely in agreement. But I'm looking at it, and I can't see any

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DCR: which one will be the best one.

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DCR: Are you asking for my opinion? On which one

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DCR: We've bounced around quite a bit. I've heard. I've heard the Commissioners discuss concerns about misrepresentations.

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DCR: And so that you are correct. Madam President, would be encompassed by 1 0, 4, 0, 4, 8, 3,

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DCR: which that the applicant or licensee engaged in a material misrepresentation, false statement, or knowingly failed to disclose a material fact.

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DCR: as we discussed before Number 6 is a higher standard, so that the issuance of a license would create a significant public safety problem as documented by a law enforcement agency. It.

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DCR: it's not clear that we have met that threshold. Number 6.

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DCR: Particularly, because this body has seen official communications

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DCR: from Lapd in the past expressing their opinions on a given location.

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DCR: we are there. Number 7 is that the applicant or licensee failed to adhere to the requirements of this article or the rules and regulations. So, in addition to what we do discuss under the municipal code, the Department publishes a separate set of rules and regulations regarding the management of these businesses and

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DCR: what is required.

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DCR: Allegations have been made that

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DCR: theoretically would violate those rules and regulations, but it is up to you to determine whether or not.

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DCR: They have, in fact, violated the rules and regulations. I'm sorry which rules and regulations. Do you think?

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DCR: They violated, based upon our discussion?

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DCR: The the allegations around trash, graffiti and odor

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DCR: are encompassed in Dcr rules and regulations.

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DCR: 5. A.

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DCR: That's the graffiti that we talked about. Garbage. Okay? Understood.

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DCR: Now, historically, what you've seen before this body is an inspection is conducted.

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DCR: You know the applicant is notified of their failure to comply. They're offered an opportunity to correct

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DCR: and engage with the department on those issues. So this is, this is a new. We're in a new place here.

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DCR: We are definitely in a new place here

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DCR: any further deliberations. Commissioners. Nope.

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DCR: this is Vice President Nash. It appears that we are going to have a vote, and I just want to State on the record

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DCR: for all parties involved.

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DCR: that I don't think either way the vote goes, there's going to be a clear victory or clear defeat.

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04:57:22.020 --> 04:57:36.299

DCR: The neighborhood will, if the application is granted, will be able to vote with their pocketbook as to whether or not they support this dispensary, and it appears that a lot of people won't.

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DCR: The applicant can reach out to the neighborhood and try to make peace and address

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DCR: the issues that are are really driving the overwhelming.

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DCR: Oh.

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DCR: the overwhelming information and and outpouring against the application.

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DCR: So, whatever happens, I hope both parties will keep that in mind

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DCR: this Commissioner Lim, and that's why we continue the hearing last time, hoping that there would be they would work things out. I think they were more against this time than last time. So I

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DCR: yeah, I

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04:58:26.670 --> 04:58:50.900

DCR: this commission, I think I moved. Get it, get it continued. So they would have some time to reconcile and have a chance to have more of a dialogue between both parties. You know. The part that that's interesting to me is that the license at 4, 6, 7, and the application for 4, 6, 9. You have the same social equity person that is applying.

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DCR: you know, when when I opened up my business, you know, I always tried to be, you know. Try to make the neighborhood look better, you know which we're talking about tires and things in front of the building. I would have went out there and got rid of them immediately, just for good faith, you know good service, and when you just

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04:59:08.640 --> 04:59:18.990

DCR: when you you're just there, and and little things like that don't happen, you know. That's you know, that makes it hard for the community to embrace you. And and then it's not a. It's not neighborly, you know.

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DCR: It's my personal opinion.

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DCR: It's not neighborly.

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04:59:25.860 --> 04:59:28.399

DCR: all right. Do we have a motion?

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DCR: Well, I think before we have a motion.

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DCR: I think we should try to figure out which, if we're going to decide to deny

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DCR: which section we do it under.

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DCR: which is something we're required to do.

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DCR: or the President under section 1, 0. 4, dot. 4, a. 3.

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DCR: The applicant or licensee

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DCR: procure the license by fraud or deceit, made a material risk. Misrepresentation, false statement that one right there.

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DCR: and the rest of that says, or knowingly failed to disclose a material fact.

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DCR: It could be said that, failing to disclose that the social equity applicant was also involved in the

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DCR: delivery service was, and

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DCR: a material fact that was not shared until prompted. But I'm not going to stand on that. It's just that there were some false statements made tonight.

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DCR: and previously, I believe, he started out by saying, there's 2 separate entities L and E.

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DCR: And Leo group, which, until we pushed it.

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DCR: it turned out to be the same person. Here was the 1st gift.

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DCR: I asked Jason early on

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DCR: if he knew whether or not these 2 entities were connected. Jason's response was that they did not keep track

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DCR: of one to the other. That was the clue right then and there.

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DCR: When I asked you during the department's report, I said, Do you know if this current entity, or any

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DCR: of the

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DCR: applicants involved in this group were affiliated with the delivery service or any other. I didn't ask for the delivery service before you get me with a prior cannabis business there, and

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DCR: your response was.

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DCR: you did. Your response was that you didn't know what the point was. The question was out there, Jason, clean assistant executive director to to clarify my statement earlier for the

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DCR: address where the application is pending. Dcr. Has no other records at that legal address.

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DCR: and we don't keep track of unlicensed businesses. So for the 6 9 address there are no applications. So I have no records of whether or not there's overlapping ownership as part of the Neighborhood Council Slide. They had a slide that had a picture of a Dcc license number. Using that license number. I was able to do the reverse lookup. I'm sorry. I know that a question was directed at you, Mr. Collin, but

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05:02:27.360 --> 05:02:41.959

DCR: if we are reopening for the department, we're not, we're not okay, I'm sorry. That is the question was 100% directed at Mr. Clean. So he's yeah. No, no. The point was the point I was trying to make is that I did display a curiosity

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DCR: as to whether or not there was ownership overlap

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DCR: period. This Commissioner Lim. I believe you are correct. We can do it under 104.0 4

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DCR: 3 failure to disclose material fact. In addition, subsection 7.

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DCR: It failed to adhere to the rules and regulations that we have undisputed evidence of graffiti and garbage that's at the premises. And there's rules and regulations that you cannot have garbage and graffiti at the premises. We've seen numerous people cited for having graffiti. So that would be something that's undisputed that we would have also.

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DCR: So I think, if we do so. Is it okay? To have

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DCR: 2 reasons to deny the app? I I'm assuming more, more is better. Right?

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05:03:41.578 --> 05:03:45.110

DCR: Yes, okay, thank you. Thank you.

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05:03:49.140 --> 05:03:51.070

DCR: This Commissioner Lim.

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DCR: In regards to

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DCR: Dcr. Record number 10, Dcr. Core record number 3, 2, 0 0 4, 8. I make a motion to deny the staff report based upon

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DCR: L. Lamc. Section 1 0. 4 point O. 4 3,

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DCR: 104.0 4 7.

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DCR: This is President Mason. I second

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DCR: Mr. Vizo, please call the roll.

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DCR: Okay, Commissioner. Lim. Aye, President Mason. Aye, Commissioner Farny. Aye, Commissioner Melendez. Aye, vice President Nash.

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DCR: Nay, the motion passes.

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DCR: Thank you. The time is 6, 25 Pm. This commission will be on recess until 7 o'clock.

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DCR: The time is 7 0. 5, and we are resuming. I am going to take Number 13 out of order. President Mason, we do want to note that Commissioner Farm B. Has left the meeting

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DCR: so noted. Thank you.

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DCR: So I'm taking item 13 out of order.

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DCR: That is, Dcr core record number

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DCR: 3, 2, 0 0 8 8. The applicant is Mojave Fields to approve an annual license for storefront, retail, commercial cannabis activity located at 5,546 West Pico Boulevard. Mr. Vizar, are there any neighborhood Council or elected office representatives on this item. No, we do not have a speaker card or a raised hand. Then at this time we'll hear from staff.

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DCR: Good afternoon. Good evening. This is Licensing Supervisor Corey. Blake and I will present item number 13 for the Department of Cannabis Regulation.

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DCR: Dcr, core record number 3, 2, 0 0 8 8 is associated with Mojave Fields. The applicant seek an annual license for the type 10 retail commercial cannabis activity. The business is located at 5, 5, 4 6, West Pico Boulevard.

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DCR: Los Angeles, 9 0 0 1 9. In the Wilshire community plan area within Council District 10. The applicant was issued temporary approval by Dcr. With an effective date of January 3, 2025. Since that time the applicant has completed all requirements for the issuance of an annual license in accordance with Lamc. Section 104.0 6.

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DCR: The applicant currently possesses a State provisional license. C, 1, 0 0 1, 5, 2, 7, dash lic to Kentuck, retail with on-site sales, commercial cannabis activity which is active through January 6, 2026.

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DCR: The applicant is subject to the requirements of Lamc. Section 104.2 0 for the social equity program. To comply with the equity share requirements, seias must possess unrestricted ownership of their share of the social equity, applicant business, a proportional right to vote and to the profits and include code mandated language as part of the application process. Dcr. Reviewed the corporate and ownership documentation provided for this applicant and determined that the applicant met the minimum equity share requirements at that time.

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05:47:00.310 --> 05:47:23.600

DCR: On or about December 2024 Dcr. Provided notice of the community Meeting and Cannabis Regulation Commission meeting by mail to all the owners and occupants of all property within 700 feet of the property line of the business premises. Notice was provided in accordance with the municipal code. Dcr. Held a virtual community meeting on Friday, January 17, th 2025,

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DCR: 9, 8 am. To 11 Am. During the meeting, members of the public were afforded 2 min each to speak about the application. Dcr. Also accepted online written input input through the date of the community meeting, Dcr did not receive oral or written testimony for this applicant

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DCR: based on the Department's analysis, the proposed project is consistent with the criteria for class one and class 32. Categorical exemption pursuant to ceqa guidelines. If the project meets all the requirements, and none of the applicable exceptions apply. It is appropriate to determine. This project is categorically exempt. The Staff report lists a number of reasons. Dcr Order Commission may deny a license.

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05:48:03.460 --> 05:48:11.919

DCR: At present Dcr. Is not aware of any existing facts or circumstances to deny this annual license for the reasons in Lamc, section 104.0 4.

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05:48:12.080 --> 05:48:19.420

DCR: Therefore Dcr. Recommends the Commission to adopt the recommendations included in the Staff Report and approve the issuance of this annual license

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05:48:19.580 --> 05:48:22.770

DCR: that concludes the Department's presentation for this item.

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05:48:22.930 --> 05:48:26.969

DCR: Thank you so much. Any questions for staff commissioners

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05:48:29.090 --> 05:48:31.869

DCR: hearing them, then Mr. Hanchie may approach.

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05:48:33.900 --> 05:48:49.519

DCR: Thank you. I'm Arthur Hodge, the authorized agent, I'm pleased to be before you. Thank you, Mr. Blake, who's the author who's the analyst on the file, and her staff, and Mr. Killeen. This is in a nice part of Pico coming back area.

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05:48:49.570 --> 05:49:05.679

DCR: and it's a cure company branded store. Gerardo Corvedo, who is a social equity owner, was a operator in the city as a cultivator and a manufacturer under the phase, 2 program. And this is his 1st license under phase 3.

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05:49:06.620 --> 05:49:10.270

DCR: Thank you for the opportunity, and I would ask for any questions.

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05:49:11.670 --> 05:49:14.879

DCR: I have none, commissioners, any questions for Mr. Hodge.

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05:49:17.150 --> 05:49:19.819

DCR: All right, hearing none, thank you. Thank you.

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05:49:20.050 --> 05:49:22.410

DCR: We are on to deliberations, if any

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05:49:25.330 --> 05:49:27.160

DCR: hearing none. Is there a motion?

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05:49:29.790 --> 05:49:37.940

DCR: This is Vice President Nash. Regarding item number 13, Dcr core record number 3, 2, 0 0 8 8

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05:49:38.190 --> 05:49:52.470

DCR: for the business located at 5, 5, 4, 6, West Pico Boulevard. I move to adopt staff recommendations, as stated in their staff report, dated February 13, th 2025, Commissioner Melendez. I second. Thank you, Mr. Visa, please call the roll.

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05:49:52.870 --> 05:49:59.639

DCR: Vice President, Nash. Aye, Commissioner Melendez. Aye, Commissioner. Lim aye.

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05:50:00.140 --> 05:50:03.360

DCR: President, Mason. Aye, the motion passes. Thank you.

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DCR: I'm also going to take item 14 out of order.

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05:50:08.840 --> 05:50:36.210

DCR: This is Dcr core record number 3, 2, 0 0 8 7. The applicant is Sylmar, retailer, Llc. To approve an annual license for storefront, retail commercial cannabis activity located at 1, 3, 1 8, 7, North San Fernando road, Mr. Viso, are there any Neighborhood Council or elected office representatives on this item? No, we do not have a Speaker card or anyone in the virtual meeting. Okay, at this time we will hear from Department staff.

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05:50:36.440 --> 05:50:43.770

DCR: Good evening. This is Licensing Supervisor Corey Blake. I represent item number 14 for Department of Cannabis regulation.

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DCR: Dcr core record number 3, 2, 0 0 8 7 is associated with sylmar retailer, Llc. The applicant seeks an annual license for the type 10 retail commercial cannabis activity. The business is located at 1, 3, 1, 8, 7, San Fernando Road, Sylmar 9, 1, 3, 4, 2 in the Sylmar community plan area within Council District 7. The applicant was issued temporary approval by Dcr. With an effective date of November 2220, 24.

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DCR: Since that time the applicant has completed all requirements for the issuance

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DCR: of an annual license. In accordance with Lamc. Section 104.0 6. The applicant currently possesses a State provisional License, c. 1, 0 0 1 5 0 0 lic. To conduct. Retail with on-site sales. Commercial cannabis activity which is active through October 11, th 2025.

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05:51:33.580 --> 05:51:40.239

DCR: The applicant is subject to the requirements of Lamc, section 104.2 0 for the social equity program

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05:51:40.360 --> 05:51:55.150

DCR: to comply with the equity share requirements. Seias must possess unrestricted ownership of their share of the social equity, applicant business, a proportional right to vote and to the profits and include code mandated language as part of the application process.

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DCR: Dcr. Reviewed the corporate and ownership documentation provided for this applicant and determined that the applicant met the minimum equity share requirements. At that time.

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05:52:04.000 --> 05:52:07.820

DCR: On or about December 2024 Dcr. Provided notice

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05:52:07.960 --> 05:52:17.469

DCR: of the community Meeting and Cannabis Regulation Commission meeting by mail to the owners and occupants of all property within 700 feet of the property line or the business premises.

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05:52:18.050 --> 05:52:21.540

DCR: Notice was provided in accordance with the municipal Code

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DCR: Dcr. Held a virtual community meeting on Friday, January 17, th 2025.

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DCR: During the meeting, members of the public were afforded 2 min each to speak about the application. These are also accepted online, written and put through the date of the community meeting. One oral comment

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DCR: provided by representative of the of the business discussed being a social equity applicant and their benefit to the community

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DCR: based on the Department's analysis. The proposed project is consistent with the criteria for class one and class 32. Categorical exemption pursuant to ceqa guidelines.

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DCR: Since the project meets all of the requirements, and none of the applicable exceptions apply.

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DCR: It's appropriate to determine this project is categorically exempt. The Staff report lists a number of reasons. Dcr. Or the Commission may deny license.

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DCR: At present Dcr. Is not aware of any existing facts or circumstances. To deny this annual license. For the reasons in Lmc. Section 104.0 4,

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DCR: therefore, Dcr. Recommends the Commission adopt the recommendations included in the Staff Report and approve the issuance of this annual license that concludes the Department's presentation for this item.

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DCR: Thank you, Commissioners, any questions for staff.

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DCR: Okay, hearing none. We will have Mr. Herberger to the podium next.

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05:53:42.540 --> 05:53:47.280

DCR: Good evening, Commissioners. My name is Mark Herberger. I'm the representative for Sylmar retailer.

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DCR: Yeah, we're in the process of opening up. We did get the temporary approval. Like Staff said, Corey. Blake, you know, had a pleasure of working with him on a few different ta, so far. So yeah, we have 24 h security. We do record for 90 days on our you know. CCTV, we have our own parking lot, you know. We're just

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DCR: We are social equity business like you said. So we're just trying to integrate with the community as best that we can. And, you know, form a a good relationship with the neighborhood for sure.

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DCR: any questions. Thank you. I do have a question. I'm just curious. What have you? What sort of outreach with the community have you all conducted? Well, we're still in the opening phases of all this. So I haven't really done anything yet. But like I said, we're committed to you know, going to the Neighborhood Council Meetings, for example, which I do go to, and I have presented at. So yeah, we look forward to being a good member of the Sylmar community for sure.

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05:54:48.260 --> 05:54:51.880

DCR: Thank you any other questions for the applicant.

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05:54:53.760 --> 05:54:57.730

DCR: Alrighty, thank you for hanging out this long. No problem, thank you.

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05:54:58.690 --> 05:55:00.420

DCR: Any deliberations.

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05:55:02.600 --> 05:55:19.910

DCR: Is there a motion. This Commissioner Lim. In regards to Number 14, Dcr. Core record number 3, 2, 0 0 8, 7 for the business located at 1, 3, 1 8 7 North San Fernando Road. I make a motion to adopt this applicant.

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05:55:20.050 --> 05:55:28.510

DCR: Commissioner Melendez. I second. Thank you, Mr. Visa. Please call the Roll Commissioner Ling, I Commissioner Melendez. Aye.

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DCR: Vice President Nash. Aye, President Mason. Aye, the motion passed. Okay. And I am also calling Item 20 out of order

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DCR: and have managed to lose my place.

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DCR: Item 20 is Dcr. Core record number 3, 1, 0 0 4, 4. The applicant is 1, 4, 8, 5, West sunset, and Hope, Llc. To approve an annual license for storefront, retail, commercial cannabis activity located at 1, 4, 8, 5, West Sunset Boulevard. Mr. Vizo. Are there any neighborhood council or elected office representatives on this item.

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DCR: No, we do not have a Speaker card or a raised hand. Okay, then, at this time we will hear from department staff.

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05:56:19.810 --> 05:56:39.519

DCR: Good evening. This is Licensing Supervisor Corey Blake. I will present item number 20 for the Department of Cannabis Regulation, Dcr, core record number 3, 1 0 0 4 4 is associated with 1, 4, 8, 5, West Sunset, and Hope, LLC. This applicant seeks an annual license for the type, 10 retail commercial cannabis activity. The business is located

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DCR: in the community.

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DCR: One moment. Community planned area.

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DCR: Okay, resuming, the applicant seeks a annual license for the type, 10 retail commercial cannabis activity. The business located

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DCR: in

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DCR: Silver Lake, Echo Park, Elysian Park Community Plan area

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DCR: in Council District 13. The applicant has not been issued temporary approval by Dcr. The applicant has adhered to the requirements of the Los Angeles mistable Code and Dcr. Rules and regulations, and completed all requirements for the issuance of an annual license. The applicant currently possesses a State provisional license, c. 1 0 0 1 0 7 5. Lic. To conduct retail with on-site sales. Commercial cannabis activity, which is active through June 14, th 2025.

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DCR: The applicant is subject to the requirements of Lamc, section 104.2 0 for the social equity program

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DCR: to comply with the equity share requirements. Seias must possess unrestricted ownership of their share of the social equity.

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DCR: applicant business, a proportional right to vote and to the profits and include code mandated language as part of the application process. These shall review the corporate and ownership documentation provided for this applicant and determine that applicant met the minimum equity share requirement at that time.

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DCR: when we're about

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DCR: December 2024, 2024 Dcr provided notice of community meeting and a Cannabis Regulation Commission

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DCR: meeting by mail to the owners and occupants of all property within 700 feet of the property line of the business premises. Notice was provided in accordance with the mussible code.

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DCR: Bcr. Held a virtual community meeting

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DCR: on January 17, th 2025.

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05:58:42.760 --> 05:58:54.790

DCR: During the meeting members of the public were afforded 2 min each to speak about the application. These are also accepted online, written, and put through the date of the community meeting. Dcr. Did not receive any oral or written testimony for this applicant.

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05:58:55.140 --> 05:59:24.679

DCR: based on the Department's analysis. The proposed project is consistent with the criteria for class one and class 32. Categorical exemption pursuant to ceqa guidelines. Since the project meets all of the requirements, and none of the applicable exceptions apply. It is appropriate to determine this project is categorically exempt. The Staff report lists a number of reasons. Dcr. Or the Commission may deny a license. At present Dcr. Is not aware of any existing facts or circumstances to deny this annual license. For the reasons in Lamc. Section 104.0 4.

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DCR: Therefore, Dcr. Recommends the Commission adopt the recommendation included in the staff report and approve the issuance of this annual license that concludes the Department's report

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DCR: for this item. Thank you, Commissioners any questions for just Commissioner Lim. In regards to this area

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DCR: this address, 1, 4, 8, 5, West Sunset Boulevard.

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DCR: We received certain reports saying that there's 7 retail cannabis around that location. Can you tell us the density of the

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DCR: retail cannabis in that? In that location perfect

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DCR: Jason, clean assistant executive director. For this specific community plan area.

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DCR: The capacity is 9 licenses. Therefore, if 7 are issued, the community plan still has capacity for at least 2 more before the community plan area is considered and duly concentrated. There's not a pending application or license within 700 feet of this proposed location

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DCR: and based on the amendment that the City Council had adopted in December of 2024,

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DCR: any of we changed the definition of undue concentration. So previously it was tied to the issuance of a license which allowed for more applications to be submitted. The city council and mayor have grandfathered in all pending applications within that community plan area. So all of the applications that are going to come before this body, will not be subject to a finding of undue concentration unless we, you know, mention in our report

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06:01:19.290 --> 06:01:22.400

DCR: any other questions for staff. Thank you, Mr. Colleen.

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06:01:24.670 --> 06:01:30.279

DCR: Okay, hearing none. We're moving on to the applicants. Presentation. Mr. Garadyu.

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DCR: Good evening, everyone. My name is Mcconin Gardeau. I'm the managing member for 1485, West Sunset and Hope, LLC.

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DCR: I had initially prepared a statement.

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DCR: but this process has been quite the journey for me, so I just figured I'd have a conversation with you directly

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DCR: I began this process in late 2,017,

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DCR: and it was an idea I had read about this ensuing

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06:02:05.810 --> 06:02:10.790

DCR: opportunity that would be coming into the State of California, and I wanted to figure out how

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06:02:10.950 --> 06:02:14.500

DCR: I could carve out a space for myself in this new industry.

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DCR: Sometime around the spring of 2,018, I received a phone call from

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06:02:20.660 --> 06:02:28.250

DCR: an old friend whom I had not spoken to in many years, and she told me that her sister had opened up

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DCR: a retail space in Canola Park, and they invited me to the opening.

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DCR: and at that moment I figured this was a possibility for myself, and I was viscerally happy for her as if it were me having my opening, and I was driving home that day, and I figured there was going to be a way to to get into this industry. I just didn't know how I was going to do it.

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06:02:50.140 --> 06:02:51.780

DCR: 2 weeks after that

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DCR: my best friend called late at night, probably around 11 o'clock, and I was in bed. He said, how much money did you make last year?

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06:02:59.990 --> 06:03:02.889

DCR: And I said, Why are you calling at 11 o'clock at night.

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06:03:03.380 --> 06:03:05.210

DCR: I gotta wake up for work in the morning.

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06:03:05.330 --> 06:03:17.650

DCR: He was like, I just found out, there's this program that the city is rolling out, called social equity they're going to provide. They're going to facilitate an opportunity for people to apply for cannabis, retail licenses.

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DCR: I got out of bed. I checked how much money I had made previous year. They said, I think you need to make less than \$46,000 a year.

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DCR: I think, like 45, and some change.

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06:03:30.630 --> 06:03:36.110

DCR: A few months after that he invited me to a meeting that was held by

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06:03:36.240 --> 06:03:41.299

DCR: the individuals who started a group called Project Insight, which later became for the movement.

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06:03:42.370 --> 06:03:45.920

DCR: So I went to that meeting. They had seen hundreds of people

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DCR: who are interested in this opportunity.

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DCR: and out of those hundreds of people. I ended up being selected to work with them in partnership to pursue this opportunity.

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DCR: So by 2,019, that's full we had applied.

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DCR: I made it through the cut.

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06:04:04.550 --> 06:04:07.179

DCR: and then there was an audit, and then Covid hit.

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06:04:07.920 --> 06:04:11.550

DCR: We had planned to open the business in September of 2020,

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06:04:12.690 --> 06:04:22.129

DCR: and you can imagine everything with Covid. The George Floyd situation that summer was very hard to attract, more capital to invest in those projects.

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06:04:22.650 --> 06:04:31.579

DCR: So we just stewarded the license. I stewarded the license as long as I could. By 2022 4th movement closed their doors.

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DCR: 2 weeks after my State provisional license cleared on June 14, th 2022, and so I spent

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DCR: that month of July.

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06:04:50.100 --> 06:04:53.210

DCR: I end up getting sued by the landlord

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DCR: because 4th movement had not paid rent.

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06:04:56.360 --> 06:05:03.520

DCR: They were not charging us rent, but they wanted all of the back due rent, which came to the tune of like 2 million dollars.

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DCR: And so I got on the phone with them, and I said, Listen, I don't have your 2 million, but I want to pursue this project, and if you're willing to work with me.

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DCR: Maybe we can make something happen.

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06:05:14.150 --> 06:05:18.370

DCR: They filed the lawsuit regardless. So it was my 1st time being sued.

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DCR: So after about 3 or 4 months. I called their attorney directly, which people typically don't do. But I said, Listen, I don't have the money, but I want to pursue this project.

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DCR: So we spoke for about half an hour, and he was like, look.

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06:05:31.910 --> 06:05:38.589

DCR: if you can figure out how to find a partner or raise your own capital like this will all sort of fall by the wayside.

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DCR: And so I spent the next few months, you know Fielding inquiries for partnership.

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DCR: I negotiated with a potential partner for 3 months straight we came to an agreement. 30 days later they breached the contract and we had

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DCR: a spot over whether or not we'd be able to work together in the future.

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DCR: At that time I had to fire my attorneys because they did not provide the advice that I thought that they would be providing to protect my interest.

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DCR: I hired a new attorney who has been fantastic quite frankly, and we severed ties with that partner.

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06:06:16.060 --> 06:06:21.710

DCR: I am back again on my own raising capital, looking at potential partnerships.

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06:06:21.950 --> 06:06:27.339

DCR: And I'm standing here before you tonight all these years later.

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06:06:28.730 --> 06:06:29.990

DCR: That's my story.

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DCR: So if you've got any questions, I'm willing to answer them. I would like for you to grant me this application so I can move forward. It's not been easy. It's been very hard

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06:06:39.510 --> 06:06:42.019

DCR: of, but it's been worth it.

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06:06:42.230 --> 06:06:49.889

DCR: and I'm confident that I will be successful, not just getting the business open, but really building stakeholder value.

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06:06:50.180 --> 06:06:51.999

DCR: So they last for a long time.

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06:06:54.210 --> 06:06:55.660

DCR: Thank you. Yeah.

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06:06:56.260 --> 06:06:57.630

DCR: And that was a story.

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06:07:00.172 --> 06:07:04.870

DCR: I have no questions for the applicant. Do anything.

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06:07:07.620 --> 06:07:16.789

DCR: Congratulations on sticking it out. Yeah, quite, quite the journey, man. I've been there. So good luck. Thank you.

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06:07:17.220 --> 06:07:23.359

DCR: Okay, no other questions. Thank you for being here. Thank you. Appreciate it? We are on to deliberations.

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06:07:26.190 --> 06:07:30.110

DCR: It's nothing, really there. So yeah, yeah, it's not open yet. I'm good.

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06:07:30.950 --> 06:07:37.290

DCR: Okay, is there a motion Commissioner Melendez for item number 20

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DCR: Dcr core record number 3, 1, 0 0 4, 4

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DCR: for the business premises located at 1, 4, 8, 5, West Sunset Boulevard.

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DCR: I move to adopt staff recommendation, as stated on their staff report, dated February the 13, th 2025.

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DCR: Does Commissioner Lim. I second, that. Thank you, Mr. Veas, I'll please call the Roll Commissioner Melendez. Aye.

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06:08:02.380 --> 06:08:06.070

DCR: Commissioner Lim. Aye, Vice President Nash. Aye.

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06:08:06.180 --> 06:08:09.690

DCR: President Mason. Aye, the motion passes. Thank you.

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06:08:12.530 --> 06:08:16.789

DCR: We are back to the agenda order, which is, item 12

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06:08:24.790 --> 06:08:46.180

DCR: VCR. Core record number 4, 0 4, 5, 8, 5. The applicant is green. Queen Sherman Oaks, LLC. To approve an annual license for storefront, retail, commercial cannabis activity located at 1 3, 7, 1, 1 Ventura Boulevard, Mr. Visa. Are there any Neighborhood Council or elected office representatives? On this item.

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06:08:46.430 --> 06:08:53.799

DCR: No, we do not have a speaker card or a raised hand in the virtual meeting. Okay, thank you. At this time we'll hear from department staff.

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06:08:54.450 --> 06:09:08.379

DCR: Good evening. This is licensing Supervisor Corey Blake. I will present item number 12 for the Department of Cannabis Regulation, DCR, core record number 4, 0 4, 5, 8, 5, 8, 5 is associated with green, clean Sherman Oaks, LLC.

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06:09:08.480 --> 06:09:31.279

DCR: The applicant seeks an annual license for the type, 10 retail commercial cannabis activity. The business is located at 1, 3, 7, 1, 1 Ventura Boulevard, Sherman Oaks 9, 1, 4, 2, 3, and the Sherman Oaks Studio City, Toluca Lake Covinga Pass community plan, area and Council District 4. The applicant was issued temporary approval by DCR. With an effective date of January 3, 2025.

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06:09:31.400 --> 06:09:39.100

DCR: Since that time the applicant has completed all requirements for the issuance of an annual license in accord with Lamc. Section 104.0 6.

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06:09:39.210 --> 06:09:53.669

DCR: The applicant currently possesses a State provisional license. C. 1, 0 0 1, 5, 2, 8. Lic. To conduct retail with on-site sales. Commercial cannabis activity which is active through January 7, 2026.

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06:09:54.410 --> 06:10:00.470

DCR: The applicant is subject to requirements of Lamc, section 104.2 0 for the social equity program

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06:10:00.610 --> 06:10:23.969

DCR: to comply with the equity share requirements. Scias must possess unrestricted ownership of their share of the social equity, applicant business, a proportional right to vote into the profits and include code mandated language as part of the application process. These shall review the corporate and ownership documentation provided for this applicant and determine that the applicant met the minimum equity share requirements at that time.

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06:10:24.310 --> 06:10:36.970

DCR: and or about December 2024 Dcr. Provided notice of the community Meeting and Cannabis Regulation Commission meeting by mail to the owners and occupants of all property within 700 feet of the property line of the business premises.

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06:10:37.140 --> 06:10:40.060

DCR: Notice was provided in accordance with the municipal Code

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06:10:40.620 --> 06:10:56.549

DCR: Dcr. Held a virtual community meeting on Friday, January 17, th 2025. During the meeting, members of the public were afforded 2 min each to speak about the application. Dcr also accepted online written input through the date of the community meeting. The Ecr did not receive

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06:10:56.660 --> 06:10:59.149

DCR: oral or written testimony for this applicant

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06:10:59.400 --> 06:11:10.860

DCR: based on the Department's analysis. The proposed project is consistent with the criteria for class one and class 32. Categorical exemption pursuant to ceqa guidelines. Since the project meets all the requirements, and none

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06:11:11.040 --> 06:11:29.279

DCR: of the applicable acceptance apply. It is appropriate to determine. This project is categorically exempt. The staff report lists a number of reasons Dcr. Or the Commission may deny a license. At present Dcr. Is not aware of any existing facts or circumstances to deny this annual license for the reasons in Lamc. Section 104.0 4,

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06:11:29.440 --> 06:11:40.580

DCR: therefore, Dcr. Recommends the Commission adopt the recommendations included in the Staff Report, and approve the issuance of this annual license that concludes the Department's presentation for this item.

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06:11:41.200 --> 06:11:45.279

DCR: and thank you any questions for staff commissioners

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06:11:48.310 --> 06:11:52.050

DCR: hearing none. Mr. Vizo is the applicant's representative on the line.

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06:11:52.640 --> 06:12:04.619

DCR: There is no raise hand, but I will make an announcement. If the applicants representative is on the virtual meeting, please dial 9, star 9 to raise your hand again, star 9. To raise your hand.

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06:12:29.300 --> 06:12:35.950

DCR: There is no raise hand. Okay, we are moving on to deliberations. If any leverage

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06:12:36.770 --> 06:12:41.550

DCR: simply know why we continued this last time.

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06:12:50.530 --> 06:13:00.010

DCR: this is city, Attorney, Alison told. My understanding is that it had to do with continuing the items from January to the 1st meeting

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06:13:00.310 --> 06:13:08.410

DCR: in February, and that the schedule was too full. And so some of those items had to get pushed to today. So you did not continue at the

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06:13:08.700 --> 06:13:11.390

DCR: staff did. Thank you. Sure.

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06:13:15.440 --> 06:13:16.650

DCR: it's a short.

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06:13:16.770 --> 06:13:21.930

DCR: I mean, they've only been issued their licenses. January the 3rd 2025. So it's not.

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06:13:22.040 --> 06:13:30.200

DCR: There's not that much to go on, but no one's complaining. There's I don't hear anybody. I don't see anything against it. Nobody, no opposition.

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06:13:32.410 --> 06:13:41.970

DCR: as always. It would have been nice to have a representative present just in case we had any questions. But such is not the case. Any comments to my right?

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06:13:43.300 --> 06:13:51.140

DCR: Okay, do we have a motion? This Commissioner Lim in regards to item number 12, Dcr core record number 404,

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06:13:51.290 --> 06:14:03.229

DCR: 5, 8, 5 for business located at 1, 3, 7, 1, 1 Ventura Boulevard. I make a motion to adopt the staff. Report Vice President Nash seconds the motion. Thank you, Mr. Vizo, please call the Roll

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06:14:03.740 --> 06:14:10.079

DCR: Commissioner. Lim. Aye, vice President Nash. Aye, Mr. Melendez. Aye.

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06:14:10.620 --> 06:14:16.370

DCR: President Mason. Aye, the motion passes. Okay. We are on. Item 15.

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06:14:21.470 --> 06:14:32.639

DCR: VCR. Core record number 3, 2, 0 0 6 5. The applicant is Js reserve to approve an annual license for storefront, retail commercial cannabis activity located.

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06:14:33.020 --> 06:14:42.240

DCR: Excuse me at 1 8 7 0 North North Vermont Avenue, Mr. Vizo. Are there any Neighborhood Council or elected office representatives on this item?

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06:14:42.630 --> 06:14:49.830

DCR: No, there is no raised hand in the virtual meeting or a speaker card. Okay, then, at this time we'll hear from the department staff.

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06:14:51.420 --> 06:14:58.049

DCR: Good evening. This is licensing Supervisor Corey Blake. I represent. Item number 15 for Department of Cannabis Regulation.

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06:14:58.210 --> 06:15:17.539

DCR: Dcr core record number 3, 2, 0 0 6, 5 is associated with Js reserve. The applicant seeks an annual license for the type 10 retail commercial cannabis activity. The business is located at 1 8 7 0 North Vermont Avenue, Los Angeles, 9 0 0 2 7 in the Hollywood Community plan area within Council District 4.

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06:15:17.860 --> 06:15:45.909

DCR: The applicant was issued temporary approval by Dcr. With an effective date of April 25 20 22. Since that time the applicant has completed all requirements for the issuance of an annual license, and, according to Lamc, section 104.0 6. The applicant currently possessed the State provisional license, c. 1, 0 0 1, 4, 6, 2. Lic. To conduct retail with on-site sales. Commercial cannabis activity which is active through July 3, rd 2025.

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06:15:46.490 --> 06:16:05.439

DCR: The applicant is subject to the requirements of licensee section 104.2 0 for the social equity program. To comply with the equity share requirements, Seih must possess unrestricted ownership of their share of the social equity, applicant business, a proportional right to vote and to the profits and include code mandated language as part of the application process.

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06:16:05.600 --> 06:16:14.240

DCR: Dcr. Reviewed the corporate and ownership documentation provided for this applicant and determined that applicant met the minimum Equity share requirements. At that time.

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06:16:14.520 --> 06:16:30.629

DCR: when or about December 2024, Dcr. Provided notice of the community Meeting and Cannabis Regulation Commission meeting by mail to the owners and occupants of all property within 700 feet of the property line of the business premises. Notice was provided. In accordance with the municipal code.

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06:16:31.030 --> 06:16:35.629

DCR: Dcr. Held a virtual community meeting on Friday, January 17, th 2025.

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06:16:35.820 --> 06:16:48.589

DCR: During the meeting, members of the public were afforded 2 min each to speak about the application. Dcr. Also accepted online, written input through the date of the community meeting. The Hr. Did not receive oral or written testimony for this applicant.

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06:16:49.480 --> 06:16:58.660

DCR: based on the Department's analysis, the proposed project is consistent with the criteria for class one and class 32. Categorical exemption pursuant to ceqa guidelines.

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06:16:58.850 --> 06:17:06.359

DCR: Since the project meets all the requirements, and none of the applicable exceptions apply. It is appropriate to determine. This project is categorically exempt.

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06:17:06.480 --> 06:17:18.879

DCR: The staff report lists a number of reasons. Dcr. Or the Commission may deny a license. At present Dcr. Is not aware of any existing facts or circumstances to deny this annual license for the reasons in Lmc. Section 104.0 4,

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06:17:19.150 --> 06:17:26.560

DCR: therefore, DC. Recommends the Commission adopt the recommendations included in the staff report and approve the issuance of this annual license.

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06:17:26.670 --> 06:17:30.110

DCR: That concludes the Department's presentation for this item.

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06:17:31.580 --> 06:17:32.670

DCR: Thank you.

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06:17:32.880 --> 06:17:42.669

DCR: Any questions for Mr. Blake, hearing none. Mr. Vizo is the applicant's representative on the in the queue.

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06:17:43.330 --> 06:17:51.070

DCR: I will make an announcement if the applicant's representative is in the virtual meeting. Please Dial Star 9 to raise your hand.

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06:18:17.430 --> 06:18:19.829

DCR: There is no raised hand in the virtual meeting.

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06:18:20.020 --> 06:18:23.689

DCR: Okay, thank you. Then we're deliberating, gentlemen.

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06:18:26.370 --> 06:18:36.069

DCR: while they've had attempts since 25 April 25 of 2022. I don't see anything any any opposition I don't see anything against.

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06:18:37.350 --> 06:18:42.960

DCR: so it's pretty decent. I mean, they haven't doesn't look like they've been had any inspections. But let me

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06:18:44.460 --> 06:18:45.830

DCR: doesn't look bad to me.

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06:18:46.980 --> 06:18:52.529

DCR: I think there was. The this is the last. Feliz is a Commissioner Lim.

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06:18:53.047 --> 06:19:03.620

DCR: I think we did receive a letter from the La Police Department. I may be wrong, but on the briefs on the supplements I think we received the

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06:19:04.550 --> 06:19:14.039

DCR: typical letter asking, objecting to it, and if not setting forth certain restrictions. But let let me check

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06:19:44.130 --> 06:19:47.790

DCR: looking at the handout. I don't see it. Do you guys don't recall seeing

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06:19:47.930 --> 06:19:57.279

DCR: this is City Attorney Alison Toll. I am looking at a letter dated February 5, th

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06:19:57.420 --> 06:20:11.270

DCR: regarding the the applicant, which is a. A letter from the the Northeast Community Police Station.

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06:20:11.410 --> 06:20:13.480

DCR: commanding Officer J. Holm,

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06:20:16.620 --> 06:20:23.640

DCR: indicating a a list of proposed conditions, and it mimics the same type of letter that

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06:20:24.120 --> 06:20:27.600

DCR: this body has seen from Lapd before.

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06:20:28.191 --> 06:20:36.270

DCR: I believe this was in the primary, the regular submissions

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06:20:36.870 --> 06:20:41.599

DCR: in the 1st submission in the first.st Yes, the 1st batch that you would have received.

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06:20:41.910 --> 06:20:49.119

DCR: Thank you. I. Okay. So it's the same letter that we've seen many times by, signed by Katherine J. Hom.

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06:20:49.830 --> 06:20:55.577

DCR: It doesn't look like there's much this Commissioner doesn't look like there's there's there's much movement in terms of

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06:20:56.310 --> 06:20:57.640

DCR: pros or cons.

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06:20:58.180 --> 06:21:04.610

DCR: No, I. I just want to point that out. That's there. But to me it's it's I don't think it's a factor.

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06:21:16.730 --> 06:21:22.740

DCR: President Mason. I I do have a copy of the letter that was provided to me by Mr. Clean. If you I

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06:21:23.329 --> 06:21:25.919

DCR: a little bit bigger than that one.

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06:21:37.450 --> 06:21:42.660

DCR: Okay, yeah. We've seen it before. Thank you. Yeah, it's the same letter, same letter, different applicant.

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06:21:43.410 --> 06:21:48.200

DCR: Okay, I don't have any concerns at this time.

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06:21:53.500 --> 06:22:07.149

DCR: So in regards number 15, Dcr, core record number 3, 2, 0 0 6, 5 for the business located at 1 8, 7 0 North Vermont Avenue. I make a motion to adopt staff report

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06:22:07.860 --> 06:22:10.049

DCR: Vice President Nash seconds the motion.

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06:22:12.520 --> 06:22:21.440

DCR: Thank you, Mr. Visa, please call the Roll Commissioner Lim. Aye, Vice President Nash. Aye, Commissioner Melendez. Aye.

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06:22:21.750 --> 06:22:26.570

DCR: President, Mason. Aye, the motion passes. Thank you. Item, 18.

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06:22:30.600 --> 06:22:36.150

DCR: Pcr. Core record number 3, 1, 0 2, 3, 5 is pineapple express.

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06:22:36.380 --> 06:22:45.979

DCR: incorporated to approve an annual license for storefront, retail commercial cannabis activity located at 1 7 0 4 North Vine Street unit 1 0 1.

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06:22:46.300 --> 06:22:50.740

DCR: Mr. Visa. Are there any Neighborhood Council or elected office representatives? On this item.

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06:22:52.040 --> 06:22:56.719

DCR: there is a raised hand, but we did not receive a

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06:22:56.850 --> 06:22:59.979

DCR: community impact statement from the Neighborhood Council.

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06:23:01.456 --> 06:23:05.439

DCR: So here's the deal.

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06:23:05.980 --> 06:23:12.599

DCR: The Los Angeles Neighborhood Council coalition is an alliance. They are not a Neighborhood Council.

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06:23:13.800 --> 06:23:30.490

DCR: so they do not have. They are made up of Neighborhood Council Board members, but they are not covered by the city charter recognized as a Neighborhood Council. So if there's a comment from someone from Link, it should have been made during public comment.

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06:23:31.130 --> 06:23:34.309

DCR: They have no speaking rights during the item itself.

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06:23:36.140 --> 06:23:39.080

DCR: Do we want to identify who the caller is? Yes.

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06:23:40.300 --> 06:23:42.830

DCR: caller, with phone number ending in

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06:23:43.240 --> 06:23:49.960

DCR: 2 2 0 2. Please state your name, and how you represent this item.

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06:23:55.930 --> 06:24:09.130

13107172202: Hello, ladies and gentlemen of the Commission, I'm on behalf of the applicant. So, just raising my hand to let you guys know that I am still here. Vincent Sadeh for Pmpl. Express, Inc.

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06:24:09.480 --> 06:24:14.140

DCR: Okay, we will call on you when the Commission President calls on the applicant's rep.

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06:24:15.460 --> 06:24:16.320

13107172202: Thank you.

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06:24:19.260 --> 06:24:21.820

DCR: Thank you. At this time we'll hear from department staff.

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06:24:22.630 --> 06:24:40.890

DCR: Good evening. This is licensing. Supervisor Corey Blake. Now represent. Item number 18 for department of Cannabis Regulation, Dcr core record number 3, 1, 0 2, 3, 5 is associated with Pnpo Express, Inc. The applicant seeks an annual license for the type, 10, retail commercial cannabis activity.

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06:24:41.010 --> 06:24:45.150

DCR: The business is located on 1 7 0 4 North Vine Street unit

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06:24:45.610 --> 06:24:59.120

DCR: 1, 0, 1 Los Angeles, 9, 0 9 0 0 2 8, and in the Hollywood Community plan, area and Council District 13, the applicant was issued temporary approval by Dcr. With an effective date on November 2220, 24.

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06:24:59.210 --> 06:25:20.810

DCR: Since that time the applicant has completed all requirements for the issuance of an annual license in the court of Lamc, section 104.0 6. The applicant currently possesses the State provisional license, c. 1, 0 0 0 8 1 7. Lic. To conduct retail with on-site sales. Commercial cannabis activity, which is active through May 6, th 2025.

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06:25:21.120 --> 06:25:26.790

DCR: The applicant is subject to the requirements of Lamc, section 104.2 0 for the social equity program.

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06:25:27.010 --> 06:25:50.759

DCR: To comply with equity share requirements. Scias must possess unrestricted ownership of their share of the social equity, applicant business, a proportional right to vote and to the profits and include code mandated language as part of the application process. Dcr. Reviewed the corporate and ownership documentation provided for this applicant and determined that the applicant met the minimum Equity share requirements. At that time.

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06:25:50.910 --> 06:26:07.149

DCR: On about December 2024 Dcr. Provided notice of community meeting and Cannabis Regulation Commission meeting by mail to the owners and occupants of all property within 700 feet of the property line of the business premises. Notice was provided. In accordance with the municipal code.

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06:26:07.670 --> 06:26:12.310

DCR: Dcr. Held a virtual community meeting on Friday, January 17, th 2025.

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06:26:12.420 --> 06:26:16.690

DCR: During the meeting members of the public were afforded 2 min each to speak about the application.

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06:26:16.800 --> 06:26:24.529

DCR: Dcr. Also accepted online, written input through the date of the community meeting. Dcr. Did not receive oral or written testimony for this applicant.

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06:26:24.830 --> 06:26:33.829

DCR: based on the Department's analysis, the proposed project is consistent with the criteria for class one and class 32. Categorical exemption. Presuming the Ceqa guideline.

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06:26:33.960 --> 06:26:44.939

DCR: Since the project meets all the requirements, and none of the applicable exceptions apply. It is appropriate to determine. This project is categorically exempt. The staff report lists a number of reasons. Dcr. Or the Commission may deny a license.

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06:26:45.070 --> 06:27:04.040

DCR: At present Dcr. Is not aware of any existing facts or circumstances to deny this annual license for the reason. In Lamc, section 104.0 4, therefore Dcr. Recommends the Commission adopt the recommendations included in the staff report and approve the issuance of this annual license, and that concludes the Department's presentation for this item.

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06:27:04.860 --> 06:27:06.453

DCR: Thank you.

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06:27:11.240 --> 06:27:16.144

DCR: I do have a question for compliance and enforcement.

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06:27:27.030 --> 06:27:29.077

DCR: Good evening, Hi,

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06:27:29.890 --> 06:27:47.030

DCR: The Commission did receive correspondence regarding a possible violation of la municipal. Section 106. 0, 6. Restrictions on advertising cannabis and cannabis products and on-site signs, and the correspondence had a photograph

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06:27:47.400 --> 06:27:54.160

DCR: of an a-frame out on the sidewalk, along the walk of fame

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06:27:54.360 --> 06:27:59.129

DCR: for this business. Did a complaint come through the portal, or

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06:27:59.290 --> 06:28:02.450

DCR: are they pending inspection by you all?

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06:28:02.800 --> 06:28:22.800

DCR: We actually this is Rocky wiles division chief for compliance and Enforcement division. We actually conducted an inspection on January 31, st I'm not sure about that complaint. We have noticed sometimes some of those sandwich boards. We when we do our inspection.

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DCR: Okay, this was a recent email.

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DCR: the inspection was conducted on 1 31, and

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06:28:44.850 --> 06:28:49.830

DCR: we what we cited them for was graffiti, which they have corrected.

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06:28:51.810 --> 06:28:52.810

DCR: I'm sorry.

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DCR: No, no, no wrong wrong. Ntc.

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DCR: the d use of the dba

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DCR: They had 5 deficiencies.

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DCR: And what this complaint is about was not one of them.

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DCR: And since it's not on here, I would the day that they went out there. This was not

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06:29:17.690 --> 06:29:23.330

DCR: This was not part of the deficiencies that they noticed on 131.

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06:29:28.750 --> 06:29:33.460

DCR: Currently they don't. They have if corrected.

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06:29:34.330 --> 06:29:48.629

DCR: 3 of the 5 efficiencies that we cited my apologies. This is City Attorney Alison Toll. I do believe that Commission staff received this specific communication today, which is

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06:29:49.430 --> 06:29:55.310

DCR: okay. Thank you. Yes. Well, that's right. Today is 20. Yes. So that's why you haven't seen it.

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06:29:57.770 --> 06:30:04.399

DCR: Well, as I mentioned on the 31.st They did not notice this.

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06:30:06.590 --> 06:30:13.018

DCR: You're talking about. These are like the portable sandwich boards that they put on the sidewalk. Yeah, Aka, a frames.

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06:30:14.980 --> 06:30:21.740

DCR: I'm assuming this was taken today. The photograph itself is not date or time stamped.

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06:30:24.230 --> 06:30:35.640

DCR: Does Commissioner Lim? Would that be considered a minor violation to have an a frame sign outside of the retail store.

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06:30:36.440 --> 06:30:46.000

DCR: Signage is not within our jurisdiction and the public sidewalk. We would, it would be considered. I mean, we would advise them to remove it.

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06:30:46.180 --> 06:31:01.959

DCR: It's not one of our regulations, but it is a violation of the sign code. But it's not about this Commission. It's not a violation of rules and regulations under the cannabis. No, it's a signage, thank you.

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06:31:02.180 --> 06:31:04.709

DCR: But this is Vice President management.

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06:31:05.333 --> 06:31:14.010

DCR: In reviewing the staff report. It appears to state that there was no compliance inspection that is correct.

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DCR: So

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DCR: at the time that the agenda was noticed and the staff reports were prepared. There was not a compliance. Enforcement division inspection, and folks from the team were instructed not to bring new information and memos that were not timely submitted to the licensing team. So it's just a point in time issue where

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06:31:35.480 --> 06:31:44.189

DCR: the staff report was completed and something happened after the fact. And folks are not supposed to be bringing those issues before the Commission

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06:31:44.300 --> 06:31:49.130

DCR: without having timely notified people on the licensing team for Michelle's instruction.

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06:31:51.810 --> 06:31:55.021

DCR: It's a timeline issue commissioners. The

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06:31:55.690 --> 06:32:00.900

DCR: the ced memos that we forward to the licensing staff

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06:32:01.030 --> 06:32:14.019

DCR: are due 2 and a half weeks before the meeting. After that deadline we continue to work. So there are times when the inspections actually happen after my deadline, our deadline for licensing.

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06:32:14.490 --> 06:32:15.510

DCR: And we've been

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06:32:17.880 --> 06:32:42.749

DCR: this, this vice President. Some issues are above and or below my pay grade. But in in my opinion, it's very important to the Commission that we know whether or not an inspection has taken place, and the results of that inspection. And it's almost by chance that that occurred at this meeting. And it

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06:32:42.890 --> 06:33:10.229

DCR: in all likelihood could have gone the other way, and we would have never even known that there had been an inspection. So something needs to change. So that that doesn't happen. Jason, clean assistant executive director. If there's a major violation or a reason for the item to be continued, as we're allowed to do in a municipal code, and you've seen before, we will transmit a memo retracting the Dcr report to allow for those issues to be corrected. But the intent is not to

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06:33:10.280 --> 06:33:27.950

DCR: have the the applicants ability to go through the community meeting and public hearing process get disrupted because they happen to come up on a compliance list for an inspection, especially after that has been noticed, and these issues have been noticed for months in advance, so it could be scheduled months in advance if necessary.

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DCR: This is an internal issue.

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DCR: And then, yeah, this Commissioner limit seems that especially when there's only 5 minor violations. As she pointed out. Nothing, Major. So

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06:33:40.060 --> 06:33:50.330

DCR: it's it's it, it seems, as and as pointed out, if there is a major violation, they'll they'll let us know, or they'll continue it until next hearing.

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06:33:54.130 --> 06:34:05.750

DCR: I tend to agree with vice President Nash, even we, we should be informed of an inspection subsequent to a staff report being issued.

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06:34:07.410 --> 06:34:11.449

DCR: this Vice President Asher, point of clarification. Do we need to

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06:34:12.610 --> 06:34:18.980

DCR: amend the report to reflect what occurred or not?

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06:34:20.658 --> 06:34:26.940

DCR: In what context, in, in regards to an emotion is inaccurate, in that it says.

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06:34:27.100 --> 06:34:42.980

DCR: I guess it was of that date, though so, as of that date it was accurate. But it should be no, actually, that is inaccurate, because it was signed on February 13, th 2025. The inspection took place January 31, 2025.

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06:34:43.090 --> 06:34:46.569

DCR: So you're you're correct that the report is inaccurate.

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06:34:47.060 --> 06:35:06.340

DCR: The re. The report is accurate as of the time, the processes, the compliance Enforcement division is supposed to complete their inspection and transmit a memo to licensing, and that was not timely submitted. So in the earlier reports, you'll see the deficiencies from that memo

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06:35:06.490 --> 06:35:12.219

DCR: actually articulated in the staff report that comes before this body that was not timely submitted

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06:35:12.330 --> 06:35:35.050

DCR: to get into this report. And you know again, it's it's an order of operations thing that becomes disruptive in the internal policy is, if there's a major violation, or there are 10 or more other violations, we would recommend suspending it so that ced can complete their investigation and resolve the compliance things before it goes forward.

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06:35:37.286 --> 06:35:44.800

DCR: In in this is Vice President ash again. And then in light of all these discussions, do we need to say anything about

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06:35:45.150 --> 06:35:53.470

DCR: the inaccuracy is currently reflected in the report. As part of your motion. You should

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06:35:53.880 --> 06:35:58.720

DCR: amend the the report orally to include the new information

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06:35:59.210 --> 06:36:22.260

DCR: provided by ced. That would be my recommendation, this Commissioner Lynn. But isn't that going against the internal policy that if it doesn't get submitted 2 and a half weeks before the item. Then it shouldn't be on the report if we amend it. Now then, we're going against that internal policy. She's not on the record now. So it is now public information.

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06:36:22.500 --> 06:36:26.859

DCR: the the internal policy is

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06:36:27.070 --> 06:36:38.870

DCR: not the jurisdiction of this body. The the job of this body is to make a Motion to approve or deny this License, and mechanically.

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06:36:39.070 --> 06:36:46.370

DCR: if your Motion to do either of those things should reflect the new information provided here at this meeting.

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06:36:48.920 --> 06:36:54.126

DCR: This however, it sounds like

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06:36:55.080 --> 06:37:06.330

DCR: There needs to be further discussion about process related to staff reports and what is included and the the timelines. And so I think that that feedback has been received

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06:37:07.070 --> 06:37:12.859

DCR: by the department staff. And so it's up to the department staff to ensure that

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06:37:13.120 --> 06:37:17.299

DCR: this request is appropriately memorialized and complied with.

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06:37:20.180 --> 06:37:26.149

DCR: I do have a question. There was a complaint that yeah. The

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06:37:26.300 --> 06:37:32.710

DCR: the proper notice, the notice of the Neighborhood Council was not given.

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06:37:33.262 --> 06:37:39.590

DCR: What's the procedure that you follow? To make sure the proper notice was given

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06:37:40.480 --> 06:37:43.100

DCR: Jason Clean, assistant executive director.

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06:37:43.270 --> 06:38:02.629

DCR: The the applicant did comply with the requirement to reach out to the Neighborhood Council, separately. Dcr. Sends a notice to the Neighborhood Council to let them know when the community meeting and public hearing are scheduled. And then we also have all of that information publicly available on the website. I

1937

06:38:02.930 --> 06:38:04.739

DCR: did review emails

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06:38:04.930 --> 06:38:23.070

DCR: from November, between brandy demore and the actual applicant, you know, alleging that folks had not reached out, and the applicant immediately responded. The issue of the day back in November was, the applicant was going through a court mandated ownership change.

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06:38:23.140 --> 06:38:44.890

DCR: and whether or not the applicant was able to continue operating during that, so at least the person from the community alliance that transmitted. This was well aware that this record was in the pipeline. They did have the authority to engage in commercial cannabis activity, and they were aware of when you know, this public hearing was going to be held.

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06:38:45.280 --> 06:38:46.369

DCR: So the

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06:38:47.570 --> 06:38:56.640

DCR: the Department sends out the notice to all the parties to make sure proper notice is given. Correct. Okay, thank you.

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06:39:08.920 --> 06:39:22.420

DCR: So City Attorney Alison Dole, I do just want to clarify that there's different requirements. So there is a requirement for the applicant to reach out to the Neighborhood Council, as well as a hosting of the meeting and community meeting

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06:39:22.810 --> 06:39:24.140

DCR: information.

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06:39:25.250 --> 06:39:31.609

DCR: and that those are separate requirements under the municipal code. Right? I think it was the posting of the community.

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06:39:32.098 --> 06:39:37.469

DCR: Console that they were making objection to. How do we confirm that was properly posted?

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06:39:37.940 --> 06:39:41.989

DCR: The the code requires them to post it as soon as they receive it from the department.

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06:39:42.240 --> 06:40:00.870

DCR: and as part of the the notice to appear process. You know they effectively state that they've met those posting requirements, and they've offered to meet with the Neighborhood Council as required by the code. If the Neighborhood Council said that we didn't see the posting.

1948

06:40:01.280 --> 06:40:17.660

DCR: what does your department do? And they say that it was posted. The the analysts would just reach out to the the business to say that a member of the public notified us that the poster wasn't posted, you know. Please remember that it's a requirement to have it posted.

1949

06:40:18.463 --> 06:40:19.530

DCR: You know.

1950

06:40:20.300 --> 06:40:34.720

DCR: people can do all kinds of things and say all kinds of things. You know, our goal is to one make sure that people are aware of the community being the public hearing, and that the applicants are aware of their responsibility to offer to appear and then to post the notice. Okay, thank you.

1951

06:40:38.650 --> 06:40:40.370

DCR: Any other questions for Steph.

1952

06:40:42.080 --> 06:40:56.109

DCR: Okay, is there an applicant's representative on the line? Yes, caller with phone number ending in 2 2 0 2. Please state your name and how you represent the applicant. You'll have 10 min to address the commission.

1953

06:41:02.690 --> 06:41:11.740

13107172202: Hello, members of the Commission, Vincent Zadeh for Pnpl Express, Inc. I am an agent for them, and also co-founder of the brand

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06:41:11.890 --> 06:41:19.840

13107172202: that launched this dispensary. I want to thank everybody at the Commission for spending such long hours

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06:41:19.950 --> 06:41:45.310

13107172202: tirelessly going through motion after motion, and especially item 10 today, which was, it's really nice to see that you guys take such care in addressing all the neighborhoods concerns about these applicants. I do believe that that's important, and wanted to go ahead and address this particular issue.

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06:41:46.640 --> 06:41:52.350

13107172202: We'll start from the Hollywood Neighborhood Council

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06:41:52.450 --> 06:42:03.250

13107172202: and brandy. Demore is a representative with them. I just recently forwarded an email that was sent to brandy

1958

06:42:05.310 --> 06:42:10.553

13107172202: to Jason Colleen with the dcr.

1959

06:42:11.750 --> 06:42:20.539

13107172202: It's a picture of our notice that was posted, and we have been in constant communication with Mr. Moore about all phases of this.

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06:42:20.720 --> 06:42:35.460

13107172202: and we notified her the moment we received a hearing date, and also sent her a picture of us posting the notice. We were compliant at all times, and we really do respect this process.

1961

06:42:35.680 --> 06:42:49.980

13107172202: I wanted to make that point clear also, as far as any sandwich board is concerned. If that is in in any way a violation of marketing or advertising, we will, of course, adhere

1962

06:42:50.090 --> 06:42:58.690

13107172202: to the requirements. We weren't aware that that was not allowed. Dispensaries do that all over the city, legal ones.

1963

06:42:58.690 --> 06:42:59.130

DCR: They do?

1964

06:42:59.130 --> 06:43:04.500

13107172202: Without any issue. But we will happily address this

1965

06:43:05.180 --> 06:43:21.909

13107172202: immediately, and as far as the compliance inspection is concerned, the inspector themselves mentioned that we were one of the cleaner shops that he had visited, and that we really did pay close attention to detail. There was 5 minor

1966

06:43:22.020 --> 06:43:24.740

13107172202: items that were brought up

1967

06:43:25.090 --> 06:43:31.459

13107172202: having to do with our layout of our premises. Diagram changing one of the rooms

1968

06:43:31.670 --> 06:43:37.469

13107172202: was, instead of a Vip lounge. It was turned into an office to house our staff

1969

06:43:37.870 --> 06:43:52.120

13107172202: as we expanded and grew, and that needed to be referenced as office instead of Vip lounge. So we needed to basically submit a different premises, diagram, and a modification for that, along with

1970

06:43:52.390 --> 06:44:09.700

13107172202: our DBA, which is pineapple Express, Hollywood and both of those items were submitted to DCR, and a modification is pending as well. So we did do all of the items necessary on the compliance memo.

1971

06:44:10.060 --> 06:44:14.890

13107172202: after the inspection, and we look forward to being

1972

06:44:15.467 --> 06:44:20.280

13107172202: part of the gold standard of cannabis dispensaries in Los Angeles.

1973

06:44:20.830 --> 06:44:30.379

13107172202: and that is it. I'm I'm available to answer any questions. I I don't want to be long winded. I know you guys have had a long day, so I'm available to answer any questions now.

1974

06:44:31.290 --> 06:44:35.860

DCR: Thank you. Thank you for calling in and hanging in there this entire time, and and

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06:44:35.860 --> 06:44:41.350

DCR: do appreciate the recognition to our dedication to this role

1976

06:44:41.500 --> 06:44:45.559

DCR: that we sit in commissioners, any questions for the applicant.

1977

06:44:46.620 --> 06:44:56.840

DCR: This Commissioner Lim. No questions. But I commend you that you've you fixed all these items when the inspection took place on January 31, 2025.

1978

06:44:58.260 --> 06:45:00.319

13107172202: Thank you so much. We appreciate it.

1979

06:45:02.470 --> 06:45:03.690

DCR: Commissioner Melendez.

1980

06:45:04.080 --> 06:45:11.340

DCR: All right. So we're going to move on to deliberations. Thank you again for hanging out on the line. If any commissioners

1981

06:45:15.540 --> 06:45:18.210

DCR: I mean, aside from the Sandwich

1982

06:45:18.860 --> 06:45:21.879

DCR: Sandwich sign. I think everything else looks good.

1983

06:45:23.090 --> 06:45:27.399

DCR: They moved on their violations quickly. They were only minor. So that's a positive.

1984

06:45:28.900 --> 06:45:30.800

DCR: All right, let's go for a motion.

1985

06:45:32.840 --> 06:45:41.789

DCR: This is Commissioner Melendez for item number 18, Dcr. Core record number 3, 1, 0, 2, 3, 5

1986

06:45:42.240 --> 06:45:49.370

DCR: for the business premises located at 1 7 0 4 North Vine Street, unit 1 0 1.

1987

06:45:49.480 --> 06:45:56.669

DCR: I move to adopt staff recommendations. As stated on the Staff Report, dated February 1320, 25.

1988

06:45:57.150 --> 06:46:09.609

DCR: This is Vice President Nash. If I could make a friendly amendment to add that the report was amended orally here to reflect that there actually was a

1989

06:46:09.720 --> 06:46:13.659

DCR: compliance inspection on January 31, 2,025.

1990

06:46:19.096 --> 06:46:26.820

DCR: This is this is President Mason. I second the amendment to the motion. Please call the roll in the amendment.

1991

06:46:28.550 --> 06:46:34.739

DCR: I'm sorry this is city, Attorney, Alison told. Why don't we just start? Let's just let's just do a new motion. Let's just clean it up.

1992

06:46:35.386 --> 06:46:47.520

DCR: This is vice President Nash. Regarding item number 18, Dcr core record number 3, 1, 0, 2, 3, 5 for the business located at 1 7 0 4 North Vine Street unit 1. 0, 1.

1993

06:46:47.650 --> 06:47:05.030

DCR: I move to adopt staff recommendations, as stated in their staff report, dated February 13, 2,025, and is orally modified at this meeting to reflect that there actually was a compliance inspection, dated January 31, 2,025.

1994

06:47:05.290 --> 06:47:15.689

DCR: Commissioner Melendez. I second, thank you, Mr. Visa, please call the roll Vice President. Nash. Aye, Commissioner Melendez. Aye.

1995

06:47:15.990 --> 06:47:17.230

DCR: Commissioner limp.

1996

06:47:17.400 --> 06:47:18.250

DCR: Aye.

1997

06:47:18.740 --> 06:47:30.679

DCR: President, Mason, aye, the motion passes. Thank you. Item, 19, Dcr core record number 3, 1, 0 2, 0 3 was continued from February 6, 2025,

1998

06:47:30.920 --> 06:47:57.319

DCR: and the applicant is Palladium Alliance, LLC. To approve an annual license for storefront, retail commercial cannabis activity located at 5, 4, 9, 4, and a half West Centinella Avenue Mr. Rizzo. Are there any Neighborhood Council or elected office representatives on this item? No, we do not have a Speaker card or a raised hand in the virtual meeting. Thank you. At this time we will hear from Department staff.

1999

06:47:59.560 --> 06:48:17.479

DCR: Good evening. This is Licensing Supervisor Corey Blake. I represent. Item number 19 for Department of cannabis Regulation. Dcr core record number 3, 1, 0 2, 0 3 is associated with Palladium Alliance, LLC. The applicant seeks an annual license for the type 10 retail commercial cannabis activity.

2000

06:48:17.650 --> 06:48:29.339

DCR: The license is located at 54, 94, and a half West Centinella Avenue, Los Angeles, 9 0 0 4 5 in the Westchester Playa del Rey community plan area from Council District 11.

2001

06:48:29.540 --> 06:48:35.499

DCR: The applicant was issued temporary approval by Dcr. With an effective date of October 12, th 2021.

2002

06:48:35.630 --> 06:48:57.890

DCR: Since that time the applicant has completed all requirements for the issuance of an annual license. In accordance with Lamc. Section 104.0 6. The applicant currently possesses a State provisional license, c. 1, 0 0 8, 6, 7, lic. To conduct retail on-site sales, commercial cannabis activity, which is active through August 16, th 2025.

2003

06:48:58.520 --> 06:49:04.449

DCR: The applicant is subject to the requirements of Lamc, section 4.2 0 for the social equity program

2004

06:49:04.580 --> 06:49:29.049

DCR: to comply with equity share requirements. Seias must possess unrestricted ownership of their share of the social equity, applicant business, a proportional right to vote and to the profits and include code mandated language as part of the application process. Dcr. Reviewed the corporate and ownership documentation provided for this applicant and determined that the applicant met the minimum equity share requirements. At that time.

2005

06:49:29.230 --> 06:49:44.810

DCR: On about December 2024, Dcr. Provided notice of the community Meeting and Cannabis Regulation Commission meeting by mail to the owners and occupants of all property within 700 feet of the property line of the business premises. Notice was provided in accordance with the municipal code.

2006

06:49:44.920 --> 06:49:49.779

DCR: Dcr. Held a virtual community meeting on Friday, January 17, th 2025.

2007

06:49:50.050 --> 06:50:02.489

DCR: During the meeting, members of the public were afforded 2 min each to speak about the application. Dcr. Also accepted online written input through the date of the community meeting, Dcr. Did not receive oral or written testimony for this applicant

2008

06:50:02.830 --> 06:50:12.549

DCR: based on the department's analysis. The proposed project is consistent with the criteria for class one and class 32. Categorical exemptions pursuant to ceqa guidelines.

2009

06:50:12.790 --> 06:50:14.930

DCR: Since the project meets all the requirements.

2010

06:50:15.180 --> 06:50:25.780

DCR: and none of the applicable exceptions apply. It is appropriate to determine. This product project is categorically exempt. The Staff report lists a number of reasons. Dcr. Or the Commission may deny license.

2011

06:50:25.900 --> 06:50:34.269

DCR: At present Dcr. Is not aware of any existing facts or circumstances to deny this annual license for the reasons in Lmc. Section 104.0 4.

2012

06:50:34.500 --> 06:50:44.849

DCR: Therefore DC. Recommends the Commission adopt the recommendation included in the Staff Report, and approve the issuance of this annual license that concludes the Department's presentation for this item.

2013

06:50:45.180 --> 06:50:49.350

DCR: Thank you. Any questions for staff commissioners.

2014

06:50:52.500 --> 06:50:57.420

DCR: Okay, hearing none is the applicant's representative on the line.

2015

06:50:59.330 --> 06:51:02.435

DCR: We do not. Well, now, we have a race

2016

06:51:03.330 --> 06:51:13.040

DCR: caller with phone number ending in 7, 3, 5, 4. Please state your name, and if you represent the applicant you'll have 10 min to address the Commission.

2017

06:51:36.470 --> 06:51:41.570

18182847354: Good evening, Commissioners. This is Naragdanian, and I represent the applicant Palladium Alliance.

2018

06:51:42.070 --> 06:51:48.000

18182847354: I thank the Dcr. For their recommendation, and would like to make myself available for any questions you may have.

2019

06:51:49.220 --> 06:51:53.810

DCR: Thank you, commissioners, any questions for the applicant.

2020

06:51:58.080 --> 06:52:02.749

DCR: Okay, all I hear is the clock ticking back there. So we are going to move on to deliberation.

2021

06:52:03.630 --> 06:52:08.410

DCR: Well, they've had their their temp since October 12, th 2021.

2022

06:52:08.720 --> 06:52:15.339

DCR: I don't see anything in the portal or anything that we have in front of us that says that there's been any complaints

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06:52:17.190 --> 06:52:20.259

DCR: so pretty straightforward to me.

2024

06:52:21.250 --> 06:52:22.320

DCR: I agree.

2025

06:52:24.300 --> 06:52:25.959

DCR: All right. Is there a motion

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06:52:26.320 --> 06:52:38.299

DCR: this Commissioner Lim, in regards to number 19. Dcr core record number 3, 1, 0, 2, 0 3 for the business located at 5, 4, 9, 4

2027

06:52:38.420 --> 06:52:43.230

DCR: and a half West Centinella Avenue. I make a motion to adopt Staff report.

2028

06:52:43.520 --> 06:52:47.579

DCR: Commissioner Melendez. I second. Thank you, Mr. Vizo. Please call the Roll

2029

06:52:47.980 --> 06:52:56.380

DCR: Commissioner Lim. Aye, Commissioner Melendez. Aye, Vice President, Nash. Aye, President Mason. Aye.

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06:52:56.640 --> 06:53:02.749

DCR: the motion passes. Thank you. The time is 8 13 Pm. And this meeting is now adjourned.



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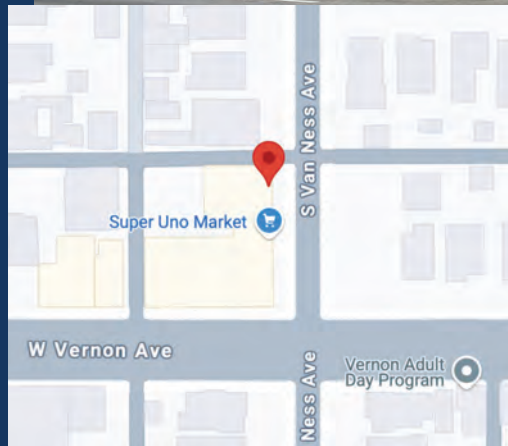
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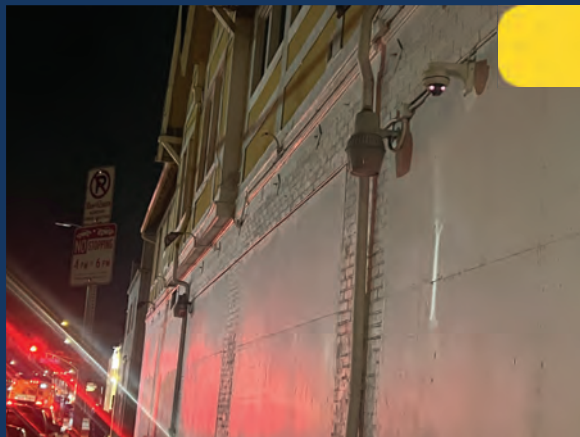
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FEB. 7th, 2025



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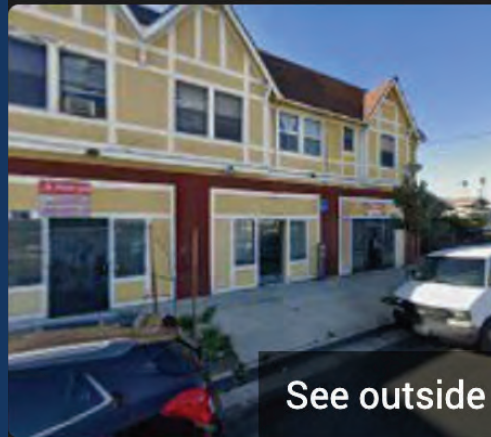
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This was the worse experience I have ever had with an online delivery. My order was three hours late and the customer service did not provide any information. My delivery was significantly delayed. After calling multiple times my delivery driver was unprofessional and rude not to mention he was intoxicated. The order was also confusing as he asked for my number and made me wait for him at this place or support them.



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Wood, CA

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Kyle McGuire

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Never send out your order. Phone numbers are either disconnected or just ring without answer. Yet they are quick to take my money.

Do NOT order from this fake store.



A.T. V.

Los Angeles, CA

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Nov 12, 2023

The conduct exhibited by the "dispatcher" and "manager" towards my elderly, handicapped, and financially constrained mother, seeking MEDICINAL assistance, was utterly unacceptable. Despite her attempt to clarify the cost breakdown for her purchase and the application of a discount, they blatantly refused to engage or comprehend her concerns.



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Nov 19, 2023

I PRE PAID for my delivery order. The driver called and was very rude in saying that I'd have to come out to pick up my order. If I wanted to go outside, I wouldn't have paid for delivery, but sure!! I go out to his car and he proceeds to ask me questions like if I had cash and again, I told him the \$100+ order was already paid for. He then asks me six times WHAT TIME I paid for the order. I have to go through emails to see what time the transaction went through. He then asks my name... like, dude, you drove to MY address, called MY phone number, AND I just provided the transaction info that I shouldn't have to. Get your act together. It seems super sketchy that he was asking me for cash after I had already paid for the order and frankly, ordering delivery isn't worth it if the drivers are going to be rude, not come to your door, AND try to scam you out of cash. Hands down the worst experience I've EVER had purchasing cannabis.



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Los Angeles, CA

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Jan 19, 2024

Literally the worst place you can order from. You're better off going with another dispensary. Not only do they deliver over 6hrs later after you place your order, they are rude about it. This was my second time ordering from them, the first time they took about 4hrs (which I have never waited that

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Monthly lease rate: \$ 8,000

Lot size (acres): 1

Building size (sq ft): 4,000

General

Medical: yes

Adult use: yes

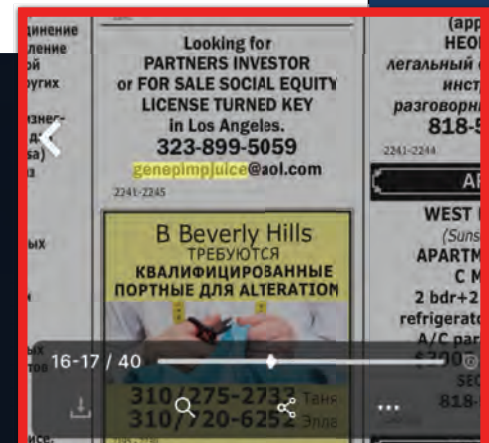
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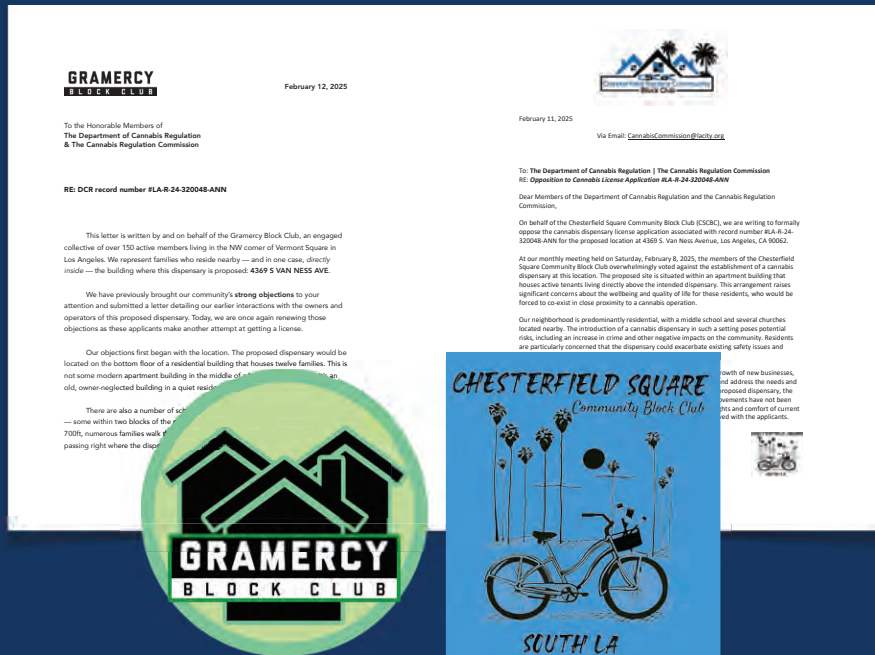
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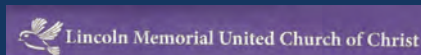
To honorable members of
The Department of Cannabis Regulation and
The Cannabis Regulation Commission

RE: DCR Record Number #LA-R-24-320048-ANN

Our organization submits this letter on behalf of our constituents, stakeholders, and neighbors, who have voiced **strong opposition** to the granting of a license to the above-referenced applicants for the proposed dispensary at 4369 S. Van Ness Ave.

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DCR00817



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February 16, 2024

Department of Cannabis Regulation | Cannabis Regulation Commission
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Attention: Department of Cannabis Regulation & The Commission
I am writing to you as the pastor of Lincoln Memorial United Church of Christ, 4750 So. Arlington Ave., Los Angeles, CA 90008 to formally express my strong support for the cannabis dispensary intended to be established at:

As a faith leader serving this community, I have witnessed firsthand the damage that substance abuse and the negative long-term health effects have on our community. I understand the existing legal landscape and the potential consequences of allowing such an establishment in our neighborhood, and I believe that such an establishment is in the best interest of our community.

Our mission is to foster a safe, nurturing environment where positive values free from the pressures and temptations of the cannabis dispensary near our place of worship. We are committed to increasing accessibility, particularly among our vulnerable populations, and we are committed to the well-being of our neighborhood.

I respectfully urge you to consider the moral, social, and economic impact of the proposed dispensary on our community and the well-being of our neighborhood.

Thank you for your attention to this matter and your continued commitment to our community.

Sincerely,


Rev. Wendell Miller, Senior Pastor
Lincoln Memorial United Church of Christ
www.lincolnucoc.org

CC: Chair/Chair Elect Community Block Club (CCLC) (CCLC) (CCLC)
The Honorable Marianne Hansen-Daniels, President Los Angeles City Council
CCLC@cityofla.org (CCLC) (CCLC) (CCLC)



JOHN L. REAMER, JR., SR. PASTOR

February 16, 2024

(Re: Department of Cannabis Regulation - The Cannabis Regulation Commission)

RE: DCR Board Notice LA-R-24-320048-ANN

Dear Members of the Department of Cannabis Regulation and the Cannabis Regulation Commission:

We the members of the Immanuel Baptist Church, located at 4750 So. Arlington Ave., most respectfully express our strong opposition to the proposed business location for the cannabis dispensary intended to be established at 4367 S. Van Ness Ave referenced under DCR record number LA-R-24-320048-ANN.

As a faith community deeply invested in the well-being of our neighborhood, we have witnessed firsthand the struggles many individuals and families face due to substance abuse and the negative impact it has on our community's health and safety. Although we understand that cannabis is legal, we are profoundly concerned about the detrimental consequences of allowing such an establishment near our church, local schools, and vulnerable at-risk youth.

Research and community reports indicate that cannabis dispensaries can contribute to increased crime rates, including theft and robbery, as they may attract individuals seeking quick financial gains. The dispensary could also lead to higher traffic congestion, posing safety risks for pedestrians, especially children walking to and from school. The potential for increased driving incidents between us, as well as endangering our youth and the lives of residents.

The introduction of a cannabis dispensary could negatively impact local businesses and property values. Families and entrepreneurs seeking to invest in our neighborhood may be deterred by the presence of such establishments, affecting the economic growth and vibrancy of our community.

Good Afternoon Mr. Fishberg,

I have been the Senior Lead Officer for the communities adjacent to Vernon Ave and Van Ness Ave for the past eight years. During that time, I have received significant number of calls from concerned residents regarding quality of life concerns related to 4367-4373 Van Ness Ave.

Those concerns were shared by residents who reside on the second floor of 4367-4373 Van Ness Ave as well as residents who live in the area. The concerns typically include graffiti, on-street parking concerns, illegal fireworks, illegal dumping, illegal vending, and noise complaints.

As the assigned SLO, I have observed graffiti at the building on a weekly basis and a significant parking problem in the north-south alley and east-west alley adjacent to the location. The graffiti is routinely reported to the MYLA311 app and removed by the LA Conservation Corp (at the expense of the City of Los Angeles), sometimes requiring police presence during removal.

I have issued numerous parking citations for the vehicles parked in the alleys and have also enforced a number of abandoned vehicles parked along on Van Ness Ave. Additionally, the Vernon Ave side of the business facing south appears to have five windows permanently boarded up which contributes to the ongoing graffiti concerns.

Approximately 10-12 months ago, I also spoke to residents at 4367-4373 Van Ness Ave who complained of a strong cannabis odor inside their homes on the second level. At that time, a resident stated there was some type of cannabis-related business at the property.

Upon further evaluation, I discovered that there was an active cannabis delivery business on the first level. Upon entering the premises, I was immediately able to confirm the strong presence of cannabis odor from the unit. During this time, I also received numerous complaints from residents about the loud and frequent noise problems that were associated with this business.

Sometime in the later part of 2024, this business vacated the property and we stopped receiving calls regarding the odor and noise.

Sincerely,
Officer Evleth

Senior Lead Officer Paul Evleth, #30806
Leimert Park - Angeles Mesa - Arlington Park (SAP)
Los Angeles Police Department | Southwest Area Community Relations Office
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Los Angeles, CA 90002
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COUNCIL DISTRICT 8

DCR00818

Petition to Reject Proposed Cannabis Dispensary at 4369 S. Van Ness Avenue

To the Department of Cannabis Regulation | Cannabis Regulation Commission:

We, the undersigned residents, business owners, and stakeholders of the South Los Angeles community, strongly oppose the proposed cannabis dispensary at 4369 S. Van Ness Avenue, Los Angeles, 90062 by L&E Retail (DCR Application #: LA-R-24-320048-ANN).

Our neighborhood is a vibrant, family-oriented community that prioritizes safety, well-being, and quality of life for its residents. The dispensary's owners and operators, through their words and actions, have already shown flagrant disrespect to our community. Allowing them to obtain a license would only further damage our neighborhood.

We urge your commission to reject their application
and send a strong message to your constituents.

**200 + COMMUNITY
SIGNATURES**

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Kuo	2nd st.	Los Angeles	90062	
Barish	3rd Pl	Los Angeles	90062	
Wiggins	8th St	Los Angeles	90062	
Green	2nd St	Los Angeles	90062	
Arreaga	an Ness	Los Angeles	90062	
Duarte	an Ness Ave	Los Angeles	90062	
Altman	3rd Place	Los Angeles	90062	
Jacques	2nd St	Los Angeles	90062	
Dunaway	3rd Place	LOS ANGELE	90062	
Mejia	an Ness Ave	Los Angeles	90062	
Vasquez	11st Drive	Los Angeles	90062	
Garcia	2nd st.	Los Angeles	90062	
McWhirter	an Ness Ave	Los Angeles	90062	
Taylor	1st Pl	Los Angeles	90062	
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LOCATION



OPERATORS

FIND A PRO

Medical: yes

Adult use: yes

Operational: yes

Generating revenue: yes

Equipment included: yes

Room for expansion: yes

Green-zone confirmed: yes

Cannabis Dispensary Storefront for sale in Los Angeles , CA 90062

Turn-key dispensary and delivery

Created 9/3/24 | Updated 9/3/24

Contact Seller

COMMUNITY RESPONSE

GRAMERCY

February 12, 2025

To the Honorable Members of
The Department of Cannabis Reg
& The Cannabis Regulation Center

RE: DCR record number KLR-24

This letter is written by and i
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IMPROVEMENTS COMMUNITY IMPACT STATEMENT

DATE: 2/12/2025

Kuo	W 42nd st	Los Angeles	90062	
Barish	W 43rd Pl	Los Angeles	90062	
Wiggins	W 48th St	Los Angeles	90062	
Green	W 42nd St	Los Angeles	90062	
Arreaga	S Van Ness	Los Angeles	90062	
Duarte	S Van Ness Ave	Los Angeles	90062	
Altman	W 43rd Place	Los Angeles	90062	



THANK YOU

L & E Retail, LLC: 4367 S. Van Ness Avenue Los Angeles, California 90062 (Agenda Item #10)

Consultants and Compliance Team: Narek Balagyozyan, Esq.-Attorney, Sarah Leedy-Compliance/Mapping, Mike Guymon-Dispensary Security, Nathan Freeman-Community Outreach Compliance/Operations, Kathy Smith-Community Outreach and Compliance/Operations

Community Outreach Report:

On 12/17/2024, Gramercy Block Club was contacted. Team discussed reasons for block club's opposition with Harry Frishberg, President. (emails available upon request)

Harry provided 4 email addresses of additional community members for the team to contact regarding the dispensary application.

Community outreach emails were sent to 4 community members provided by Harry, inviting them to contact our team with their concerns. There was only one reply, with no specific concerns provided.

A Zoom meeting was scheduled for 12/27/2024. ALL community members were invited. This community outreach was also so that the team could collect information, address any issues the community had and find a possible resolution. The Zoom invitation was provided so the block club and neighborhood council could send it to all community members. Only 3 people attended the scheduled ZOOM meeting. The three community members did not provide any additional information that would allow us to work towards resolving any issues they may have had with the opening of the dispensary. They did make it clear that it was a waste of their time and they were very angry with anyone assisting the applicants with this matter, and they did not want the applicants to ever get an approval for their dispensary business.

LAPD Southwest Division

12/13/2024: An LAPD Southwest Narcotics Division Detective was contacted regarding the location and the applicants.

The team provided the address of the location and asked if they had any previous or pending matters. The response from the Narcotics Detective was “There was information that there was an illegal grow but [LAPD] never found anything”.

02/06/2025: The LAPD Southwest Narcotics Division Detective was contacted again regarding the location and the applicants.

The response from the Narcotics Detective was “We have received info that there was a cannabis shop there but never seen any evidence of it.” The team asked if the detective could provide a letter or other written declaration confirming this; the detective said he could not write a letter since nothing being reported or discovered, but if any individual or organization wanted more information on his analysis “They can contact me.”

We contacted LAPD Captain Perry Griffith- and requested a “Crime Analysis Report” for the property address. Within a week we received a response from Captain Griffith stating the following: “I had a crime analysis done for the address and the area going back one year and there’s nothing significant.”

The team was advised to pull a Crime Data Report for that address, which we did and found nothing pertaining to that address or any cannabis criminal activities. (Report available upon request.)

LAPD Officer Paul Evelth was contacted and was asked about the property address and the applicants. He stated he did have reports regarding issues within the building, but nothing specific regarding criminal complaints of a cannabis business, or the applicants.

L & E Retail, LLC: 4367 S. Van Ness Avenue Los Angeles, California 90062 (Agenda Item #10)

Council District 8

James Ingram was contacted regarding the dispensary application, the applicants and the property. We advised Mr. Ingram we were in communication with the Gramercy Block Club and we were provided the information for the neighborhood council for our community outreach. Mr. Ingram said to please keep him updated. The team sent him the Zoom invitation for the community meeting, he advised us he was unable to attend. He was updated with information while we continued our community outreach.

Nathan Freeman- Community Outreach Specialist

The team distributed approximately 450 community outreach letters (attached) which included a Neighborhood Cannabis Liaison phone number and email address, for community members to contact us with any issues, questions or concerns.

Outreach Letter Results-

We received zero calls and one email—the email was in favor of the dispensary, welcoming L & E to the neighborhood (Email available upon request).

The team conducted community outreach going door to door in the neighborhood surrounding the dispensary proposed location, both within and outside the building, and obtained signatures in support of the dispensary (attached) This includes several tenants of the multi-use property who live in the building.

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RECOMMENDATION REPORT FOR RETAIL WITH ON-SITE SALES COMMERCIAL CANNABIS LICENSE

Pursuant to Los Angeles Municipal Code (LAMC) Section 104.06, the following application for commercial cannabis activity is complete and the Department of Cannabis Regulation (DCR) has determined the Applicant meets the requirements for the issuance of an Annual License for the commercial cannabis activity listed below. DCR recommends that the Cannabis Regulation Commission approve the issuance of an Annual License. DCR also has determined this project is categorically exempt from the requirements of the California Environmental Quality Act (CEQA) pursuant to the Class 1 and Class 32 categorical exemptions.

DCR Core Record No.:	320048
Applicant Name:	L&E Retail, LLC
DCR Record No. / Activities Requested:	LA-R-24-320048-ANN / Retail w/ on-site sales (Type 10)
Proposed Project:	The Applicant seeks an Annual License for the Type 10 Retail Storefront with on-site sales commercial cannabis activity pursuant to LAMC section 104.06 et. al.
Business Premises Address/ Project Location:	4369 S. Van Ness Avenue Los Angeles, CA 90062
Council District: Closest Neighborhood Council (NC): Business Improvement District: Community Plan Area: Zoning:	8 Empowerment Congress Central None West Adams - Baldwin Hills - Leimert C2-1VL-CPIO
LAMC Section / "Phase":	LAMC 104.06.1 / Phase 3 Retail Round 2
Evidence of Offer to Meet with NC:	Yes
Complaint Portal Entry: Recent Compliance Inspection:	No No
Social Equity Applicant / Ownership %:	Yes / 51 %
Environmental Analysis/Clearance: ENV-320048-ANN	Notice of Exemption pursuant to the Class 1 and Class 32 categorical exemptions (tit. 14, Cal. Code Regs., §§ 15301, 15332)

BACKGROUND:

The Business Premises is located at 4369 S. Van Ness Avenue, Los Angeles, CA 90062, a parcel zoned for Neighborhood Commercial purposes. The Applicant has not been issued Temporary Approval by DCR. Since that time, the Applicant has completed all requirements for the issuance of an Annual License in accordance with LAMC Section 104.06. The Applicant does not currently possess a State provisional License. The Applicant is subject to the requirements of LAMC Section 104.20 for the Social Equity Program.

Social Equity Applications are evaluated for compliance with the Equity Share requirements under LAMC 104.20. To comply with the Equity Share requirements, Social Equity Individual Applicants (SEIAs) must possess unrestricted ownership of their share of the Social Equity Applicant (business), a proportional right to vote and to the profits, and include certain language mandated by LAMC 104.20 in their agreements, among other requirements. As part of the application process, DCR reviewed the corporate and ownership documentation provided for this Applicant and determined that the Applicant met the minimum Equity Share requirements at that time.

DEPARTMENT ANNUAL LICENSING RECOMMENDATION:

DCR recommends approving the Annual License for the Applicant based on the following factors:

- The Applicant has met the Application requirements under LAMC Section 104.03.
- The Business Premises location meets the requirements under LAMC Section 105.02.
- The Application does not contain any grounds for denial under LAMC Section 104.04.
- The Applicant has met the requirements under LAMC Section 104.20.

COMMUNITY INPUT:

On or about October 17, 2024, DCR provided notice of the community meeting and Cannabis Regulation Commission meeting by mail to the owners and occupants of all property within 700 feet of the property line of the Business Premises. Notice was also provided to the nearest Neighborhood Council, Business Improvement District, and Council Office.

The virtual community meetings were held on November 14 and November 18, 2024. During the meeting, members of the public were afforded two minutes each to speak about the Application. DCR also accepted online written input through the date of the community meeting. In general, the oral and written comments provided by the public were in strong opposition to this application. Commenters expressed the beliefs that allowing this business to operate poses significant safety risks, will negatively impact the community's positive trajectory, and could harm property values. Residents voiced numerous concerns about odor, lack of cleanliness, crime, neighborhood quality of life, property upkeep, and the owner's lack of familiarity with the neighborhood and a lack of proactive responsibility with respect to mitigating crime. Finally, several speakers were offended due to the business owner's alleged comment that the neighborhood does not deserve the same level of concern/care as Beverly Hills.

Number of Comments In Favor of the Application	0
Number of Comments Against the Application	38
Total Number of Comments	38

The Applicant provided proof to DCR that it contacted the nearest Neighborhood Council and offered to appear before the Neighborhood Council in accordance with LAMC Section 104.06(b)(1)(ii).

COMPLIANCE REVIEW:

DCR has not recently performed a compliance inspection for this Applicant. However, this business shall be subject to multiple, future inspections by DCR and several other agencies prior to the receipt of an Operating Permit. An Operating Permit is the final authorization from DCR to conduct Commercial Cannabis Activity, and is issued only after a licensee has passed a Final Inspection by DCR, and obtained all permits, clearances, or other authorizations required by law, which may include a Certificate of Occupancy from the Los Angeles Department of Building and Safety, clearance from the Los Angeles Fire Department and/or permit from the Los Angeles County Department of Public Health.

THERE ARE NO EXISTING REASONS TO DENY AN ANNUAL LICENSE:

DCR or the Cannabis Regulation Commission may deny an Annual Application for the reasons stated in LAMC section 104.04. These denial reasons include, but are not limited, to:

- The Business Premises is substantially different from the diagram of the Business Premises submitted by the Applicant or Licensee;
- Denying DCR employees or agents access to the Business Premises;
- Procuring a License by fraud or deceit, making a material misrepresentation, false statement, or knowingly failing to disclose a material fact;
- Failing to timely to provide DCR with requested information, forms or documents;
- Denial of a license, permit or other authorization to engage in Commercial Cannabis Activity by any state or other local licensing authority;
- Creation of a significant public safety problem as documented by a law enforcement agency;
- Failure to adhere to the requirements of this article or the Rules and Regulations;
- Engaging in unlicensed Commercial Cannabis Activity in violation of Section 104.15;
- Revocation of Temporary Approval;
- Failing a Business Premises inspection by DCR, another City agency, or the Los Angeles County Department of Public Health; or
- Failing to comply with any requirement in LAMC Section 104.20;
- The Business Premises was the site of a utility disconnect, padlocking or certain criminal convictions for a period of 5 years from the date of the conviction, padlock or disconnect;
- Improper zoning or distancing of the Business Premises from Sensitive Uses under LAMC Section 105.00 *et seq.*;
- An Owner is an individual who holds office in, is employed by any agency of the State of California and any of its political subdivisions when the individual's duties include the enforcement or regulation of Commercial Cannabis Activity or any other penal provisions of law of the State of California prohibiting or regulating Commercial Cannabis Activity; and,
- An Owner is an entity incorporated outside of the United States.

At present, DCR is not aware of any existing facts or circumstances to deny this Annual License for the reasons in LAMC Section 104.04. Thus, DCR recommends the Commission approve the issuance of this Annual License.

CALIFORNIA ENVIRONMENTAL QUALITY ACT (CEQA) PROJECT DESCRIPTION:

The Applicant seeks conversion of an existing Retail Storefront (Type 10) Temporary Approval to an Annual License to be located on an existing site zoned for Neighborhood Commercial, C2-1VL-CPIO at 4369 S. Van Ness Avenue, Los Angeles, CA 90062 (Assessor's Parcel Number 5022-020-001). The Project-Specific Information (LIC-4013-FORM) submitted by the Applicant states that existing structures will remain with no expansion proposed (Exhibit A). Existing City sewer service is provided to the project site, and water and electricity are provided by the City of Los Angeles Department of Water and Power. Operations would be seven days per week from 10:00 a.m. to 10:00 p.m. Pre-application review has found the project to be consistent with planning and zoning. Further project site information is provided in the Project Parcel Profile Report from the City's Zone Information and Map Access System (ZIMAS) (Exhibit A). Compliance with Los Angeles Municipal Code Sections 104.00 *et seq.* and 105.00 *et seq.*, as well as DCR's Rules and Regulations, does not waive or otherwise circumvent any other City or State requirements or necessary permits from the City, State, or other public agencies, such as the Los Angeles Department of Building and Safety, the Los Angeles Fire Department, or the Los Angeles County Public Health Department. Full compliance with all applicable regulations for the proposed cannabis use(s) are assumed in this analysis.

CEQA PROJECT ANALYSIS & FINDINGS:

Land Use/Zoning Designations

Neighborhood Commercial/C2-1VL-CPIO

Surrounding Land Use/Zoning Designations

Low II Residential / R1-1

Low Medium II Residential / RD1.5-1

Community Commercial / C2-2D-CPIO

Subject Property

The subject site is a fully developed lot within the West Adams - Baldwin Hills - Leimert Community Plan Area. The lot is approximately 124 feet deep and a width of 61.4 feet along Van Ness Avenue. The site is currently developed with a Commercial - Store Combination - Store and Residential Combination - One Story building, built in 1923 proposed to be maintained.

The site has a Neighborhood Commercial land-use designation and is zoned C2-1VL-CPIO. The site is located within Council District 8, Empowerment Congress Central Neighborhood Council, and the lot is flat and contains a pre-existing building to be used by the Applicant.

Abutting Properties

Abutting uses include residential and commercial uses within 200 feet of the site. The immediate area along Van Ness Avenue is predominantly developed with Low II Residential uses, zoned R1-1, Low Medium II Residential, zoned RD1.5-1 and, Community Commercial uses, zoned C2-2D-CPIO. (See Exhibit A)

CEQA Findings

CEQA Guidelines, Sections 15301 & 15332, Class 1 & Class 32, consists of projects characterized as in-fill development meeting the following 5 conditions: (a) The project is consistent with the applicable general plan designation and all applicable general plan policies as well as with the applicable zoning designation and regulations; (b) The proposed development occurs within city limits on a project site of no more than five acres substantially surrounded by urban uses; (c) The project site has no value as habitat for endangered, rare or threatened species; (d) Approval of the project would not result in any significant effects relating to traffic, noise, air quality, or water quality; and (e) The site can be adequately served by all required utilities and public services.

These conditions are met as follows: The project is consistent with the applicable general plan designation and all applicable general plan policies as well as with the applicable zoning designation and regulations for the requested commercial cannabis activities.

a) The site is comprised of one lot totaling approximately 7,499.9 gross square feet, zoned C2-1VL-CPIO with a Commercial - Store Combination - Store and Residential Combination - One Story building originally constructed in 1923. No relief has been requested from any applicable provision or requirement of the Los Angeles Municipal Code.

b) The subject site is wholly within the City of Los Angeles, on an approximately 7,499.9 gross square foot property (i.e., less than five acres), and is substantially surrounded by urban uses. The surrounding area is zoned Low II Residential, Low Medium II Residential and, Community Commercial; and developed with a mix of residential and commercial buildings along Van Ness Avenue between Vernon Avenue and 43rd Place.

c) The project site has no value as habitat for endangered, rare or threatened species. The project is located within an established, fully developed, neighborhood. The project site has no value as habitat for endangered, rare or threatened species. The project does not propose the removal of any trees on-site and/or within the adjacent public right-of-way.

d) Approval of the project would not result in any significant effects relating to traffic, noise, air quality, or water quality.

e) The site can be adequately served by all required utilities and public services. The project site will be adequately served by all required public utilities and services, given that the site is currently served by the City's Department of Water and Power, the City's Bureau of Sanitation, the Southern California (SoCal) Gas Company, the Los Angeles Police Department, the Los Angeles Fire Department, Los Angeles Unified School District, Los Angeles Public Library, and other public services. Compliance with Regulatory Compliance Measures as enforced through the Department of Building and Safety permitting process will ensure that any needed improvements are made in order to provide adequate delivery of utilities and services to the proposed project.

CEQA Section 15300.2: Exceptions to the Use of Categorical Exemptions. The City has further considered whether the proposed project is subject to any of the exceptions set forth in State CEQA Guidelines Section

15300.2, that would prohibit the use and reliance on the categorical exemptions. None of the exceptions are triggered. As the proposed project will result in no physical changes to the site, the project would not have physical impacts to the environment. As such, it would not have a combined impact with other projects in the area that would result in cumulative impacts. There are no unusual circumstances associated with the project, which is proposed in general plan designation and zoning classification that allow the proposed use. The project will not physically change the site or the existing structures. Therefore, the project would have no impact on scenic resources, historic building(s), and the site is not on the lists that satisfy Government Code Section 65962.5, commonly referred to as the "Cortese List," as being affected by hazardous wastes or clean-up problems.

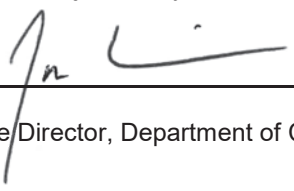
Based on the analysis above, the proposed project is consistent with the criteria for Class 1 and Class 32 categorical exemptions (tit. 14, Cal. Code Regs., §§ 15301, 15332) and does not require further analysis based on the exceptions in CEQA Guidelines Section 15300.2, and thus, DCR finds that no further CEQA analysis is required.

In conclusion, since the project meets all of the requirements for categorical exemption as set forth at CEQA Guidelines, Sections 15301 & 15332, and none of the applicable exceptions to the use of an exemption apply to the project, it is appropriate to determine this project is categorically exempt from the requirements of CEQA.

DEPARTMENT OF CANNABIS REGULATION RECOMMENDED ACTIONS:

That the Cannabis Regulation Commission:

1. Determine, based on the whole of the administrative record, that the project is exempt from the California Environmental Quality Act (CEQA) pursuant to Article 19, Section 15301, Class 1, and Article 19, Section 15332, Class 32 of the State CEQA Guidelines (tit. 14, Cal. Code Regs., §§ 15301, 15332), and there is no substantial evidence demonstrating that an exception to a categorical exemption pursuant to CEQA Guidelines Section 15300.2 applies;
2. Pursuant to Los Angeles Municipal Code Section 104.06(b)(2), approve the Annual License for Type 10 Storefront Retail Commercial Cannabis Activity at the Business Premises location; and,
3. Adopt DCR's Project Analysis & Findings as the Commission's report on the subject.



Jason Killeen
Assistant Executive Director, Department of Cannabis Regulation

February 13, 2025
Date

EXHIBITS:

A – Project Specific Information Form (LIC-4013-FORM) and Materials



CITY OF LOS ANGELES DEPARTMENT OF

CANNABIS REGULATION

PROJECT-SPECIFIC INFORMATION FORM

LIC-4013-FORM

Instructions: Before the Department of Cannabis Regulation (DCR) can grant an Annual License, DCR must independently evaluate the document prepared for the project in compliance with the California Environmental Quality Act (CEQA), or documentation provided by the Applicant or Licensee as evidence of exemption from CEQA. To conduct this evaluation, DCR must have a complete description of the proposed project that provides information about the project site, including existing conditions and facilities, proposed facilities and improvements, and the construction methods and operations practices of the proposed project.

Please provide detailed responses with as much information as possible. If more space is needed, additional pages may be added. Missing, incomplete, or inconsistent information may delay the processing of your Annual License Application.

Date (MM/DD/YYYY): 03/06/2024

Lead Agency: City of Los Angeles - Department of Cannabis Regulation

DCR Record No.: LA-R-23-320048-ANN

Applicant Entity Name: L&E Retail, LLC

License Type(s): Retail

Business Premises Location: 4369 S. Van Ness Ave, Los Angeles, CA 90062

County: Los Angeles Assessor's Parcel Number (APN): 5022020001

Council District: CD8 Neighborhood Council: Empowerment Congress Central Area

Community Plan Area: West Adams - Baldwin Hills - Leimert

Zoning: C2-1VL-CPIO Specific Plan Area: South Los Angeles Alcohol Sales

General Plan Land Use: Neighborhood Commercial Redevelopment Project Area: None

Business Improvement District: None Promise Zone: S. LA Transit Empowerment Zone

State Enterprise Zone: LA Historic Preservation Review: None

LAPD Division/Station: Southwest LAFD District/Fire Station: 66

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Categorical Exemption Evaluation Form

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Please provide detailed responses. If more space is needed, additional pages may be added. Missing, incomplete, or inconsistent information may delay the processing of your Annual License Application.

Project Description: *Insert project description information or reference where this information is located.*

This is a retail facility located at 4369 S. Van Ness Ave, Los Angeles, CA 90062.

This project will only involve negligible or no expansion of use beyond that existing at the time of the beginning of the project. There will be no significant structural changes made to the building, and the intended use will be consistent with the use permitted by the zoning.

Categorical Exemption Evaluation Form

Class 1: Existing Facilities

1. Is the project site currently operating as a cannabis activity site or a similar use, or has it recently operated for this purpose? ☒ Yes ☐ No

Provide details of current or prior operation(s). Cite source(s) of information.

The project site is currently operating as a retailer under L&E Retail, LLC.

2. Does the project involve an expansion of existing structures that would be considered negligible or no expansion of existing or former use? (If no, skip to Question 6) ☐ Yes ☒ No

Provide expansion details, if applicable. Cite source(s) of information.

N/A

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3. Project Expansion: _____
Size of expansion in square feet: _____

Cite source(s) of information.

- a. Would the expansion be less than or equal to 2,500 square feet or 50 percent of the floor area before expansion? (If yes, skip to [Question 6.](#)) ☐ Yes ☐ No

Cite source(s) of information.

- b. Would the expansion be more than 2,500 square feet or 50 percent of the floor area before expansion? (If yes, skip to [Question 4.](#)) ☐ Yes ☐ No

Cite source(s) of information.

- c. Would the expansion be greater than 10,000 square feet? ☐ Yes ☐ No

Cite source(s) of information.

4. Is the project site served by all public services sufficient to serve the project (e.g., water, sewer, electricity, gas)? ☐ Yes ☐ No

Describe which public services serve the project site. Cite source(s) of information.

5. Is there evidence that the project site is located in an environmentally sensitive area?

☐ Yes ☒ No

Describe the environmentally sensitive area (if applicable). Cite source(s) of information, if available.

6. Does the project require a water right permit or another environmental permit that could result in physical changes to the environment? (If yes, see instructions.)

☐ Yes ☒ No

List permits required and any potential physical changes that could occur. Cite source(s) of information.

N/A

7. Does the project require demolition and removal of individual small structures (e.g., one single-family residence, a duplex or similar multifamily structure, a store, motel or restaurant or accessory structures)?

☐ Yes ☒ No

Describe size of structure to be demolished and location.

N/A

Categorical Exemption Evaluation Form

Class 2: Replacement or Reconstruction

1. Does the project involve the replacement or reconstruction of an existing structure on the same site as the structure being replaced or reconstructed? ☐ Yes ☒ No

Describe both the existing structure and replacement structure, including the location on the site. Cite source(s) of information.

N/A

2. Would the new structure have substantially the same purpose and capacity as the existing structure? ☐ Yes ☒ No

Provide information on the purpose of both the existing and replacement structures to ensure they are the same. Cite source(s) of information.

N/A

3. Does the project require a water right permit or another environmental permit that could result in physical changes to the environment? (If yes, see instructions.) ☐ Yes ☒ No

List permits required and any potential physical changes that could occur. Cite source(s) of information.

N/A

Categorical Exemption Evaluation Form

Class 3: New Construction or Conversion of Small Structures

1. Does the project involve the conversion of existing small structures including only minor modifications, or the installation of small equipment and facilities in small structures? ☐ Yes ☒ No

Provide information regarding the nature of modifications to existing small structures, if applicable. Cite source(s) of information.

N/A

2. Does the project involve the construction of new small structures? ☐ Yes ☒ No

Provide information regarding the size and purpose of the proposed new structures, if applicable. Cite source(s) of information.

N/A

Please check instructions for directions on how to proceed, based on answers to Questions 1 and 2.

3. Is the project within an urbanized area? (If no, skip to Question 9.) ☒ Yes ☐ No

Cite source(s) of information.

N/A

FOR SITES IN URBANIZED AREAS

4. Does the project involve the construction of four or fewer structures totaling 10,000 square feet or less?

☐ Yes ☒ No

Provide information regarding size of new structure(s), if applicable. Cite source(s) of information.

N/A

5. Is the parcel zoned for the proposed use?

☒ Yes ☐ No

Cite source(s) of information.

6. Does the project involve the use of significant amounts of hazardous substances?

☐ Yes ☒ No

Provide details of any hazardous substances used including amount of product(s), if applicable. Cite source(s) of information.

N/A

7. Are all necessary public services and facilities available to the project?

☒ Yes ☐ No

List all services and facilities provided. Cite source(s) of information.

Water, power, waste disposal, and sewage.

8. Do either the project site or the surrounding lands contain a sensitive environmental area? (If no, skip to [Question 11](#).)

☐ Yes ☒ No

Provide information on the nature of any sensitive environmental areas. Cite source(s) of information, if available.

FOR SITES NOT IN URBANIZED AREAS

9. Does the project involve the construction of a single structure totaling 2,500 square feet or less?

☐ Yes ☐ No

Provide information regarding size of new structure, if applicable. Cite source(s) of information.

10. Does the project involve the use of significant amounts of hazardous substances?

☐ Yes ☐ No

Provide list of any hazardous substances used, including amount of product(s), if applicable and available. Cite source(s) of information.

FOR ALL SITES

11. Does the project require a water right permit or another environmental permit that could result in physical changes to the environment? (If yes, see instructions.)

☐ Yes ☒ No

List permits required and any potential physical changes that could occur. Cite source(s) of information.

N/A

Categorical Exemption Evaluation Form

Class 4: Minor Alterations to Land

1. Does the project involve the removal of healthy, mature, scenic trees (except for forestry and agricultural purposes)? ☐ Yes ☒ No

Provide details, if needed. Cite source(s) of information.

N/A

2. Does the project involve alterations to land, water, or vegetation that would be considered minor? ☐ Yes ☒ No

Provide details, if needed. Cite source(s) of information.

N/A

3. Would the alterations consist of grading on lands of 10 percent slope or steeper? ☐ Yes ☒ No

Provide details, if needed. Cite source(s) of information.

N/A

4. Would the alterations consist of grading in an area determined to be a wetland? ☐ Yes ☒ No

Cite source(s) of information.

N/A

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5. Would the alterations consist of grading in a scenic area officially designated by a federal, state, or local agency? ☐ Yes ☒ No

Provide name of scenic area (if applicable). Cite source(s) of information.

N/A

6. Would the alterations consist of grading in an officially mapped area of severe geologic hazard, such as an Alquist- Priolo Earthquake Fault Zone, or within an official Seismic Hazard Zone designated by the State Geologist? ☐ Yes ☒ No

Provide the name of the zone (if applicable). Cite source(s) of information.

N/A

7. Does the project require a water right permit or another environmental permit that could result in physical changes to the environment? (If yes, see instructions.) ☐ Yes ☒ No

List permits required and any potential physical changes that could occur. Cite source(s) of information.

N/A

Categorical Exemption Evaluation Form

Class 11: Accessory Structures

1. Does the project include the construction or placement of accessory structures? ☐ Yes ☒ No

Describe new and/or replacement accessory structures. Cite source(s) of information.

N/A

2. Does the project require a water right permit or another environmental permit that could result in physical changes to the environment? (If yes, see instructions.) ☐ Yes ☒ No

List permits required and any potential physical changes that could occur. Cite source(s) of information.

N/A

Categorical Exemption Evaluation Form

Class 32: Infill Development Projects

1. Is the project consistent with the general plan designation, all applicable general plan policies, and zoning designation and regulations for the site? ☒ Yes ☐ No

Cite source(s) of information.

LA City Planning Website - General Plan
<https://planning.lacity.org/plans-policies/general-plan-overview>

Los Angeles General Plan ANNUAL PROGRESS REPORT - 2022

2. Project Size and Location
a. Is the project site 5 acres in size or less? ☒ Yes ☐ No

Indicate the size of the project site, in acres. Cite source(s) of information.

0.17 acres
(Source: Zimas)

- b. Is the project site substantially surrounded by urban uses? ☐ Yes ☐ No

Describe the uses of the surrounding properties. Cite source(s) of information.

The project site is surrounded by urban uses.
The surrounding land uses are the following: C2-1VL-CPIO
(Source: Zimas)

3. Does the project site have value as habitat for endangered, rare, or threatened species? ☐ Yes ☒ No

Describe any habitat for endangered, rare, or threatened species identified on or near the project site (if applicable). Cite source(s) of information.

The project site does not have any habitat for endangered, rare, or threatened species identified on or near the project site.

(Source: Zimas)

4. Would the project have significant impacts related to traffic, noise, air quality, or water quality? ☐ Yes ☒ No

Describe potential impact(s) and evidence (if applicable). Cite source(s) of information.

The project's use is consistent with the previous use, thus it will not have any additional significant impacts related to traffic, noise, air quality, or water quality.

5. Can the project site be adequately served by all required utilities and public services? ☒ Yes ☐ No

Describe which utilities and public services serve the project site. Cite source(s) of information.

The project site can be adequately served by all required utilities and public services, including LADWP, LAPD, and LAFD.

(Source: Zimas)

6. Does the project require a water right permit or another environmental permit that could result in physical changes to the environment? (If yes, see instructions.) ☐ Yes ☒ No

List permits required and any potential physical changes that could occur. Cite source(s) of information.

N/A

Exceptions to Exemptions

1. Scenic Highways

- a. Is the project visible from an official State Scenic Highway?

☐ Yes ☒ No

*List State Scenic Highway(s) from which the project is visible (if applicable).
Cite source(s) of information.*

- b. If yes, would the project result in damage to scenic resources?

☐ Yes ☒ No

*Describe scenic resources and potential damage (if applicable). Cite source(s)
of information.*

2. Is the project located on a site included on any list compiled pursuant to Government Code § 65962.5 (Cortese List)?

☐ Yes ☒ No

Describe the type of hazardous site (if applicable). Cite source(s) of information.

3. Would the project result in a substantial adverse change in the significance of a historical resource?

☐ Yes ☒ No

*List the historic resource(s) potentially affected and describe the potential effects
(if applicable). Cite source(s) of information.*

4. Is there evidence of the potential for the project to contribute to a significant cumulative impact?

☐ Yes ☒ No

Describe the potential cumulative impact(s) and evidence (if applicable). Cite source(s) of information.

N/A

5. Is there evidence of a reasonable possibility of a significant environmental impact due to unusual circumstances?

☐ Yes ☒ No

Describe the potential impact(s), circumstances, and evidence (if applicable). Cite source(s) of information.

N/A

6. Would the project impact an environmental resource of hazardous or critical concern?

☐ Yes ☒ No

Provide details, if needed. Cite source(s) of information.

N/A

7. Does the project involve the removal of healthy, mature, scenic trees (except for forestry and agricultural purposes)?

☐ Yes ☒ No

Provide details, if needed. Cite source(s) of information.

N/A

CEQA Exemption PetitionClass: 1 Category: Existing Facilities

Explanation of how the project fits the CEQA exemption indicated above:

This project will only involve negligible or no expansion of use beyond that existing at the time of the beginning of the project. There will be no significant structural changes made to the building, and the intended use will be consistent with the use permitted by the zoning.

- 1. Source(s) of Information:** Identify Sources: *Indicate the document(s) or other sources of information reviewed to complete this form.*

Zoning; Zimas. Maps; Google Maps. Activities; Local and State Cannabis Applications/ California Department of Cannabis Control. Project Size; Architectural Plans. Sources of Water; LADWP Documentation & California/ Los Angeles Water Board. Wastewater; LA Department of Public Works , Bureau of Sanitation.
California Department of Fish and Wildlife
Los Angeles Department of Building and Safety

2. Project Location and Surrounding Land Use.

- (a) Describe Project Location: *Provide detailed information about the project location and any other physical description that clearly indicates the project site location.*

The project is located at 4369 S. Van Ness Ave, Los Angeles, CA 90062 on a 0.17 lot., with a freestanding 21,172 sq ft building.

- (b) Existing Land Uses/Zoning: *Describe the current land uses on the project site and any existing buildings and structures. Describe the surrounding land uses and zoning designations within a one-half mile radius of the project and list all abutting land uses.*

The current land uses on the project site are the following: C2-1VL-CPIO
The surrounding land uses and zones: R1-1, C2-2D-CPIO, C2-1VL-CPIO, R2-1, PF-1

- (c) **Previous Use:** Describe the previous use of the Project site or facility, if known. Include an estimate of the time such previous operations ceased, if such information is available.

Unknown

- (d) **Was the site previously used for a similar use?** The key consideration is whether the project involves negligible or no expansion of an existing use.

Yes.

- (e) **Maps to be Included:** *Provide a vicinity map and aerial image to show the project location. Include photographs, not larger than 8½ by 11 inches, of existing visual conditions as observed from publicly accessible vantage point(s).*

3. Project Operations/Description. Provide the following information about project operation and maintenance activities. If more than one type of cannabis activity is occurring on-site, provide a description of the project operations for each activity. This should include the following relevant information.

- (a) **Activities Occurring Onsite:** *Describe the activities included in the project application and identify any other commercial cannabis activity or activities occurring at the proposed premises, including other proposed cannabis activities occurring on the property. Describe the cannabis business operation methods and activities (e.g. cultivation methods, manufacturing and/or distribution operations).*

Retail

- (b) **Cannabis Operation Activities Owned by the Same or Different Businesses:** *Describe any additional cannabis operation activities existing or proposed either owned by the same or different businesses on the property.*

N/A

- (c) **Project Size:** *Quantify the project size (total floor area of the project), and the lot size on which the project is located, in square feet.*

The project size is 21,172 sq ft on a lot size of 7,499,9 sq ft.

- (d) **State License:** *Identify whether the applicant is licensed by, or has applied for licensure from, the California Department of Cannabis Control to engage in commercial cannabis activity at the proposed premises.*

The Applicant is licensed by the California Department of Cannabis Control to engage in commercial cannabis activity at the project site.

- (e) **Hours of Operation/Work Shifts:** *Identify the hours of operation/work shifts for the project.*

Employees will be on the premises from the hours of 10:00 a.m. to 10:00 p.m.

- (f) **Number of employees (total and by shift):** *Estimate the number of anticipated employees onsite and occupancy during operating hours.*

There will be up to 12 employees on site during operating hours.

The anticipated total occupancy during operating hours is 7 to 14 persons at one time.

- (g) **Estimated Daily Trip Generation:** *Estimate the frequency of deliveries or shipments originating from and/or arriving to the project site. Identify the approximate number of vehicle trips per day to be generated by the project and information regarding the days and times most trips are expected to occur.*

The estimated frequency of deliveries or shipments originating from and/or arriving to the project site is anywhere between 2-3 shipments per week, 0 to 2 trips a day, that will happen during weekday work hours, between 9am to 6pm.

- (h) **Source(s) of Water:** *Name all sources of water, and indicate whether a new or amended water right must be obtained from the State Water Resources Control Board.*

LADWP is the source of all water. No new or amended water right will be obtained from the State Water Resources Control Board.

- (i) **Wastewater Treatment Facilities:** *Describe the facilities for treatment of wastewater (e.g., leach field, City wastewater collection facilities).*

LA Department of Public Works, Bureau of Sanitation.

4. Environmental Setting:

- (a) Describe natural characteristics on the project site:

The project site is an industrial building, located in a fully developed area, with almost no natural characteristics, in a typical light industrial city block.

- (b) General Topographic Features (slopes and other features):

The project site is an industrial building, located in a fully developed area, with almost no natural characteristics, in a typical light industrial city block.

- (c) Natural characteristics (general vegetation types, drainage, soil stability, habitat, etc.):

There are scarce amounts of native Southern California vegetation/fauna, and no soil instability. Drainage is managed by Bureau of Engineering/GIS Mapping Division, as well as the LA Dept. or Public Works, Bureau of Sanitation.

- (d) Identify whether there are any watercourses and riparian habitats within 150- feet of the proposed premises (e.g., drainage swales, stream courses, springs, ponds, lakes, creeks, tributary of creeks, wetlands):

The only potential watercourses or riparian habitats within 150-feet of the premises would be the LA River, drainage and associated runoff canals.

- (e) Identify whether the property contains natural features of scenic value of rare or unique characteristics (e.g., rock outcroppings, mature trees):

The property does not contain natural features of scenic value of rare or unique characteristics.

- (f) Identify whether the property has any historic designations or archeological remains onsite:

The property does not have any historic designations or archaeological remains onsite.

- (g) Identify whether the property contains habitat for special status species:

The property does not contain any known habitats of special status species.

- (h) Identify the location, type, and quantity of hazardous materials, as defined by Health and Safety Code section 25260, that are stored, used, or disposed of at the project site and a copy of the Hazardous Material Business Plan (HMBP) prepared for the proposed premises, if any:

No hazardous materials are stored, used, or disposed of on the property site.

- (i) Discuss whether the project will increase the quantity and type of solid waste, as defined by Public Resources Code section 40191, or hazardous waste, as defined by Health and Safety Code section 25117, that is generated or stored onsite:

There will not be an increase in the quantity of solid waste that is generated or stored onsite.

- ④ Describe the project's anticipated operational energy needs, identify the source of energy supplied for the project and the anticipated amount of energy per day, and explain whether the project will require an increase in energy demand and the need for additional energy resource:

The source of energy supplied is LADWP with no excessive use of energy above what is standard for the activities.
The project will not require an increase in energy demand nor the need for additional energy resources.

5. Explain whether any of the project activities will expand the existing footprint of the proposed facility beyond the current structural or parcel boundaries, increase the amount of impervious surface, or reduce any natural habitat. If the project is part of a larger project, attach a separate sheet to briefly describe the larger project.

The project activities will not expand the existing footprint of the proposed facility beyond the current structural or parcel boundaries, will not increase the amount of impervious surface, and will not reduce any natural habitat.

6. Environmental Commitments: *List any environmental commitments agreed to by the applicant to the protection of biological or cultural resources, energy efficiency, water efficiency, noise abatement, lighting, or other aspects of the project that may reduce impacts on the environment.*

The applicant pledges to follow all City, County, and State Environmental Standards, and pledges to implement the use of the most efficient equipment in order to reduce the impact on the environment.
Applicant agrees to protect all resources.

7. Other Relevant CEQA Information: *Submit any other relevant CEQA documentation or information that will assist the Department in determining CEQA compliance (e.g., any environmental impact analysis prepared by a consultant).*

N/A

8. Permits Required: *List all other required federal, state, and local permits required, including, but not limited to, all entitlements required for this project by a planning commission, local air district, or regional water board. Identify whether the commercial cannabis business(es) is licensed by or has applied for licensure from the Department, or one of the prior state cannabis licensing authorities:*

- ☒ California Department of Cannabis Control
- ☒ Los Angeles Fire Department
- ☒ Los Angeles Department of Building and Safety
- ☐ California Department of Fish and Wildlife
- ☐ State Water Resources Control Board / Regional Water Quality Control Board
- ☐ County of Los Angeles Public Health Permit
- ☐ Local Air District
- ☐ Streambed Alteration Agreement
- ☐ Water quality protection program
- ☐ Los Angeles Department of Water and Power
- ☒ Los Angeles Department of Public Works, Bureau of Sanitation

Partial List of Categorical Exemptions under CEQA

Certain commercial cannabis activities (projects) may be exempt from further environmental review pursuant to the California Environmental Quality Act (CEQA) because they fall within a class of projects determined not to have significant effect on the environment. (Cal. Code Regs., tit. 14, § 15300 et seq.) Common exemptions that may apply have been identified below.

Class	Category	Description
Class 1	Existing Facilities	Consists of the operation, repair, maintenance, permitting, leasing, licensing, or minor alteration of existing public or private structures, facilities, mechanical equipment, or topographical features, involving negligible or no expansion of use beyond that existing at the time of the lead agency's determination. (Cal. Code Regs., tit. 14, §15301.)
Class 2	Replacement or Reconstruction	Consists of replacement or reconstruction of existing structures and facilities where the new structure will be located on the same site as the structure replaced with a new structure of substantially the same size, purpose, and capacity. (Cal. Code Regs., tit. 14, § 15302.)
Class 3	New Construction or Conversion of Small Structures	Consists of construction and location of limited numbers of new, small facilities or structures; installation of small new equipment and facilities in small structures; and the conversion of existing small structures from one use to another where only minor modifications are made in the exterior of the structure. (Cal. Code Regs., tit. 14, § 15303.)
Class 4	Minor Alterations to Land	Consists of minor public or private alterations in the condition of land, water, and/or vegetation which do not involve removal of healthy, mature, scenic trees except for forestry and agricultural purposes. (Cal. Code Regs., tit. 14, § 15304.)
Class 11	Accessory Structures	Consists of construction, or placement of minor structures accessory to (appurtenant to) existing commercial, industrial, or institutional facilities. (Cal. Code Regs., tit. 14, § 15311.)
Class 32	In-Fill Development Projects	Consists of projects characterized as in-fill development meeting the conditions described in Cal. Code Regs., tit. 14, § 15332.



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PROPERTY ADDRESSES

4367 S VAN NESS AVE
4369 S VAN NESS AVE
4371 S VAN NESS AVE
4373 S VAN NESS AVE
4375 S VAN NESS AVE
2101 W VERNON AVE

ZIP CODES

90008
90062

RECENT ACTIVITY

None

CASE NUMBERS

CPC-2010-2278-GPA
CPC-2007-3827-ICO
CPC-2006-5567-CPU
CPC-2004-2391-ICO
CPC-1990-346-CA
CPC-1989-411-PWA
CPC-1983-506
ORD-188311
ORD-187643
ORD-184796-SA1500
ORD-184794
ORD-180103
ORD-176589
ORD-171682
ORD-171681
ORD-162128
ZA-2018-3710-CUW
ZA-2004-2548-CUB
ZA-19XX-6992
ZA-19XX-5791
ENV-2018-3711-CE
ENV-2010-2279-CE
ENV-2008-478-EIR
ENV-2007-3828-CE
ENV-2004-2549-ND
ENV-2004-2409-CE-ICO
ND-84-494-CUC
AFF-5439
AFF-14411

Address/Legal Information

PIN Number	111B189 95
Lot/Parcel Area (Calculated)	7,499.9 (sq ft)
Thomas Brothers Grid	PAGE 673 - GRID G3
Assessor Parcel No. (APN)	5022020001
Tract	TR 1359
Map Reference	M B 18-68
Block	None
Lot	1
Arb (Lot Cut Reference)	None
Map Sheet	111B189

Jurisdictional Information

Community Plan Area	West Adams - Baldwin Hills - Leimert
Area Planning Commission	South Los Angeles
Neighborhood Council	Empowerment Congress Central
Council District	CD 8 - Marqueece Harris-Dawson
Census Tract #	2340.02
LADBS District Office	Los Angeles Metro

Permitting and Zoning Compliance Information

Administrative Review	None

Planning and Zoning Information

Special Notes	None
Zoning	C2-1VL-CPIO
Zoning Information (ZI)	ZI-2512 Housing Element Inventory of Sites ZI-2498 Local Emergency Temporary Regulations - Time Limits and Parking Relief - LAMC 16.02.1 ZI-1231 Specific Plan: South Los Angeles Alcohol Sales ZI-2517 Al Fresco Ordinance within Planning Overlay and/or the Coastal Zone (Ordinance 188073) ZI-2452 Transit Priority Area in the City of Los Angeles ZI-2468 Community Plan Implementation Overlay: West Adams-Baldwin Hills-Leimert ZI-2374 State Enterprise Zone: Los Angeles
General Plan Land Use	Neighborhood Commercial
General Plan Note(s)	Yes
Hillside Area (Zoning Code)	No
Specific Plan Area	SOUTH LOS ANGELES ALCOHOL SALES
Subarea	None
Special Land Use / Zoning	None
Historic Preservation Review	No
Historic Preservation Overlay Zone	None
Other Historic Designations	None
Mills Act Contract	None
CDO: Community Design Overlay	None
CPIO: Community Plan Imp. Overlay	West Adams - Baldwin Hills - Leimert
Subarea	Commercial Corridors
CUGU: Clean Up-Green Up	None
HCR: Hillside Construction Regulation	No

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(*) - APN Area is provided "as is" from the Los Angeles County's Public Works, Flood Control, Benefit Assessment.

NSO: Neighborhood Stabilization Overlay	No
POD: Pedestrian Oriented Districts	None
RBP: Restaurant Beverage Program Eligible Area	None
RFA: Residential Floor Area District	None
RIO: River Implementation Overlay	No
SN: Sign District	No
AB 2334: Very Low VMT	Yes
AB 2097: Reduced Parking Areas	Yes
Streetscape	No
Adaptive Reuse Incentive Area	None
Affordable Housing Linkage Fee	
Residential Market Area	Medium
Non-Residential Market Area	Medium
Transit Oriented Communities (TOC)	Tier 2
ED 1 Eligibility	Review Eligibility
RPA: Redevelopment Project Area	None
Central City Parking	No
Downtown Parking	No
Building Line	None
500 Ft School Zone	None
500 Ft Park Zone	None
Assessor Information	
Assessor Parcel No. (APN)	5022020001
APN Area (Co. Public Works)*	0.330 (ac)
Use Code	1210 - Commercial - Store Combination - Store and Residential Combination - One Story
Assessed Land Val.	\$1,201,041
Assessed Improvement Val.	\$1,037,672
Last Owner Change	10/15/2007
Last Sale Amount	\$0
Tax Rate Area	68
Deed Ref No. (City Clerk)	590218
	527763
	2816292
	1871090
	1860321
	1684952
	1506068
	1347092-94
Building 1	
Year Built	1923
Building Class	C5B
Number of Units	0
Number of Bedrooms	12
Number of Bathrooms	12
Building Square Footage	21,172.0 (sq ft)
Building 2	No data for building 2
Building 3	No data for building 3
Building 4	No data for building 4
Building 5	No data for building 5
Rent Stabilization Ordinance (RSO)	Yes [APN: 5022020001]
Additional Information	
Airport Hazard	None
Coastal Zone	None

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Farmland	Area Not Mapped
Urban Agriculture Incentive Zone	YES
Very High Fire Hazard Severity Zone	No
Fire District No. 1	No
Flood Zone	500 Yr
Watercourse	No
Methane Hazard Site	None
High Wind Velocity Areas	No
Special Grading Area (BOE Basic Grid Map A-13372)	No
Wells	None
Environmental	
Santa Monica Mountains Zone	No
Biological Resource Potential	None
Mountain Lion Potential	None
Monarch Butterfly Potential	No
Seismic Hazards	
Active Fault Near-Source Zone	
Nearest Fault (Distance in km)	3.18516
Nearest Fault (Name)	Newport - Inglewood Fault Zone (Onshore)
Region	Transverse Ranges and Los Angeles Basin
Fault Type	B
Slip Rate (mm/year)	1.00000000
Slip Geometry	Right Lateral - Strike Slip
Slip Type	Poorly Constrained
Down Dip Width (km)	13.00000000
Rupture Top	0.00000000
Rupture Bottom	13.00000000
Dip Angle (degrees)	90.00000000
Maximum Magnitude	7.10000000
Alquist-Priolo Fault Zone	No
Landslide	No
Liquefaction	Yes
Preliminary Fault Rupture Study Area	None
Tsunami Hazard Area	No
Economic Development Areas	
Business Improvement District	None
Hubzone	None
Jobs and Economic Development Incentive Zone (JEDI)	None
Opportunity Zone	No
Promise Zone	South Los Angeles Transit Empowerment Zone
State Enterprise Zone	LOS ANGELES STATE ENTERPRISE ZONE
Housing	
Direct all Inquiries to	Los Angeles Housing Department
Telephone	(866) 557-7368
Website	https://housing.lacity.org
Rent Stabilization Ordinance (RSO)	Yes [APN: 5022020001]
Ellis Act Property	No
AB 1482: Tenant Protection Act	No
Housing Crisis Act Replacement Review	Yes
Housing Element Sites	
HE Replacement Required	Yes
SB 166 Units	0.05 Units, Above Moderate
Housing Use within Prior 5 Years	No

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Public Safety

Police Information

Bureau	South
Division / Station	Southwest
Reporting District	394

Fire Information

Bureau	South
Battalion	13
District / Fire Station	66
Red Flag Restricted Parking	No

CASE SUMMARIES

Note: Information for case summaries is retrieved from the Planning Department's Plan Case Tracking System (PCTS) database.

Case Number:	CPC-2010-2278-GPA
Required Action(s):	GPA-GENERAL PLAN AMENDMENT
Project Descriptions(s):	GENERAL PLAN AMENDMENT FOR EXISTING FAST FOOD INTERIM CONTROL ORDINANCE (ICO) TO CREATE A GENERAL PLANT FOOTNOTE FOR THE PROHIBITION OF CERTAIN PROJECTS.
Case Number:	CPC-2007-3827-ICO
Required Action(s):	ICO-INTERIM CONTROL ORDINANCE
Project Descriptions(s):	ESTABLISHMENT OF AN ICO TO TEMPORARILY PROHIBIT THE ISSUANCE OF ALL PERMITS RELATED TO THE ESTABLISHMENT OF NEW FAST-FOOD RESTAURANTS LOCATED IN WHOLE OR IN PART WITHIN THE PROPOSED ICO BOUNDARY.
Case Number:	CPC-2006-5567-CPU
Required Action(s):	CPU-COMMUNITY PLAN UPDATE
Project Descriptions(s):	1. PURSUANT TO PROCEDURES SET FORTH IN SECTION 11.5.6 OF THE MUNICIPAL CODE AND CITY CHARTER SECTIONS 555 AND 558, AMEND THE WEST ADAMS-BALDWIN HILLS-LEIMERT COMMUNITY PLAN AS PART OF THE GENERAL PLAN OF THE CITY OF LOS ANGELES, AS MODIFIED IN THE ATTACHED WEST ADAMS-BALDWIN HILLS-LEIMERT NEW COMMUNITY PLAN RESOLUTION, THE WEST ADAMS-BALDWIN HILLS-LEIMERT NEW COMMUNITY PLAN TEXT AND CHANGE MAPS (EXHIBITS A, B, C, M, O) AND ADDITIONAL PLAN MAP SYMBOL, FOOTNOTE, CORRESPONDING ZONE AND LAND USE NOMENCLATURE CHANGES (EXHIBIT K). 2. PURSUANT TO SECTIONS 11.5.7.G., 16.50.D., 12.32. AND 12.04 OF THE MUNICIPAL CODE AND CITY CHARTER SECTION 558, AMEND THE CRENSHAW CORRIDOR SPECIFIC PLAN, AS SHOWN IN THE PROPOSED CRENSHAW CORRIDOR SPECIFIC PLAN AMENDMENTS (EXHIBIT G). 3. PURSUANT TO SECTION 13.14.C., 12.32, AND 12.04 OF THE MUNICIPAL CODE AND CITY CHARTER SECTION 558, ADOPT THE WEST ADAMS-BALDWIN HILLS-LEIMERT COMMUNITY PLAN IMPLEMENTATION OVERLAY (CPIO) DISTRICT, AS SHOWN IN THE PROPOSED CPIO SUBDISTRICT ORDINANCES (EXHIBIT F). 4. PURSUANT TO SECTION 12.32 OF THE MUNICIPAL CODE, ADOPT REZONING ACTIONS TO EFFECT CHANGES OF ZONE AS IDENTIFIED ON THE LAND USE CHANGE MAP (EXHIBIT H), LAND USE CHANGE MATRIX (EXHIBIT I) AND PROPOSED ZONING MAP (EXHIBIT Q). 5. PURSUANT TO PROCEDURES SET FORTH IN SECTION 11.5.6 OF THE MUNICIPAL CODE AND CITY CHARTER SECTIONS 555 AND 558, AMEND THE HIGHWAYS AND FREEWAYS MAP OF THE TRANSPORTATION ELEMENT OF THE GENERAL PLAN TO RECLASSIFY SELECTED STREETS WITHIN THE WEST ADAMS-BALDWIN HILLS-LEIMERT NEW COMMUNITY PLAN AS SHOWN ON THE STREET REDESIGNATION MATRIX (EXHIBIT J). 6. PURSUANT TO PROCEDURES SET FORTH IN SECTION 11.5.6 OF THE MUNICIPAL CODE AND CITY CHARTER SECTIONS 555 AND 558, AMEND THE LONG RANGE LAND USE DIAGRAM OF THE CITYWIDE GENERAL PLAN FRAMEWORK ELEMENT TO REFLECT CHANGES AND MODIFICATIONS TO THE GEOGRAPHY OF NEIGHBORHOOD DISTRICTS, COMMUNITY CENTERS, REGIONAL CENTERS, AND MIXED USE BOULEVARDS AS SHOWN ON THE PROPOSED LON
Case Number:	CPC-2004-2391-ICO
Required Action(s):	ICO-INTERIM CONTROL ORDINANCE
Project Descriptions(s):	INTERIM CONTROL ORDINANCE/ AUTOMOTIVE RELATED USES
Case Number:	CPC-1990-346-CA
Required Action(s):	CA-CODE AMENDMENT
Project Descriptions(s):	AMENDMENT TO THE L.A.M.C. TO - DRAFT AN ORDINANCE TO PROHIBIT THE GRANTING OF A CONDITIONAL USE PERMIT FOR THE OFF-SITE SALE OF ALCOHOLIC BEVERAGES (LOURDES GREEN/KAREN HOO)
Case Number:	CPC-1989-411-PWA
Required Action(s):	PWA-PUBLIC WORKS APPROVAL
Project Descriptions(s):	VACATION - ALLEY NORTHERLY OF VERNON AVENUE FROM VAN NESS AVENUE TO APPROXIMATELY 115 FEET WESTERLY THEREOF
Case Number:	CPC-1983-506
Required Action(s):	Data Not Available
Project Descriptions(s):	SPECIFIC PLN ORD FOR INTERIM CONDITIONAL USE APPRVL FOR ESTABLISHMENTS FOR THE SALE OF ALCOHOL WHICH ARE GENERALLY LOCATED IN THE SOUTH CENTRAL AREA OF THE CITY
Case Number:	ZA-2018-3710-CUW
Required Action(s):	CUW-CONDITIONAL USE WIRELESS
Project Descriptions(s):	CONDITIONAL USE PERMIT PURSUANT TO LAMC SECTION 12.24.W49 FOR A ROOFTOP WIRELESS TELECOMMUNICATIONS FACILITY ON A TWO-STORY COMMERCIAL BUILDING AND SUPPORT EQUIPMENT AT GROUND LEVEL. HEIGHT OF THE BUILDING, INCLUDING THE WIRELESS FACILITY IS 41 FEET, 5 INCHES. CONDITIONAL USE PERMIT PURSUANT TO LAMC SECTION 12.21.A21 WIRELESS TELECOMMUNICATIONS FACILITY FOR A ROOFTOP WIRELESS TELECOMMUNICATIONS FACILITY.
Case Number:	ZA-2004-2548-CUB
Required Action(s):	CUB-CONDITIONAL USE BEVERAGE-ALCOHOL

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Project Descriptions(s):	OFF-SITE SALE OF BEER AND WINE AT AN EXISTING GROCERY MARKET.
Case Number:	ZA-19XX-6992
Required Action(s):	Data Not Available
Project Descriptions(s):	
Case Number:	ZA-19XX-5791
Required Action(s):	Data Not Available
Project Descriptions(s):	
Case Number:	ENV-2018-3711-CE
Required Action(s):	CE-CATEGORICAL EXEMPTION
Project Descriptions(s):	CONDITIONAL USE PERMIT PURSUANT TO LAMC SECTION 12.24.W49 FOR A ROOFTOP WIRELESS TELECOMMUNICATIONS FACILITY ON A TWO-STORY COMMERCIAL BUILDING AND SUPPORT EQUIPMENT AT GROUND LEVEL. HEIGHT OF THE BUILDING, INCLUDING THE WIRELESS FACILITY IS 41 FEET, 5 INCHES.
	CONDITIONAL USE PERMIT PURSUANT TO LAMC SECTION 12.21.A21 WIRELESS TELECOMMUNICATIONS FACILITY FOR A ROOFTOP WIRELESS TELECOMMUNICATIONS FACILITY.
Case Number:	ENV-2010-2279-CE
Required Action(s):	CE-CATEGORICAL EXEMPTION
Project Descriptions(s):	GENERAL PLAN AMENDMENT FOR EXISTING FAST FOOD INTERIM CONTROL ORDINANCE (ICO) TO CREATE A GENERAL PLANT FOOTNOTE FOR THE PROHIBITION OF CERTAIN PROJECTS.
Case Number:	ENV-2008-478-EIR
Required Action(s):	EIR-ENVIRONMENTAL IMPACT REPORT
Project Descriptions(s):	ADDENDUM TO THE WEST ADAMS CPU EIR CHANGE
Case Number:	ENV-2007-3828-CE
Required Action(s):	CE-CATEGORICAL EXEMPTION
Project Descriptions(s):	ESTABLISHMENT OF AN ICO TO TEMPORARILY PROHIBIT THE ISSUANCE OF ALL PERMITS RELATED TO THE ESTABLISHMENT OF NEW FAST-FOOD RESTAURANTS LOCATED IN WHOLE OR IN PART WITHIN THE PROPOSED ICO BOUNDARY.
Case Number:	ENV-2004-2549-ND
Required Action(s):	ND-NEGATIVE DECLARATION
Project Descriptions(s):	OFF-SITE SALE OF BEER AND WINE AT AN EXISTING GROCERY MARKET.
Case Number:	ENV-2004-2409-CE-ICO
Required Action(s):	CE-CATEGORICAL EXEMPTION ICO-INTERIM CONTROL ORDINANCE
Project Descriptions(s):	INTERIM CONTROL ORDINANCE/ AUTOMOTIVE RELATED USES
Case Number:	ND-84-494-CUC
Required Action(s):	CUC-CONDITIONAL USE TO THE COMMISSION
Project Descriptions(s):	Data Not Available

DATA NOT AVAILABLE

ORD-188311
 ORD-187643
 ORD-184796-SA1500
 ORD-184794
 ORD-180103
 ORD-176589
 ORD-171682
 ORD-171681
 ORD-162128
 AFF-5439
 AFF-14411

11/22/2024

Generalized Zoning

ZIMAS PUBLIC



Address: 4369 S VAN NESS AVE
APN: 5022020001
PIN #: 111B189 95

Tract: TR 1359
Block: None
Lot: 1
Arb: None

Zoning: C2-1VL-CPIO
General Plan: Neighborhood Commercial

LEGEND

GENERALIZED ZONING

	OS, GW
	A, RA
	RE, RS, R1, RU, RZ, RW1
	R2, RD, RMP, RW2, R3, RAS, R4, R5, PVSP
	CR, C1, C1.5, C2, C4, C5, CW, WC, ADP, LASED, CEC, USC, PPSP, MU, NMU
	CM, MR, CCS, UV, UI, UC, M1, M2, LAX, M3, SL, HJ, HR, NI
	P, PB
	PF

GENERAL PLAN LAND USE

LAND USE

RESIDENTIAL

	Minimum Residential
	Very Low / Very Low I Residential
	Very Low II Residential
	Low / Low I Residential
	Low II Residential
	Low Medium / Low Medium I Residential
	Low Medium II Residential
	Medium Residential
	High Medium Residential
	High Density Residential
	Very High Medium Residential

COMMERCIAL

	Limited Commercial
	Limited Commercial - Mixed Medium Residential
	Highway Oriented Commercial
	Highway Oriented and Limited Commercial
	Highway Oriented Commercial - Mixed Medium Residential
	Neighborhood Office Commercial
	Community Commercial
	Community Commercial - Mixed High Residential
	Regional Center Commercial

FRAMEWORK

COMMERCIAL

	Neighborhood Commercial
	General Commercial
	Community Commercial
	Regional Mixed Commercial

INDUSTRIAL

	Commercial Manufacturing
	Limited Manufacturing
	Light Manufacturing
	Heavy Manufacturing
	Hybrid Industrial

PARKING

	Parking Buffer

PORT OF LOS ANGELES

	General / Bulk Cargo - Non Hazardous (Industrial / Commercial)
	General / Bulk Cargo - Hazard
	Commercial Fishing
	Recreation and Commercial
	Intermodal Container Transfer Facility Site

LOS ANGELES INTERNATIONAL AIRPORT

	Airport Landside / Airport Landside Support
	Airport Airside
	LAX Airport Northside

OPEN SPACE / PUBLIC FACILITIES

	Open Space
	Public / Open Space
	Public / Quasi-Public Open Space
	Other Public Open Space
	Public Facilities

INDUSTRIAL

	Limited Industrial
	Light Industrial

CIRCULATION

STREET

	Arterial Mountain Road
	Collector Scenic Street
	Collector Street
	Collector Street (Hillside)
	Collector Street (Modified)
	Collector Street (Proposed)
	Country Road
	Divided Major Highway II
	Divided Secondary Scenic Highway
	Local Scenic Road
	Local Street
	Major Highway (Modified)
	Major Highway I
	Major Highway II
	Major Highway II (Modified)

	Major Scenic Highway
	Major Scenic Highway (Modified)
	Major Scenic Highway II
	Mountain Collector Street
	Park Road
	Parkway
	Principal Major Highway
	Private Street
	Scenic Divided Major Highway II
	Scenic Park
	Scenic Parkway
	Secondary Highway
	Secondary Highway (Modified)
	Secondary Scenic Highway
	Special Collector Street
	Super Major Highway

FREEWAYS

	Freeway
	Interchange
	On-Ramp / Off- Ramp
	Railroad
	Scenic Freeway Highway

MISC. LINES

	Airport Boundary
	Bus Line
	Coastal Zone Boundary
	Coastline Boundary
	Collector Scenic Street (Proposed)
	Commercial Areas
	Commercial Center
	Community Redevelopment Project Area
	Country Road
	DWP Power Lines
	Desirable Open Space
	Detached Single Family House
	Endangered Ridgeline
	Equestrian and/or Hiking Trail
	Hiking Trail
	Historical Preservation
	Horsekeeping Area
	Local Street
	MSA Desirable Open Space
	Major Scenic Controls
	Multi-Purpose Trail
	Natural Resource Reserve
	Park Road
	Park Road (Proposed)
	Quasi-Public
	Rapid Transit Line
	Residential Planned Development
	Scenic Highway (Obsolete)
	Secondary Scenic Controls
	Secondary Scenic Highway (Proposed)
	Site Boundary
	Southern California Edison Power
	Special Study Area
	Specific Plan Area
	Stagecoach Line
	Wildlife Corridor

POINTS OF INTEREST

 Alternative Youth Hostel (Proposed)	 Horticultural Center	 Public Elementary School
 Animal Shelter	 Hospital	 Public Elementary School (Proposed)
 Area Library	 Hospital (Proposed)	 Public Golf Course
 Area Library (Proposed)	HW House of Worship	 Public Golf Course (Proposed)
 Bridge	 Important Ecological Area	 Public Housing
 Campground	 Important Ecological Area (Proposed)	 Public Housing (Proposed Expansion)
 Campground (Proposed)	 Interpretive Center (Proposed)	 Public Junior High School
 Cemetery	 Junior College	 Public Junior High School (Proposed)
HW Church	 MTA / Metrolink Station	 Public Middle School
 City Hall	 MTA Station	 Public Senior High School
 Community Center	 MTA Stop	 Public Senior High School (Proposed)
 Community Library	MWD MWD Headquarters	 Pumping Station
 Community Library (Proposed Expansion)	 Maintenance Yard	 Pumping Station (Proposed)
 Community Library (Proposed)	 Municipal Office Building	 Refuse Collection Center
 Community Park	 Municipal Parking lot	 Regional Library
 Community Park (Proposed Expansion)	 Neighborhood Park	 Regional Library (Proposed Expansion)
 Community Park (Proposed)	 Neighborhood Park (Proposed Expansion)	 Regional Library (Proposed)
 Community Transit Center	 Neighborhood Park (Proposed)	 Regional Park
 Convalescent Hospital	 Oil Collection Center	 Regional Park (Proposed)
 Correctional Facility	 Parking Enforcement	RPD Residential Plan Development
 Cultural / Historic Site (Proposed)	 Police Headquarters	 Scenic View Site
 Cultural / Historical Site	 Police Station	 Scenic View Site (Proposed)
 Cultural Arts Center	 Police Station (Proposed Expansion)	 School District Headquarters
DMV DMV Office	 Police Station (Proposed)	 School Unspecified Loc/Type (Proposed)
DWP DWP	 Police Training site	 Skill Center
 DWP Pumping Station	PO Post Office	 Social Services
 Equestrian Center	 Power Distribution Station	 Special Feature
 Fire Department Headquarters	 Power Distribution Station (Proposed)	 Special Recreation (a)
 Fire Station	 Power Receiving Station	 Special School Facility
 Fire Station (Proposed Expansion)	 Power Receiving Station (Proposed)	 Special School Facility (Proposed)
 Fire Station (Proposed)	C Private College	 Steam Plant
 Fire Supply & Maintenance	E Private Elementary School	 Surface Mining
 Fire Training Site	 Private Golf Course	 Trail & Assembly Area
 Fireboat Station	 Private Golf Course (Proposed)	 Trail & Assembly Area (Proposed)
 Health Center / Medical Facility	JH Private Junior High School	UTL Utility Yard
 Helistop	PS Private Pre-School	 Water Tank Reservoir
 Historic Monument	 Private Recreation & Cultural Facility	 Wildlife Migration Corridor
 Historical / Cultural Monument	SH Private Senior High School	 Wildlife Preserve Gate
 Horsekeeping Area	SF Private Special School	
 Horsekeeping Area (Proposed)	 Public Elementary (Proposed Expansion)	

SCHOOLS/PARKS WITH 500 FT. BUFFER

	Existing School/Park Site		Planned School/Park Site		Inside 500 Ft. Buffer
	Aquatic Facilities		Other Facilities		Opportunity School
	Beaches		Park / Recreation Centers		Charter School
	Child Care Centers		Parks		Elementary School
	Dog Parks		Performing / Visual Arts Centers		Span School
	Golf Course		Recreation Centers		Special Education School
	Historic Sites		Senior Citizen Centers		High School
	Horticulture/Gardens				Middle School
	Skate Parks				Early Education Center

COASTAL ZONE

	Coastal Commission Permit Area
	Dual Permit Jurisdiction Area
	Single Permit Jurisdiction Area
	Not in Coastal Zone

TRANSIT ORIENTED COMMUNITIES (TOC)

	Tier 1		Tier 3
	Tier 2		Tier 4

Note: TOC Tier designation and map layers are for reference purposes only. Eligible projects shall demonstrate compliance with Tier eligibility standards prior to the issuance of any permits or approvals. As transit service changes, eligible TOC Incentive Areas will be updated.

WAIVER OF DEDICATION OR IMPROVEMENT

	Public Work Approval (PWA)
	Waiver of Dedication or Improvement (WDI)

OTHER SYMBOLS

	Lot Line		Airport Hazard Zone		Flood Zone
	Tract Line		Census Tract		Hazardous Waste
	Lot Cut		Coastal Zone		High Wind Zone
	Easement		Council District		Hillside Grading
	Zone Boundary		LADBS District Office		Historic Preservation Overlay Zone
	Building Line		Downtown Parking		Specific Plan Area
	Lot Split		Fault Zone		Very High Fire Hazard Severity Zone
	Community Driveway		Fire District No. 1		Wells - Active
	Building Outlines 2020		Tract Map		Wells - Inactive
	Building Outlines 2017		Parcel Map		



City of Los Angeles Cannabis Regulation Commission



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DECISION LETTER

Mailing Date: March 25, 2025

Applicant: L&E Retail, LLC
Business Premises: 4369 S. Van Ness Ave.
DCR Core Record No.: 320048
DCR Record No.: LA-R-24-320048-ANN
CEQA Clearance: ENV-320048-ANN
Council District: 8

At its meeting on **February 20, 2025**, the Los Angeles Cannabis Regulation Commission (Commission) took the actions below in conjunction with the Annual License Application submitted by the Applicant identified above. The Applicant seeks an Annual License to conduct Storefront Retail (Type 10) Commercial Cannabis Activity.

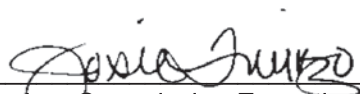
The Commission:

1. **Denied** the Annual License for Storefront Retail (Type 10) Commercial Cannabis Activity at the Business Premises identified above under LAMC Sections 104.04(a)(3) and 104.04(a)(7).
2. **Adopted** the attached findings as the findings of the Commission.

The vote proceeded as follows:

Moved: Lim
Second: Mason
Ayes: Farmby, Melendez
Nays: Nash

Vote: 4 - 1



Josie Trevizo, Commission Executive Assistant I
Los Angeles Cannabis Regulation Commission

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L&E Retail, LLC
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cc: Michelle Garakian, Executive Director
Jason Killeen, Assistant Executive Director
Corey Blake, Sr. Management Analyst

Attachments: Commission Findings
Appeal Fee Invoice

Fiscal Impact Statement: There is no General Fund impact as administrative costs are recovered through fees.

Appeal Deadline: April 9, 2025

Appeal Instructions: The decision of the Los Angeles Cannabis Regulation Commission to deny the issuance of the Annual License is final and effective if not appealed to the Los Angeles City Council on or before the deadline noted above. To request an appeal to the City Council, before the deadline above, you must (1) submit a completed [Appeal Request Form for the Denial of an Annual License](#), along with any supporting documentation, by email to DCRAppeals@lacity.org; and (2) pay the required appeal fee, as specified in LAMC Section 104.19 and the enclosed invoice, to the Office of Finance by the appeal deadline. Office of Finance payment instructions appear on the appeal invoice included with this decision letter. A final denial of an Annual License after exhaustion of all administrative appeals shall terminate any active Temporary Approval.

L&E Retail

On December 5, 2024, and February 20, 2025, the Los Angeles Cannabis Regulation Commission ("CRC") held two publicly noticed meetings under Los Angeles Municipal Code ("LAMC") Section 104.06(b). The CRC **DENIED** Applicant L&E Retail's ("Applicant") application, DCR Record No. LA-R-24-320048-ANN, for an Annual License to conduct Storefront Retail Commercial Cannabis Activity at 4369 South Van Ness Avenue, Los Angeles, California ("Business Premises") on February 20, 2025. Pursuant to Los Angeles Municipal Code ("LAMC") Section 104.06(b)(2)(i), the CRC may deny an Annual License Application for any of the reasons contained in LAMC Section 104.04.

CANNABIS REGULATION COMMISSION FINDINGS

(Adopted by the Cannabis Regulation Commission on April 3, 2025)

DCR Core Record No. 320048 was first scheduled for CRC consideration on December 5, 2024. Applicant was present at the CRC meeting. During the meeting, seven individuals provided public comment and some expressed concern and disapproval of Applicant. Their complaints focused on the consistent odor coming from Business Premises and the disrespectful interactions neighbors had with Applicant. The Gramercy Block Club, a neighborhood group associated with the Vermont Square area, also submitted a letter in opposition claiming it represented the views of over 150 residents.

A presentation was made by Fernando Rodriguez, a representative of City Council District 8 ("CD8"). Mr. Rodriguez stated concerns about general community opposition, issues of odor, trash, loitering, and public cannabis consumption emanating from the Business Premises, and allegations of illegal cannabis activity occurring onsite. Mr. Rodriguez asked for the item to be continued to a future date so that more due diligence could be conducted to determine whether community allegations were true.

DCR recommended the issuance of an Annual License to Applicant in an oral and written report to the CRC. DCR's recommendation was based on Applicant's fulfillment of the Annual Licensing requirements under LAMC Section 104.06 and lack of reasons to deny under LAMC Section 104.04. A presentation for Applicant was made by Applicant's attorney, Narek Balagozyan, and owner, Eugene Popok. Both Attorney Balagozyan and Mr. Popok spoke in defense of the business highlighting their commitment to the community and plans for upgrading the Business Premises after the issuance of a license. They also expressed confusion and concern regarding the claims of odor emanating from the Business Premises, and repeatedly stated no odor should be present given that the business was non-operational. Furthermore, they claimed that the neighbors could not accuse them of being bad operators when Applicant was non-operational, and that the community complaints were based on the stigma and fear of cannabis businesses in general.

The CRC ultimately voted to continue the application to a CRC meeting on December 19, 2025, so that DCR could perform a compliance inspection, the parties could address whether the Los Angeles Police Department ("LAPD") had been called to the Business Premises, and to allow Applicant and the community further time to meet.

On February 20, 2025 DCR Core Record No. 320048 came before the CRC. Applicant was present, in person, at the CRC meeting. During the meeting, 18 members of the public spoke against Applicant citing concerns over odor, noise, unlicensed operations, and public consumption. Members of the Gramercy Block Club and the Empowerment Congress Central Area Neighborhood Council ("ECCA") submitted letters in opposition. Once again, DCR recommended the issuance of an Annual License to Applicant in an oral and written report to the CRC.

ECCA gave a presentation to the CRC to oppose the application. The presentation opened with photos of the Business Premises, showing trash on the sidewalk in front of the Business Premises, graffiti on the building, and an exterior door shared with the adjoining property at 4367 South Van Ness Avenue. ECCA claimed Applicant controlled the Business Premises and 4367 South Van Ness Avenue, where Applicant also operated a delivery cannabis business for several years under the name LEO Group LLC. To that end, ECCA shared photos of alleged online reviews for the delivery business. ECCA also shared photos of alleged online and print ads showing Applicant being recently listed as for sale as a turn-key, operational, and revenue-generating business in order to contradict earlier claims by Applicant at the CRC meeting on December 5, 2024, that its business was non-operational. Finally, ECCA shared that other community groups and individuals, such as two block clubs, two churches, the local division of the LAPD, CD8, and over 200 individuals, joined in its opposition to Applicant.

LAPD Senior Lead Officer Paul Elveth, of the Southwest Community Police Station, and James Ingram, area representative from CD8, gave a joint presentation to the CRC to oppose the application. Officer Elveth spoke about recent crime activity at or near the Business Premises and community complaints about the Applicant (e.g., graffiti, lack of parking, noise, and cannabis odor). Officer Elveth also stated that he believed a cannabis business was already operating at 4371 South Van Ness Avenue or the Business Premises based on his personal observations from about a year or year and a half ago. Specifically, Officer Elveth recalled that he spoke to an owner of a cannabis business located inside the multi-unit building of the Business Premises, and saw about a pallet's worth of cannabis and a guard dog on site; however, he was uncertain which unit the business was located in. Finally, Officer Elveth opined that Applicant posed a public safety risk inasmuch as the Business Premises appeared to be neglected, which could exacerbate criminal activity. Mr. Ingram reiterated CD8's serious concerns raised by the community, and requested the application be denied as failing to comply with LAMC Section 104.04.

Applicant gave a presentation to the CRC through Attorney Balagozyan and a two-page handout that detailed Applicant's efforts to address public safety concerns and perform community outreach. Attorney Balagozyan reiterated that Applicant has never been operational or maintained cannabis on the Business Premises or 4371 South Van Ness Avenue. He believed there was a misunderstanding among the community, LAPD, and CD8 regarding Applicant and a separate cannabis delivery business called LEO Group LLC. According to Attorney Balagozyan, LEO Group LLC was a separate legal entity that was licensed as a cannabis delivery business and operated at 4367 South Van Ness Avenue until approximately July 2024; however, Attorney Balagozyan later admitted upon questioning from the CRC that Applicant and LEO Group LLC shared the same Social Equity Individual Applicant owner and that Attorney Balagozyan worked for both entities. Attorney Balagozyan further stated that Applicant remained open to mending its relationship with the community, planned to improve and upkeep the Business Premises once they obtained an Annual License, and defended that a potential sale of the business was not contrary to the goals of

the Social Equity Program.

During deliberations, the CRC acknowledged the presence of significant community opposition to the Application. Commissioner Lim noted this was the first time an LAPD officer had come before the CRC to oppose an application. Commissioner Mason expressed her belief that both times Applicant appeared before the CRC there had been issues with its integrity and transparency. Specifically, she noted that Applicant had not been forthcoming about its relation to a prior cannabis delivery business, LEO Group LLC, until it was questioned by the CRC, and Commissioner Mason believed the CRC should have been informed of this fact from the beginning. Commissioner Melendez stated that, given that LEO Group LLC and Applicant share the same Social Equity Individual Applicant owner, the Applicant or owner should have mitigated some of the community's quality of life concerns. Commissioner Mason then said that she wanted to deny the application under LAMC Section 104.04(a)(3) because the Applicant failed to disclose the material fact of its relation to LEO Group LLC. Commissioner Lim also stated that he wanted to deny the application under LAMC Section 104.04(a)(7) because the Applicant failed to comply with the Rules and Regulations by not keeping the Business Premises and adjacent areas free of graffiti and trash.

Therefore, the CRC voted to deny DCR Core Record No. 320048 for the following reasons:

- Applicant made a material misrepresentation, false statement, or knowingly failed to disclose a material fact to the CRC by not disclosing its relation to a prior cannabis delivery business, LEO Group LLC, at 4367 South Van Ness Avenue (LAMC § 104.04(a)(3)); and
- Applicant failed to adhere to the requirements of Article 4 of Chapter X of the Los Angeles Municipal Code or DCR's Rules and Regulations concerning odor, trash, and graffiti. (LAMC § 104.04(a)(7).)



CITY OF LOS ANGELES DEPARTMENT OF
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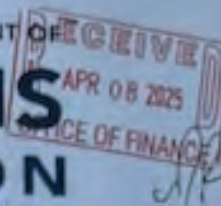
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Denial of an Annual License Appeal Form

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PLEASE COMPLETE THE FOLLOWING SECTIONS:

SECTION A: Applicant Name: L&E Retail, LLC

DCR Core Record No.: LA-R-24-320048-ANN & ENV-320048-ANN

Business Premises Location: 4369 Van Ness Avenue

SECTION B: Appeal requested (*please make one selection*):

☐ **APPEAL TO THE CANNABIS REGULATION COMMISSION:**

Date of Denial of Annual License: _____

☒ **APPEAL TO THE LOS ANGELES CITY COUNCIL:**

Date of Denial of Annual License (Type 10 or 12 Only): 02/20/2025

SECTION C: Applicant Information:

Applicant (Legal Business Entity Name): L&E Retail, LLC

Contact Name: Leonid Okhman Phone No.: _____

Mailing Address: 4369 S. Van Ness Ave, Los Angeles, CA 90062

Contact Email**: lenuk7775@gmail.com

** By submitting this form electronically, you agree to accept communications from the City at the electronic mail address and phone number provided.

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SECTION D: Representative/Agent Information (if applicable):

Representative/Agent: Attorney

Contact Name: Serena Wu Phone No.: 626-202-7208

Mailing Address: 1001 Wilshire Blvd #1389, Los Angeles, CA 90017

Contact Email**: serena@radiclelaw.com

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Denial of an Annual License Appeal Form

SECTION E: Legal Justification for the appeal. Please provide the specific basis for how the decision-maker committed an error or abuse of discretion by denying an Annual License. (LAMC § 104.10(a)(2).) Please note that a license may be denied for any of the reasons set forth in LAMC § 104.04.

See attached appeals letter.

ATTACHMENTS:

- ☒ Additional documents are not required but may be submitted to support your appeal. If you are attaching additional documents, please check this box and include, on top of each page: the page number, the date of submission of this form, the name of the Licensee/Applicant, and the DCR record number.

The following documents are required for each appeal filed:

- ☒ Decision being appealed.

SECTION F: Licensee or Applicant's Attestation

I certify that the statements contained in this document and any attachments or supporting documents are complete and true to the best of my knowledge. I understand that the submission of false or misleading information may result in the denial of my appeal.

LEONID OKHMAN
Applicant Name

L. Okhman
Signature

4/5/2025
Date

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RE: Appeal of Denial of Annual License for L&E Retail, LLC DCR Record No.: 320048

To the Honorable Members of the Los Angeles City Council:

L&E Retail, LLC (“Applicant”) respectfully submits this appeal of the Cannabis Regulation Commission’s (“Commission”) decision to deny its application for a Storefront Retail Annual License under Los Angeles Municipal Code (“LAMC”) §104.10(a)(2), a copy of the Commission Decision Letter is attached hereto as Exhibit A and incorporated herein by reference. The denial, which lacked any legitimate legal basis, was rooted in the misapplication of the law, particularly LAMC §104.04(a)(3), (a)(7), and reflected a broader abuse of discretion by the Commission’s decision-making process, and thus must be reversed.

1. Background

Applicant is an entity with a social equity individual applicant (“SEIA”) seeking to operate a licensed cannabis retail business at 4369 South Van Ness Avenue (“Business Premise”). On December 5, 2024 and February 20, 2025, the Commission held two publicly noticed meetings under LAMC 104.06(b), where at the final hearing they denied the license without any legal grounds.

After conducting a full review of the application and confirming all criteria under LAMC §§104.03, 104.06, 104.20 and 105.02 were satisfied, the Department of Cannabis Regulation (“DCR”) issued its formal recommendation for the Applicant’s approval at both Commission hearings, as indicated in the DCR Recommendation Report, a copy of which is attached hereto as Exhibit B and incorporated herein by reference.

DCR found that the storefront site was appropriately zoned, clear of sensitive use conflicts, appropriately distanced from any other storefront dispensaries, and categorically exempt from CEQA under both Class 1 (existing facilities) and Class 32 (in-fill development). DCR identified no violations, complaints, or deficiencies tied to the applicant, and no regulatory issues involving the Business Premise whatsoever. Accordingly, DCR stated that it “is not aware of any existing facts or circumstances to deny [Applicant’s] annual license.” (Dec. 5, 2024 Hearing, at 2:23:47; Feb. 20, 2025 Hearing, at 2:21:39).

Despite this, the Commission denied the license anyway by relying on baseless allegations and conjectures from the community to cherry pick any alleged grounds to deny the license to fit a predetermined outcome. Ultimately the Commission denied the license under LAMC

§104.04(a)(3), based on the alleged failure to disclose a material fact, and subsection (a)(7), based on the alleged failure to maintain the Business Premise in accordance with law. Neither is legally or factually supportable.

2. Standard of Review

A denial of Applicant's annual license is subject to *de novo* review by the Los Angeles City Council ("City") under LAMC 104.10(a)(4), which requires the City to make a determination without deferring to the CRC's findings and determinations.

3. There Was No Material Misrepresentation Under LAMC §104.04(a)(3)

The Commission mistakenly concluded that Applicant failed to disclose a material fact and made misrepresentations when there was no material fact that Applicant had an obligation to disclose, and no misrepresentation made by Applicant. LAMC §104.04(a)(3) allows denial of a license where the applicant "procured the License by fraud or deceit, made a material misrepresentation, false statement, or knowingly failed to disclose a material fact." To meet this standard, the City must establish that the applicant acted with fraudulent or deceitful intent and that such conduct would have materially and substantially affected the licensing outcome. Neither element is supported here.

First, the Commission's denial letter states that:

"Applicant made a material misrepresentation, false statement, or knowingly failed to disclose a material fact to the CRC by not disclosing its relation to a prior cannabis delivery business, LEO Group LLC, at 4367 South Van Ness Avenue". (Decision Letter, at 5).

This is inaccurate. The record fails to support this accusation, and this alleged misrepresentation provides no legal grounds to deny the license under LAMC §104.04(a)(3). First, at the February 20, 2025 Commission hearing, when the Commission questioned counsel for the Applicant about its prior association with L.E.O. Group, LLC, an inactive delivery-only service entity, that was legally licensed and shared the same SEIA, counsel for the Applicant responded forthrightly, stating: "I am [affiliated]; I've helped the applicant get that license as well...". (Feb. 20, 2025 Hearing, at 3:26:40). Commissioner Lim then followed up by confirming, in summary, that the same SEA had been involved in both entities, to which Applicant's counsel responded, "Yes, same person." Applicant, through its counsel, disclosed the affiliation clearly and honestly. In fact, DCR, in its own review, found no misrepresentation, no omission of material fact, and no connection between the applicant and any other cannabis business that would trigger disclosure obligations. *See* DCR Recommendation Report.

The record clearly shows that Mr. Leonid Okhman, the Social Equity Individual Applicant (SEIA), fully disclosed his prior role as the SEIA for L.E.O. Group, LLC, a Non-Storefront Retail (Delivery) licensee at 4367 Van Ness Ave. L.E.O. Group ceased operations in July 2024, and the license was not renewed beyond that point.

At no time did Mr. Okhman, nor any representative of L&E Retail, conceal or misstate this prior affiliation. In fact, Mr. Okhman's SEIA status was disclosed in both license applications.

Second, Applicant does not need to volunteer such a disclosure. There is no legal duty, requirement or obligation to do so under any regulations—cannabis or otherwise—whatsoever, and there are no legal issues with a SEIA owning or applying for multiple licenses through multiple entities. The suggestion that the Applicant or counsel failed to disclose an inactive and separate entity, and that allegedly withholding that fact would have had a material impact on whether the Applicant's license would be approved is nonsensical and inconsistent with the law or common practice. It is well settled that different entities are treated as separate legal persons to run their respective business operations and affairs. Short of a legal duty, requirement or obligation to disclose such affiliation, whether the delivery business under L.E.O. Group LLC is affiliated with Applicant or not is wholly irrelevant.

Last, the Commission harped on the Applicant for stating someone contacted the Los Angeles Police Department (LAPD), a Captain Perry Griffith, who is at a different district that had nothing to do with the Business Premise location and construed that to be misleading. Applicant was not misleading. Applicant hired a cannabis consultant who reached out to Captain Griffith to run a crime analysis report for the Business Premise. Captain Griffith used to be at the CD8 Southwest Division before he got promoted and transferred to the Southeast Division as noted in the Kathy Smith's letter in support of appeal attached hereto as Exhibit C and as incorporated herein by reference. The crime analysis report found nothing significant for the Business Premise. Additionally, the claim that Applicant's submission at the February 20 hearing implied James Ingram was onboard with issuing the license—and is therefore misleading—is a weak argument and a highly tenuous reading at best. The submission, attached hereto as Exhibit D and is incorporated herein by reference states:

“James Ingram was contacted regarding the dispensary application, the applicants and the property. We advised Mr. Ingram we were in communication with the Gramercy Block Club and we were provided the information for the neighborhood council for our community outreach. Mr. Ingram said to please keep him updated. The team sent him the Zoom invitation for the community meeting, he advised us he was unable to attend. He was updated with information while we continued our community outreach.”

The statement solely addressed updating Mr. Ingram about the Applicant's community outreach. To construe such references to updating him on community outreach as an indication that Applicant is stating Mr. Ingram is supporting approving the license—or denying it on the other hand—is a significant stretch in reasoning.

The Commission's baseless interpretation invents a legal obligation where none existed, misapplying the law to justify their desired outcome rather than one consistent with the regulations. Plainly, the existence, or non-existence, of a separate affiliated entity is not material, irrelevant and would not have impacted Applicant's eligibility for an annual license, and thus, cannot form the basis of a denial under LAMC §104.04(a)(3).

4. The Premises Were Maintained in Accordance With the Law, and the Community's Allegations Cannot Be the Basis for the Denial

LAMC §104.04(a)(7) permits denial only where the applicant or manager “has failed to maintain the Business Premises in accordance with the Rules and Regulations or with any City, State, or federal law, including nuisance abatement laws.”

Under DCR practice, this requires evidence of actual noncompliance confirmed through inspection, followed by notice and an opportunity to cure. City Attorney Ms. Toll confirmed this standard at the hearing, specifically cautioning the Commission that proceeding under subsection (a)(7) would be improper in the absence of the required procedural steps. That omission alone renders any denial under subsection (a)(7) unsupported by law.

The community raised several issues discussed in turn as follows:

1. Public safety. The complaints raised by the community about public safety and crime were general and had no direct connection with the Applicant or its Business Premise other than there is crime in the general vicinity. During the hearing, officers spoke “a lot about crime in the area” but failed to discuss whether issuance of Applicant's license would “significantly increased or otherwise impact [] crime” in the area. (Feb. 20 hearing, *see* Tr. 3:49:10-3:49:20). Not only were there no violations cited, there were also no police reports or specific complaints of any crime tied to Applicant or its Business Premise. Additionally, Applicant retained a professional security firm to prepare a compliant security plan ready to implement and set up, among other things, security cameras and surveillance, which would likely deter crime and improve the safety of the neighborhood. The security plan is attached hereto as Exhibit E, and incorporated herein by reference.
2. Odor and alleged illegal cannabis activity. The allegations about cannabis odor and unlawful cannabis activity were unfounded, speculative and inappropriate for the Commission's hearings. First, as DCR aptly put:

“There are no requirements placed on the business to upgrade the HVAC system or do anything else...this is not a cultivation location, it’s purely retail storefront. So these will have to be prepackaged. So odor mitigation is something that we would take into account...but ultimately if the residents are concerned about the HVAC system or shared ventilation, they’re gonna have to raise those issues with their landlord.” (Feb. 20 hearing, Tr. at 2:36:35-2:36:52).

If residents “have an issue with the property owner and their landlord, the city does have [the] Los Angeles Housing Department...that’s how that would be properly handled, but as it related to the cannabis applicant, this is not the appropriate forum...” (Feb. 20 hearing, Tr. at 2:22-24 - 2:22:45).

Second, any cannabis odor could not have originated from Applicant’s Business Premise since the business was not yet operational. DCR found no violations related to illegal cannabis activity involving the Applicant or Business Premise—had there been any, the Applicant or Business Premise would have been ineligible for a license. Thus, any odor issues cannot be attributed to the Applicant.

3. **Graffiti and Trash.** Community members opposed approving Applicant’s license through unsubstantiated submissions at the Commission hearings, which included images of graffiti and bulk trash items that were materially misleading, along with a number of accusations and general complaints that were inapplicable or unrelated to the Applicant, the Business Premise and this licensing process. For instance, the photographs of large-item of trash, including a tire and discarded furniture, though labeled as the Applicants storefront, were on the sidewalk on the opposite side of the commercial street. Similarly, the image of graffiti depicted was not located at the Business Premise but instead on the Vernon Avenue side of the building, outside a separate retail market. There was no concrete evidence regarding the date of the images as well. These issues are not attributable to Applicant and lack sufficient foundation to be properly considered.

Nevertheless, the Applicant proactively painted over existing graffiti on the Business Premise. Pictures taken by Applicant as recently as on April 6, 2025 showed that graffiti have been cleaned up or covered on the Business Premise, which are attached hereto as Exhibit F and incorporated herein by reference. When new graffiti does appear, Applicant would immediately contact the Los Angeles Beautification Team to clean up the graffiti. Further, DCR again found no deficiencies or violations with respect to the condition of the Business Premise and issued a recommendation for approval based off DCR’s physical inspection of the Business Premise. Specifically, DCR noted that they “[do] not have anything on the record to warrant placing any conditions, um, due to graffiti, um,

vagrants in and around the property, the way that the property owner is maintaining the property.” (Feb. 20 hearing, at Tr. 2:22:01-2:22:10).

In reality, Applicant *has never opened for operation*. Even so, the Applicant has already taken significant steps to clean and maintain the Business Premise prior to commencing operations. While Applicant acknowledges that the surrounding area has historically experienced issues with litter, illegal dumping, and graffiti, Applicant is committed to being an active and responsible neighbor. Applicant conducted its neighborhood outreach—canvassing the neighborhood door-to-door, picking up trash, reaching out to community members and associations to hold meetings to discuss their concerns as seen in the pictures from January 31, February 7 and February 15, 2025 and communication with the Gramercy Block Club, which are attached hereto as Exhibit G and incorporated herein by reference. *See also* Exhibit C (Smith Letter).

As a result of Applicant’s outreach in the community, notwithstanding the community opposition at the hearings, Applicant received support from at least 45 community members who signed the Petition in Support of Applicant, as well as a letter of support from Applicant’s landlord, which are attached hereto as Exhibit H and Exhibit I, respectively, and incorporated herein by reference. Such proactive efforts should be seen as evidence of good faith and responsibility, not a basis for denial.

Nevertheless, the Commission still concluded that “the applicant fail[ed] by not keeping the Business Premise and adjacent areas free of graffiti and trash,” (Decision Letter, at 5) and denied the Application, even though no noncompliance had been confirmed through inspection, no notice had been issued to the Applicant, and no opportunity to cure had been provided.

Much of the community members’ complaints were circumstantial and related to the neighborhood generally as a whole, rather than anything that can specifically be attributed to Applicant or its Business Premise. The Commission erred by relying on broad, unsubstantiated allegations to make its determination, effectively deeming Applicant guilty of such allegations at face value without credible or supporting evidence.

Despite the community opposition, Applicant wants to ensure the Commission, the DCR, the community, and the police department, that they will work with the community to address any concerns. Once Applicant is a profitable business, they intend to circulate funds back to the community through programs the neighborhood deems fit and in need of assistance. Applicant will attend any community meetings that concern the business and speak directly with its members.

Granting the Applicant an annual license will contribute positively to the local community. Pursuant to Los Angeles cannabis regulations, retail businesses must implement standard security procedures, including 24-hour security personnel, surveillance cameras, and monitoring systems. These measures will not only protect the business itself but will also deter crime and loitering in

the surrounding area. The Applicant will comply fully with all regulatory security requirements and ensure a safe and orderly environment. In addition, regulations mandate that licensees maintain clean and orderly premises. Once approved, the Applicant will assume responsibility for ensuring the area remains free of trash, debris, graffiti, and loitering. This will enhance the appearance and safety of the multi-tenant property and positively impact neighboring businesses and residents.

5. The Commission Abused Its Discretion

The Commission's denial demonstrates an abuse of their discretion. The Commission failed to provide a clear and sufficient basis for the denial and failed to apply the legal framework set forth in LAMC §104.04. Rather than evaluating whether the applicant met the statutory criteria, the Commission predetermined its decision and attempted to reverse-engineer its justification, ultimately relying on irrelevant and unsupported information. One of the commissioners even said at the February 20 hearing that he "would love to say we're denying [Applicant's license] because of, of the community and failure to reach out to the community." (Feb. 20 Hearing, Tr. at 3:56:10). Commissioner Lim candidly acknowledged during the hearing:

"I think we're all in agreement to deny, we just need to find out which section we're gonna deny it under... if they appeal to the City Council, they're going to review our work and our decision. And so we need to articulate the reason, uh, what section the denial is under... Because I'm completely in agreement, but I'm looking at it and I can't see any, which one would be the best one." (Feb. 20 Hearing, Tr. at 4:03:51 - 4:04:25).

Much of the Commission's discussion focused not on substantiated evidence or statutory requirements, but on consulting with the City Attorney to identify grounds on which to support their denial and withstand an appeal". (Feb. 20 Hearing, Tr. At 4:04:00). The Commission relied on vague allegations and unsupported evidence from the community, which were wrongfully attributed to the Applicant. In this case, the stated grounds—alleged misrepresentation and failure to adhere to rules—do not withstand scrutiny.

Public comment overwhelmingly focused on generalized opposition to the presence of a dispensary in the neighborhood, and the building's proximity to churches, homes, and upstairs units even though it is appropriately distanced from such locations. Some commenters speculated that property values would decline, and one Commissioner described the project as "not neighborly." (Feb. 20 Hearing, Tr. at 4:09:54).

These land use concerns were already vetted and resolved through DCR zoning analysis and CEQA clearance and fall well outside the scope of LAMC §104.04. The Commission abandoned the applicable legal standards and attempted to retrofit a justification for denying a fully code-compliant application. Conjecture is not a valid ground for denial.

6. Conclusion

L&E Retail's application was thoroughly reviewed by DCR and found to be fully compliant with all licensing criteria. No citations were issued. No misrepresentations were made. And no condition of the Business Premise violated any law or rule. The Commission denied the license not on legal grounds, but on the basis of speculation, community pressure, and generalized opposition to this specific cannabis dispensary. The denial is fundamentally and legally flawed and stands on shaky ground. It is a misapplication of the City's cannabis regulations.

The SEA had to overcome significant challenges to get to this step in the cannabis license application process, including but not limited to securing the Business Premise for years during the licensing process. To get to this point and be wrongfully denied its license without a legitimate legal basis is not only unjust—it undermines the principles and mission of the social equity program to “promote equitable ownership and employment opportunities in the cannabis industry in order to decrease disparities in life outcomes for marginalized communities, and to address the disproportionate impacts of the War on Drugs in those communities.”

In reviewing the evidence *de novo*, we respectfully urge the City Council to reverse the denial and approve the Applicant's annual license.

Effective May 30, 2024

Regulation No. 1. Definitions.

The definitions set forth in Los Angeles Municipal Code Section 104.01 apply to these Rules and Regulations. In addition, the following definitions shall apply to these Rules and Regulations:

1. **“Authorized Agent”** means a natural person who is a Primary Personnel of the Applicant and/or Licensee and who is authorized to submit and sign certain forms and documents, as identified on each form or document, and to communicate with DCR on behalf of an Applicant and/or Licensee.

2. **“Cannabis Goods”** means Cannabis, including dried flower, and products containing Cannabis, as currently defined in Cal. Code Regs., tit. 4, § 15000, or as may be amended.

3. **“Financial Interest Holder”** means a Person with an ownership stake in an Applicant or Licensee that is greater than 5 percent and less than 20 percent.

4. **“LAMC”** means the Los Angeles Municipal Code.

5. **“Legal Business Entity Record”** means a record submitted to DCR through the DCR Licensing Portal that contains the required documents listed Regulation 3(B)(2)(i) that pertain to the Applicant and/or Licensee and its Owners, Primary Personnel, and Authorized Agents and which must be submitted before any Application documents.

6. **“Limited-Access Area”** means an area of the Business Premises in which Cannabis Goods are stored or held or through which Cannabis Goods will be moved, except for a retail area in which Cannabis Goods are sold or displayed.

7. **“State”** means the State of California Department of Cannabis Control.

Regulation No. 2. Licenses.

A. The Licenses available for Commercial Cannabis Activity are the same as those listed in LAMC Section 104.02. Applicants shall follow the requirements of these Rules and Regulations, all relevant LAMC provisions, and all applicable County of Los Angeles and State of California rules when applying for a License.

B. Licensees shall engage only in the Commercial Cannabis Activity(ies) for which a License has been issued and only at the Business Premises location for that License. DCR may suspend or revoke Temporary Approval, an Annual License, or Operating Permit if it determines that a Licensee is conducting unlicensed Commercial Cannabis Activity.

C. A Licensee that conducts Commercial Cannabis Activity without an Operating Permit or Temporary Approval for the relevant Commercial Cannabis Activity is an Unlawful Establishment. If DCR discovers that an Applicant or Licensee is an Unlawful Establishment, DCR may deny the Application, suspend and/or revoke the License, deny the License renewal, and/or issue a Notice of Violation pursuant to Section 104.13.

D. If the Licensee is engaged in Storefront Retailer or Microbusiness Commercial Cannabis Activity with on-site sales, the Licensee shall obtain an Emblem Placard as required in LAMC Section 104.23.

E. DCR shall not issue Licenses or other authorization for temporary or special events in the City of Los Angeles.

Regulation No. 3. Application Procedure.

A. General

1. DCR accepts Pre-Application Records, Applications, modification requests, and other requests for service through the DCR Licensing Portal. Fee payments required under LAMC Section 104.19 and any outstanding taxes are due before any record, Application, modification record or other request for service is considered filed and may be processed by DCR.

2. All required information, forms and/or documents shall be submitted in completed form through the DCR Licensing Portal at the time a record, Application, modification request, or other request for service is created.

3. A Legal Business Entity Record shall be submitted in completed form through the DCR Licensing Portal before a Pre-Application Record, Application, modification request, or other licensing request for service is created.

4. An Application or modification request may be deemed abandoned if DCR determines, at any time and in its sole discretion, that an Application or modification request is incomplete, fee payments required under Section 104.19 are not timely paid, or information, forms or documents have not been provided within the time allotted by DCR. DCR shall notify the Applicant or Licensee by electronic mail when a record is deemed abandoned.

5. If an Applicant or Licensee loses site control of its proposed Business Premises, including, but not limited to, termination of the Applicant's commercial lease, or termination of the right to occupy the Business Premises, the Applicant or Licensee shall submit a Business Premises Surrender Form (LIC-4019-FORM) within ten (10) days of losing site control.

6. If DCR determines that an Application or modification request is incomplete, DCR shall notify the Applicant. DCR may request additional information and documents from the Applicant, including information and documents not listed in the Rules and Regulations, to determine if an Application is complete. If the Applicant fails to supply additional information and documents or correct the deficiencies within the time allowed by DCR, the Application shall be deemed abandoned.

7. Material misrepresentations, false statements, or the failure to disclose a material fact in any type of submission to DCR, including, but not limited to, a Pre-Application Record, Temporary Approval Application, Annual License Application, or modification request, may result in the issuance of a Notice of Correction, Notice of Violation, denial of Temporary Approval or a License, denial of a renewal application, suspension of Temporary Approval or License, and/or revocation of a Temporary Approval or License.

8. Applicants and Licensees shall follow the instructions on DCR's forms, including, but not limited to, instructions related to signature or processing requirements. Failure to follow instructions on DCR forms may result in the rejection of the form, or denial or abandonment of the relevant request or Application. Resubmitted forms may be subject to additional fees pursuant to LAMC Section 104.19.

B. Legal Business Entity Record and Pre-Application Record

1. A prospective Applicant shall email a completed application for a Business Tax Registration Certificate (BTRC) to dcrlicensing@lacity.org.

2. Once the City of Los Angeles Office of Finance issues a BTRC account number, a prospective Applicant may submit a Legal Business Entity Record through the DCR Licensing Portal.

(i) **Required Records.** Legal Business Entity Records must include:

A. The Accela Citizen Access (ACA) Reference Contact ID of the legal business entity.

B. The name of the legal business entity. If applicable, the fictitious business name (DBA) of the Applicant must be also disclosed.

C. The BTRC number issued by the City of Los Angeles Office of Finance to the legal business entity. DCR may approve changes to the BTRC number when processing certain modification requests. Any changes to a BTRC number after an Application has been filed or a License is issued must have written approval from DCR and/or the Office of Finance.

D. The unique entity number issued by the State of California Secretary of State to the legal business entity.

E. The ACA Reference Contact ID for the following Persons: all Owner(s); all Primary Personnel; and, if applicable, an Authorized Agent.

F. The following forms: Financial Information Form, if applicable; Primary Personnel and Owner Attestation (LIC-4004-FORM); Legal Business Entity Record Disclosure Form (LIC-4008-FORM); Authorized Agent Acknowledgement (LIC-4009-FORM), if applicable; and, Social Equity Program - Owner Compliance Attestation (SEP-6001-FORM), if applicable.

G. The following documents: stamped County of Los Angeles fictitious business name (DBA) filing, if applicable; business records evidencing compliance with the Equity Share requirements in LAMC Section 104.20, if applicable; business formation and organization

documents, which may include articles of incorporation, bylaws, operating agreements, partnership agreements, and fictitious business name statements. The Applicant shall also provide all documents filed with the State of California Secretary of State, which may include, but are not limited to, articles of incorporation, certificates of stock, articles of organization, certificates of limited partnership, and statements of partnership authority.

H. DCR may request additional or updated information, forms, or documents at any time, subject to payment of any additional fees under LAMC Section 104.19(h).

3. After a prospective Applicant has submitted a Legal Business Entity Record, the prospective Applicant may submit a Pre-Application Record through the DCR Licensing Portal, including all information, forms and documents as described in this Subsection, and pay a Pre-Application Review Fee pursuant to LAMC Section 104.19 for DCR to determine the eligibility of a proposed Business Premises location pursuant to LAMC Section 104.03(a) and Article 5 of Chapter X of the LAMC.

(i) **Required Records.** Pre-Application Records shall include the following:

A. The physical address(es) of the Business Premises where the proposed Commercial Cannabis Activity would be conducted.

B. All Commercial Cannabis Activity or Activities and License type(s) the prospective Applicant would like to apply for and whether the proposed Commercial Cannabis Activity will involve medical (M-Type) and/or adult use (A-Type).

C. Landowner Attestation for Location Eligibility (LIC-4016-FORM).

D. DCR may request additional information, forms, or documents from the Applicant at any time during the Pre-Application Review, subject to payment of any additional fees under LAMC Section 104.19(h).

(ii) **Optional Records.** An Applicant may submit the Project Description Questionnaire (LIC-4013-FORM) as part of a Pre-Application Record.

A. If submitted, DCR shall use the Project Description Questionnaire (LIC-4013-FORM) to determine whether an Application would have the potential to generate significant adverse environmental impacts that might require preparation of a CEQA document or the need for additional information.

B. If DCR determines the Project has the potential to generate a significant effect on the environment that might require preparation of a CEQA document or the need for additional information, DCR will notify the Applicant.

C. If the Applicant's Project does not qualify for a categorical exemption under CEQA, the Applicant, at their own cost, shall be required to hire an environmental consultant to prepare the CEQA document or provide the additional information needed to complete the environmental review.

4. Legal Business Entity Record or Pre-Application Records that are incomplete or missing required information, forms or documents shall not be eligible for further processing.

5. An Applicant whose Business Premises location is deemed ineligible under Section 104.03(a) or Article 5 of Chapter X of the LAMC shall not be permitted to amend their Pre-Application Record, but may submit a new Pre-Application Record subject to the payment of applicable fee(s) in LAMC Section 104.19.

6. Publicly available data utilized by DCR for Sensitive Uses, as defined under LAMC Section 105.01, are maintained by or on behalf of the respective responsible governmental agencies and may be found on one of the following official websites:

(i) Alcoholism or Drug Abuse Recovery or Treatment Facilities shall be identified on the official website for the California Department of Health Care Services, currently available at: <https://data.chhs.ca.gov/dataset/sud-recovery-treatment-facilities>

(ii) Day Care Centers shall be identified on the official website for the California Department of Social Services, currently available at: <https://www.cclid.dss.ca.gov/carefacilitysearch/DownloadData>

(iii) Public Libraries shall be identified on the official website for the Los Angeles Public Library, currently available at: <https://data.lacity.org/Arts-Culture/Library-Branches/a4nt-4gca/data>

(iv) Public Parks shall be identified on the official website for the City of Los Angeles Department of Recreation and Parks, currently available at: <https://geohub.lacity.org/datasets/lahub::recreation-and-parks/about>

(v) Schools shall be identified on the official website for the California Department of Education, currently available at: <https://www.cde.ca.gov/SchoolDirectory/>

(vi) Permanent Supportive Housing shall be identified on the City's Open Data Portal list titled "HCIDLA Affordable Housing Projects List (2003 to Present)," currently available at: <https://data.lacity.org/Housing-and-Real-Estate/HCIDLA-Affordable-Housing-Projects-List-2003-to-Pr/mymu-zi3s/data>

(vii) Affordable and Accessible Housing Registry, used to verify on-site Supportive Services, as defined in LAMC Section 105.01, currently available at: <https://lahousing.lacity.org/AAHR/ComCon/Tab/RenderTab?tabName=Home>

C. Public Convenience or Necessity (PCN)

1. If a prospective Applicant seeks to locate a proposed Business Premises in a Community Plan Area that has reached Undue Concentration, the Applicant shall: (1) submit a Pre-Application Record that complies with the zoning and distancing requirements specified in LAMC Section 105, *et seq.*, pursuant to Section (B); and (2) request that the City Council find that approval of the Application would serve the public convenience or necessity pursuant to LAMC Section 104.03(a).

2. **Required Records.** PCN records shall include the following:

(i) Pre-Application Record;

(ii) Public Convenience or Necessity Finding Request (LIC-4001-FORM); and

(iii) Copies of the completed Stakeholder Input Request forms submitted to the following key stakeholders for the area in which the proposed Business Premises will be located: area Neighborhood Council; Los Angeles Police Department (LAPD) Division; local chamber of commerce; and at least one substance abuse intervention, prevention and treatment organization within the Community Plan Area.

D. Application

1. Within one (1) calendar year of the date DCR notifies the Applicant by electronic mail that a Pre-Application Record is eligible for further processing, an Applicant shall submit an Application record through the DCR Licensing Portal, including all information, forms and documents as described in Regulation No. 3(D)(2). A Business Premises address deemed eligible for further processing shall not be amended or modified before a License is issued. DCR shall consider whether the Application has been subject to prior environmental review under the California Environmental Quality Act (CEQA) and, if not, what form of environmental review for the License is appropriate.

2. **Required Records.** In addition to materials submitted earlier in the application process, Application records must include:

(i) Contact information, including the name, address, phone number, and email address, and the ACA Reference Contact ID for the following Persons: all Neighborhood Liaison(s); and all optional contact types, such as consultants or attorneys. Neighborhood Liaison(s) shall have a phone number and email to receive and address complaints 24 hours a day.

(ii) The following forms: Indemnification Agreement (LIC-4005-FORM); Temporary Approval Attestation (LIC-4010-FORM), if applicable; Project Description Questionnaire (LIC-4013-FORM), unless previously submitted; and, Initial Inspection Attestation (LIC-4021-FORM), if applicable.

(iii) The following documents: Business Premises diagram; and, executed lease or property deed.

(iv) Testing Lab Applicants shall also provide proof of ISO 17025 accreditation or proof that the Applicant is in the process of applying or is preparing to apply for ISO 17025 accreditation, as well as laboratory-employee qualifications as required by the State.

(v) Tier 3 Applicants under LAMC Section 104.20 shall enter into a Social Equity Agreement with the City.

3. If an Applicant receives Temporary Approval, the Applicant shall adhere to all applicable rules and regulations as would be required if the Applicant held a non-temporary License of the same type.

E. Modifications to DCR Records

1. Although a modification record may be deemed abandoned at any time, DCR may request additional information, forms, and/or documents from the Applicant to complete the modification request and issue an invoice for applicable fees before the modification record is abandoned.

2. **Application Modifications.** The following types of modifications can be made to an Application: remove a Commercial Cannabis Activity, withdraw an Application, cancel a License, surrender a Business Premises, and add or remove record-specific contacts. If an Applicant files a modification request through the DCR Licensing Portal during Application processing, DCR shall temporarily suspend its processing of the Application until the modification request is completed or denied.

(i) Modification requests to remove a Commercial Cannabis Activity, withdraw an Application, or cancel a License shall include the following: Application Withdrawal/License Cancellation Form (LIC-4015-FORM).

(ii) Modification requests to surrender a Business Premises shall include the following: Business Premises Surrender Form (LIC-4019-FORM).

(iii) Modifications to contacts, such as the Neighborhood Liaison or Person-in-Charge, shall be made through the DCR Licensing Portal. To add a record specific contact, provide the Accela Citizen Access (ACA) Reference Contact ID and contact type.

3. **License Modifications.** In addition to the modifications listed in Regulation No. 3(E)(2), the following types of modifications can be made to a Temporary Approval, Annual License and/or Operating Permit: physical modification of Business Premises, Business Premises relocation and entity substitutions.

(i) Physical modification of Business Premises requests shall include the following:

A. The following forms: Initial Inspection Attestation (LIC-4021-FORM).

B. The following documents: Business Premises diagram; executed lease or property deed, if applicable.

(ii) Business Premises relocation modification request shall include the following:

A. The following forms: Landowner Attestation for Location Eligibility (LIC-4016-FORM); Business Premises Relocation Form (LIC-4002-MOD); Business Premises Surrender Form (LIC-4019-FROM); and Initial Inspection Attestation (LIC-4021-FORM), if applicable.

B. The following documents: Business Premises diagram; executed lease or property deed.

C. If the relocation modification request is approved after an Annual License is issued, the Licensee shall complete the Final Inspection process to receive an Operating Permit at the new Business Premises location. Licensees with an active corresponding State License may request Temporary Approval for the new Business Premises through the DCR Licensing Portal prior to completing the Final Inspection. An Initial Inspection of the Business Premises, conducted by DCR, is required prior to the issuance of Temporary Approval, subject to the payment of any required fee(s) pursuant to LAMC Section 104.19.

(iii) Entity substitution modification requests shall include the following:

A. An active Legal Business Entity Record for the new Applicant entity;

B. The following forms: Applicant Entity Substitution Form (LIC-4006-MOD); Indemnification Agreement (LIC-4005-FORM); Project Description Questionnaire (LIC-4013-FORM), if applicable; Temporary Approval Attestation (LIC-4010-FORM), if applicable; and, Initial Inspection Attestation (LIC-4021-FORM), if applicable.

C. If the entity substitution request is approved after an Annual License is issued, the Licensee shall complete the Final Inspection process to receive an Operating Permit for the new Applicant entity. Licensees with an active corresponding State License may request Temporary Approval for the new Applicant entity through the DCR Licensing Portal prior to completing the Final Inspection. An Initial Inspection of the Business Premises, conducted by DCR, is required prior to the issuance of Temporary Approval, subject to the payment of any required fee(s) pursuant to LAMC Section 104.19.

D. The Licensee shall submit an Application Withdrawal - License Cancellation form (LIC-4015-FORM) and provide evidence of good-standing with the City's Office of Finance prior to DCR issuing an Annual License or Temporary Approval to the new Applicant entity.

E. The Business Premises location remains compliant with the requirements of LAMC Section 105.02 unless a Business Premises relocation request is subsequently submitted for the new Applicant entity.

4. **Legal Business Entity Record Modifications.** The following types of modifications can be made to a Legal Business Entity Record: Ownership structure modifications, removal of Owner(s), Primary Personnel changes, adding or updating Equity Share documents, legal business entity name changes, and fictitious business name (DBA) changes. In addition to the requirements listed in LAMC 104.03(c)(3)(i), the following documents shall be provided:

(i) Ownership structure modification requests shall include the following:

A. The following forms: Ownership Structure Form (LIC-4004-MOD); Removal of Owner(s) Form (LIC-4005-MOD), if applicable; Removal of Owner(s) Form (LIC-4005-MOD), if applicable; Financial Information Form, if applicable; Primary Personnel and Owner Attestation (LIC-4004-FORM), if applicable; Indemnification Agreement (LIC-4005-FORM), if applicable; Legal Business Entity Record Disclosure Form (LIC-4008-FORM); and Social Equity Program - Owner Compliance Attestation (SEP-6001-FORM), if applicable.

B. The following documents: business records evidencing compliance with the Equity Share requirements in LAMC Section 104.20, if applicable; business formation and organization documents, if applicable,

which may include articles of incorporation, bylaws, operating agreements, partnership agreements, and fictitious business name statements; and all documents filed with the State of California Secretary of State reflecting the amendment, which may include, but are not limited to, articles of incorporation, certificates of stock, articles of organization, certificates of limited partnership, and statements of partnership authority.

(ii) Removal of Owner(s) modification requests shall include the following:

A. The following forms: Removal of Owner(s) Form (LIC-4005-MOD); Financial Information Form, if applicable; Primary Personnel and Owner Attestation (LIC-4004-FORM), if applicable; Indemnification Agreement (LIC-4005-FORM), if applicable; Legal Business Entity Record Disclosure Form (LIC-4008-FORM); and Social Equity Program - Owner Compliance Attestation (SEP-6001-FORM), if applicable.

B. The following documents: business records evidencing compliance with the Equity Share requirements in LAMC Section 104.20, if applicable; business formation and organization documents, if applicable, which may include articles of incorporation, bylaws, operating agreements, partnership agreements, and fictitious business name statements. All documents filed with the State of California Secretary of State reflecting the amendment, which may include, but are not limited to articles of incorporation, certificates of stock, articles of organization, certificates of limited partnership, and statements of partnership authority.

(iii) Primary Personnel modification requests shall include the following:

A. The following forms: Primary Personnel and Owner Attestation (LIC-4004-FORM), if applicable; Indemnification Agreement (LIC-4005-FORM), if applicable; and Legal Business Entity Record Disclosure Form (LIC-4008-FORM);

B. The following documents: business records evidencing compliance with the Equity Share requirements in LAMC Section 104.20, if applicable; business formation and organization documents, which may include articles of incorporation, bylaws, operating agreements, partnership agreements, and fictitious business name statements. All documents filed with the State of California Secretary of State reflecting the amendment, which may include, but are not limited to articles of incorporation, certificates of stock, articles of organization, certificates of limited partnership, and statements of partnership authority.

(iv) Equity Share modification requests shall include the following:

A. The following forms: Financial Information Form, if

applicable; Legal Business Entity Record Disclosure Form (LIC-4008-FORM), if applicable; and, Social Equity Program - Owner Compliance Attestation (SEP-6001-FORM), if applicable.

B. The following documents: business records evidencing compliance with the Equity Share requirements in LAMC Section 104.20, if applicable; business formation and organization documents, which may include articles of incorporation, bylaws, operating agreements, partnership agreements, and fictitious business name statements. The Applicant shall also provide all documents filed with the State of California Secretary of State, which may include, but are not limited to articles of incorporation, certificates of stock, articles of organization, certificates of limited partnership, and statements of partnership authority.

(v) Legal business entity name and fictitious business name (DBA) modification requests shall include the following:

A. The following documents: All documents filed with the State of California reflecting the amendment, which may include, but are not limited to California Secretary of State filings, articles of incorporation, certificates of stock, articles of organization, certificates of limited partnership, and statements of partnership authority. Legal name change modification records shall include all information, forms and/or documents required to demonstrate the Applicant's legal name has been updated with the California Secretary of State and/or met all filing requirements for a Fictitious Business Name Statement with the Los Angeles County Registrar-Recorder/County Clerk.

Regulation No. 4. Inspections.

A. General

1. An Applicant or Licensee's Business Premises shall be subject to inspection, investigation, or audit at any time without notice. An Applicant or Licensee shall allow DCR access to a proposed or licensed Business Premises for any of the following purposes:

- (i) To verify compliance with the LAMC and/or Rules and Regulations;
- (ii) To audit or inspect records; or
- (iii) To conduct an inspection or investigation in response to a complaint received by DCR regarding the Applicant, Licensee, or Business Premises.

2. DCR shall, in its sole discretion, decide whether the inspection shall be in-person or virtual. Prior to a virtual inspection, an Applicant or Licensee shall verify that the following technology requirements are met: access to a mobile device (i.e., iPhone, iPad, Android Phone); wireless internet (wifi) or a strong 4G or 5G signal throughout the entire Business Premises; the ability to download the Google Meet app on the mobile device; and the ability to access the security system to perform video playback.

3. Applicants shall schedule inspections through the DCR Licensing Portal or request inspections by email to DCRLicensing@lacity.org for an Initial Inspection and DCRCompliance@lacity.org for a Final Inspection.

4. DCR may record the inspection, investigation, or audit.

5. All inspections, investigations and audits of the Business Premises shall be conducted during regular business hours, during times of apparent or alleged activity, or as otherwise agreed to between DCR and the Applicant or Licensee.

6. Applicants and Licensees shall grant DCR employees and/or representatives from other government agencies unrestricted access to the Business Premises to conduct inspections. No Licensee, agent of the Licensee, or employees shall interfere with, obstruct or impede DCR's inspection, investigation or audit, including, but not limited to, the following actions: denying the DCR access to the Business Premises; providing false or misleading statements; providing false, falsified, fraudulent or misleading documents and records; and/or failing to provide records, reports, and other supporting documents.

7. Any act, omission, or failure of an agent, officer, or other Person acting for or employed by an Applicant or Licensee, within the scope of his or her employment or office, shall in every case be deemed the act, omission, or failure of the Applicant or Licensee.

8. DCR may require that the Applicant or Licensee update or correct the Business Premises diagram submitted with the application by issuing Business Premises Diagram Correction Sheet (CED-3005-CS). DCR may issue an invoice for applicable fees under LAMC Section 104.19.

B. Initial Inspection

1. Initial Inspections shall be requested through the DCR Licensing Portal or by email to DCRLicensing@lacity.org with the subject line “*Request for Initial Inspection - [DCR Record Number]*.” An Initial Inspection shall not be requested until the application record in the DCR Licensing Portal has a status of “Request Inspection” or the Applicant receives an Initial Inspection notification via email from DCR. The Applicant shall follow the Initial Inspection procedure outlined in the Temporary Approval Information and Procedure Bulletin.

2. The Applicant shall complete and submit the Initial Inspection Attestation Form (LIC-4021-FORM) to DCR to confirm that the Business Premises is ready for an Initial Inspection.

3. At a minimum, the Initial Inspection shall include an inspection of the following requirements:

(i) All entry points to the Business Premises comport with the most recent Business Premises diagram on file with DCR.

(ii) The property and all associated parking under the control of the Applicant or Licensee and any adjacent sidewalk or alley is well maintained and kept free of obstruction, trash, litter and debris.

(iii) Limited-access areas are securely locked utilizing commercial-grade, nonresidential door locks, including points of entry and exit to the Business Premises.

(iv) There is a functioning alarm system which is permitted by the Los Angeles Police Department, and alarm information is provided upon request if not displayed.

(v) The Business Premises has a digital video surveillance system with a minimum camera resolution of 1280 × 720 pixels with each camera permanently mounted and in a fixed location.

A. Video surveillance cameras that record 24 hours per day. The storage device for the recordings is secured in a manner to prevent tampering or theft. Surveillance recordings are kept for a minimum of 90 days.

B. All entrances and exits to the Business Premises are recorded by the video surveillance system from both the indoor and outdoor vantage points.

C. All limited access areas, including security rooms, areas of storage, etc., are recorded by the video surveillance system from both interior and exterior.

D. If applicable, point-of-sale areas and areas where Cannabis Goods are displayed for sale are recorded by the video surveillance system.

(vi) For businesses with retail sales, there is an electronic age verification device to determine the age of any Individual attempting to purchase Cannabis Goods.

(vii) No portion of the Business Premises has been sublet without written approval from DCR.

(viii) A records retention system and a track and trace system are in place.

(ix) Procedures are in place to notify DCR within 24 hours of any of the following: inventory discrepancy; suspicion of theft or other loss; suspicion of change or alteration of records; and suspicion of any breach in security.

C. Final Inspection

1. Final inspections shall be requested through the DCR Licensing Portal or by email to DCRCompliance@lacity.org with the subject line “*Request for Final Inspection - [DCR Record Number]*.” A Final Inspection shall not be requested until the application record in the DCR Licensing Portal has a status of “Request Inspection” or the Licensee receives a Final Inspection notification via email from DCR. A Licensee is not eligible for a Final Inspection until the Licensee has an Annual License(s), Certificate of Occupancy for the licensed activity(ies), Los Angeles County Department of Public Health permit(s), and corresponding State annual license(s).

3. At a minimum, the Final Inspection shall include an inspection of the same requirements as the Initial Inspection listed in Regulation No. 4(B)(3).

D. Annual Compliance Inspections

1. A Licensee’s Business Premises shall be subject to one or more unannounced annual compliance inspections and may include a review of any books, track and trace transactions, records, accounts, inventory, or on-site operations specific to the Business Premises. Inspections, investigations or audits may be conducted by employees or agents of the following agencies: DCR, Los Angeles Department of

Building and Safety, Los Angeles Police Department, Los Angeles Fire Department, the Los Angeles Office of Finance, Los Angeles Sanitation and Environment Industrial Waste Management Division, and/or Los Angeles County Department of Health, or any combination thereof.

2. All annual compliance inspections and, if applicable, follow-up compliance inspections shall be charged to the Applicant or Licensee at full cost recovery.

Regulation No. 5. Operational Requirements and Violations

A. General

In addition to the requirements set forth in Article 4 of Chapter X of the LAMC, all Licensees must adhere to the requirements listed below. The indicated characterizations of violations, if any, are suggestions only and may vary depending upon the circumstances of the violation. DCR may issue a separate violation for each subsection or subdivision.

1. **Responsible Management.**

(i) **Licenses Required.** Every Applicant shall obtain a License from DCR and from the State for each Commercial Cannabis Activity and Business Premises location where it engages in Commercial Cannabis Activity. (Violation Type – Major)

(ii) **Transacting Only with Other Licensees.** A Licensee shall only transact or engage in Commercial Cannabis Activity with a Person who possesses a local License and a State license for the relevant Commercial Cannabis Activity. (Violation Type – Major)

(iii) **Cooperation.** Applicants and Licensees shall fully cooperate with inspections, investigations or audits. Applicants and Licensees must provide any information, surveillance recordings, or other data to the City upon request and in the form, manner, and time requested. (Violation Type – Major)

(iv) **DCR Access to Business Premises.** Agents or employees of DCR with City identification requesting entry to the Business Premises shall be given unrestricted access during regular business hours. (Violation Type – Major)

(v) **Cannabis Testing.** A Licensee shall have all Cannabis and Cannabis Goods tested as required by the State, and adhere to the State's requirements concerning sampling, chain of custody, and labeling. (Violation Type – Major)

(vi) **Use of Business Name or Legal Entity Name.** A Licensee shall use the name of the licensed business entity and/or Business Premises location, whichever is applicable, for the submission of all other permits, certificates, or documents issued by the City of Los Angeles. In addition, Applicants and/or Licensees must use the same business entity name and Business Premises location applying to the State for corresponding Commercial Cannabis Activity licenses. (Violation Type – Major)

(vii) **Operational Status.** Licensees shall notify DCR of the licensed business' initial start date of Commercial Cannabis Activity within 30 days of that

start date by completing the required Licensee Attestation: Operational Requirements and Violations (ENF-3003-FORM). (Violation Type – Minor)

(viii) **Use of DBA.** A Licensee shall submit all information concerning the use of a fictitious business name or a “Doing Business As” name (DBA), if any, to DCR. The Licensee must submit a modification request to record or change a DBA within ten (10) days of the change. (Violation Type – Minor)

(ix) **Violations of State Cannabis Law.** A Licensee shall comply with all State regulations concerning Commercial Cannabis Activity. DCR may cite violations of the State’s regulations not specifically listed herein. (Violation Type – Major)

(x) **Compliance with Notices to Correct and/or Notices of Violation.** DCR may issue a Notice to Correct or Notice of Violation at any time. A Licensee shall comply with all Notices to Correct, Notices of Violation or administrative holds issued by DCR. DCR may issue a new Notice of Violation for the failure to timely correct violations cited by an earlier Notice to Correct, Notice of Violation, and/or the failure to timely pay any associated administrative penalties or fines. A Notice of Violation that is issued for failure to timely correct prior violations and/or pay administrative penalties or fees from an earlier Notice of Violation shall be the next violation type, e.g., if the first violation was Minor, the second shall be Moderate. DCR may issue a Notice of Violation for failure to comply with a Notice to Correct.

(xi) **Advertising.** Licensees shall market or advertise only the Commercial Cannabis Activity(ies) for which the Licensee possesses a License or Temporary Approval. Licensees shall not make deceptive, false or misleading statements on any advertisement, website, product, sign, or any document provided to a customer. (Violation Type – Moderate)

(xii) **Diverted or Stolen Product.** A Licensee shall not divert Cannabis or Cannabis Goods to an Unlawful Establishment, or sell, distribute or manufacture unlicensed or stolen Cannabis or Cannabis Goods. (Violation Type – Major)

(xiii) **Catch-all.** A Licensee, its employees, agents and officers must obey all applicable commercial cannabis laws of the City of Los Angeles, the State of California, and any other relevant agencies. DCR may issue Notices to Correct, Notices of Violation, and/or Administrative Holds, including penalties and fines, against a Licensee for any acts or omissions that are in violation of any provision of the Los Angeles Municipal Code or these regulations, or any other California laws applicable to cannabis licensees including, but not limited to, state labor law. (Violation Type – Major)

2. **Responsible Management of the Business Premises**

(i) **Display of License.** A Licensee shall prominently display any License, State license, BTRC, Emblem Placard (Storefront Retailers only), designated Neighborhood Liaison, including the phone number and email address to receive complaints, and emergency contact information on the licensed Business Premises where it can be viewed by state and local agencies. If the licensed Business Premises is open to the public, the aforementioned documents shall be displayed in an area that is within plain sight of the public. (Violation Type – Minor)

(ii) **Identification of Employees.** All agents, officers, or other Persons acting for or employed by a Licensee shall display an identification badge all times while conducting business operations. The identification badge shall include: the Licensee's business entity name or DBA, DCR core record number, the employee's first name, an employee number exclusively assigned to that employee for identification purposes, and a color photograph of the employee that clearly shows the full front of the employee's face and that is at least 1 inch in width and 1.5 inches in height. (Violation Type – Minor)

(iii) **Employee Age.** All employees of the Licensee at the Business Premises shall be at least 21 years of age. (Violation Type – Moderate)

(iv) **Conduct at the Business Premises.** A Licensee shall be responsible for monitoring employee and customer conduct at their Business Premises, and other areas which customers or employees frequent, including parking areas. Employee and customer conduct at the Business Premises shall not adversely affect or detract from the quality of life for nearby residents, property owners, and businesses. A Licensee shall discourage illegal activity, criminal conduct, nuisance activity and loitering on the Business Premises. (Violation Type – Minor)

(v) **Graffiti.** All graffiti, as referenced in LAMC Section 49.84.3, shall be removed or painted over to match the color of the surface within 72 hours of its occurrence. The property and all adjacent areas, including parking areas, under the control of the Licensee and any adjoining sidewalk or alley, shall be maintained in an attractive condition and shall be kept free of obstruction, trash, litter, and debris at all times. (Violation Type – Minor)

(vi) **Debris.** Trash pick-up, compacting, loading, and unloading and receiving activities shall be limited to 7:00 a.m. to 6:00 p.m. Monday through Friday and 10:00 a.m. to 4:00 p.m. on Saturday; and no deliveries or trash pick-up shall occur on Sunday. Waste receptacles shall be kept secure and accessible only to authorized personnel. (Violation Type – Minor)

(vii) **Compliance Attestation.** Licensees are required to complete the Licensee Attestation: Operational Requirements and Violations (ENF-3003-FORM) within 30 days of beginning operations. The form must be signed by, at a minimum: (1) a simple majority of the Licensee's Owner(s) or the Authorized Agent and, if applicable, (2) the Social Equity Individual Applicant. The Licensee is required to provide a copy of the Rules and Regulations for Cannabis Procedures to all Primary Personnel, managers, and the person-in-charge. (Violation Type – Minor)

(viii) **Code of Conduct.** Licensees shall develop and implement a written code of conduct for employees and a written code of conduct for patrons. The Licensee shall provide training for the employees on the employee code of conduct. The Licensee shall post the patron code of conduct in a visible and public area on the Business Premises. At minimum, the employee code of conduct shall address workplace behavior, employee accountability, compliance with State and City's operational rules and regulations, and other internal operational procedures. The patron code of conduct shall include at minimum, prohibitions against loitering, littering, abusive or offensive behavior, and encourage patrons' mindfulness of the surrounding neighbors. (Violation Type – Minor)

3. **Unauthorized Modifications**

(i) **No Physical Changes without Approval.** Licensees shall not make physical modifications to a Business Premises without written approval from DCR. (Violation Type – Moderate)

(ii) **No Changes to Ownership Structure or Licensed Entity Without Approval.** Licensees shall not make changes to the license entity's ownership structure, or change the entity conducting Commercial Cannabis Activity, without written approval from DCR. (Violation Type – Moderate)

(iii) **No Relocation without Approval.** Licensee shall not relocate a Business Premises or a Commercial Cannabis Activity without written approval from DCR. (Violation Type – Major)

(iv) **No Activity Modifications without Approval.** A Licensee shall request approval for any change to the licensed Commercial Cannabis Activity type, including the removal, cancellation, or expansion of the activity. (Violation Type – Major)

4. **Security Measures**

(i) **Surveillance System and Cameras.** All Business Premises shall be equipped with a surveillance system with a minimum camera resolution of 1280 × 720 pixels. (Violation Type – Moderate)

A. **General - Security System Location.** The surveillance system shall at all times clearly record images within 20 feet of all points of entry and exits on the Business Premises from both indoor and outdoor vantage points. Cameras shall be permanently mounted and in a fixed location. Areas that shall also be recorded include, but are not limited to: (a) areas where Cannabis Goods are weighed, packed, stored, loaded and unloaded for transportation, prepared, or moved within the Business Premises; (b) Limited-Access Areas; (c) security rooms; and (d) areas storing a surveillance-system device with at least one camera recording the access points to the area.

B. **Retailers - Surveillance System Location.** Retailers shall record point-of-sale areas and areas where Cannabis and Cannabis Goods are displayed for sale. At each point of sale location, camera placement must allow for the recording of the facial features of any Person purchasing and selling Cannabis or Cannabis Goods, and any Person in the retail area.

C. **Surveillance System Recording and Storage.** Cameras shall record continuously, 24 hours per day and at a minimum of 15 frames per second (FPS). The physical media or storage device on which surveillance recordings are stored shall be secured in a manner to protect against tampering or theft and shall be kept for a minimum of 90 days. Recorded images shall clearly and accurately display the time and date. Time is to be measured in seconds, minutes and hours using Pacific Standard Time. The surveillance system shall be equipped with a failure notification feature that provides notification to the Licensee of any interruption or failure of the equipment or its storage.

D. **Surveillance System Inspection.** Recordings are subject to inspection and shall be maintained in a manner that allows the City to view the recordings immediately upon request. The Licensee shall also copy and send recordings to the City upon request within the time specified.

(ii) **Security Personnel.** All Licensees with onsite retail sales shall hire or contract security personnel licensed by the Bureau of Security and Investigative Services to provide security services for the Business Premises during operating hours. Security personnel shall be at least 21 years of age. (Violation Type – Moderate)

(iii) **Security Plans.** A Licensee shall develop and implement a written security plan. At a minimum, the security plan shall include a description of how the Licensee meets the requirements below. (Violation Type – Moderate)

A. Licensees shall prevent access to the Business Premises by unauthorized persons and protect the physical safety of the public and employees. This includes, but is not limited to, establishing physical barriers to secure perimeter access and all points of entry into the

Business Premises, such as locking primary entrances with commercial-grade, non-residential door locks, providing fencing around the grounds and driveway, and securing any secondary entrances including windows, roofs, and ventilation systems.

B. Licensees shall install a security alarm system to notify and record incident(s) where physical barriers have been breached.

C. Licensees shall implement an identification and sign-in/sign-out procedure for authorized personnel, individuals, suppliers, and visitors.

D. Licensees shall maintain the premises such that visibility and security monitoring of the premises is possible.

E. Licensees shall establish procedures for the investigation of suspicious activities and to deter theft or loss of Cannabis and Cannabis Goods. This includes, but is not limited to:

(i) Establishing an inventory system to track Cannabis and Cannabis Goods and the personnel responsible for processing it throughout the manufacturing process;

(ii) Limiting access of personnel within the premises to those areas necessary to complete job duties, and to those time frames specifically scheduled for completion of job duties, including access by outside vendors, suppliers, contractors or other individuals conducting business with the licensee that requires access to the premises;

(iii) Supervising tasks or processes with high potential for diversion, including the loading and unloading of Cannabis and Cannabis Goods from transportation vehicles; and,

(iv) Providing areas in which personnel may store and access personal items that are separate from the manufacturing areas.

F. Licensees shall secure and back up electronic records in a manner that prevents unauthorized access and ensures that the integrity of the records is maintained.

(iv) **Alarm System.** A Licensee shall maintain an alarm system as required by the State. A Licensee shall ensure a licensed alarm company operator or one of its registered alarm agents installs, maintains, monitors, and responds to the alarm system. Upon request, a Licensee shall make available to the City all information related to the alarm system, monitoring, and alarm activity. A Licensee must apply for, and maintain in good standing, an Alarm System Permit issued pursuant to LAMC Section 103.206. (Violation Type – Moderate)

(v) **Limited-Access Areas.** A Licensee shall ensure Limited-Access areas and all points of entry and exit to the Business Premises are equipped with commercial-grade, nonresidential door locks in accordance with the approved security plan. (Violation Type – Moderate)

(vi) **Access to Limited-Access Areas.** A Licensee shall only permit authorized individuals who are at least 21 years of age to enter the Limited-Access Areas. Authorized individuals include: the Licensee's employees, outside vendors, contractors or other individuals conducting business that requires access to the Limited-Access Area. An individual who enters a Limited-Access Area and is not employed by the Licensee shall be escorted by an employee of the Licensee at all times while within the Limited-Access Area. Additionally, a log shall be maintained which tracks non-employee access to Limited-Access Areas. This log shall be provided to DCR upon request. Licensees shall not receive consideration or compensation for permitting an individual to enter a Limited-Access Area. (Violation Type – Moderate)

5. Business Premises Equipment

(i) **Ventilation/Exhaust Systems.** A Business Premises shall be properly ventilated and the exhaust air filtered to neutralize the odor from cannabis so that it cannot be detected on the exterior of Business Premises. Operable windows or vents shall not abut a residential use or zone and shall direct exhaust away from residential areas. (Violation Type – Moderate)

(ii) **Exterior Lights.** Outdoor lights used for safety or security purposes shall be shielded and downward facing. All exterior portions of the Business Premises shall be adequately illuminated beginning at dusk so as to make discernible the faces and clothing of persons utilizing the space during evening hours. (Violation Type – Minor)

(iii) **Equipment Location.** All rooftop equipment, including air conditioning units, ventilation and mechanical equipment, shall be screened from view of the public. (Violation Type – Minor)

6. Prohibited Activities.

(i) **Subletting.** A Licensee shall not sublet any portion of the identified Business Premises without written approval from DCR. (Violation Type – Major)

(ii) **Physician's Recommendations Onsite.** No recommendations or approvals by a physician to use medical Cannabis or medical Cannabis Goods shall be issued at any Business Premises. (Violation Type – Moderate)

(iii) **Consumption of Cannabis or Alcohol at Business Premises.** A Licensee shall not allow the consumption of Cannabis, Cannabis Goods or alcohol on the Business Premises. No employee or agent of the Licensee shall solicit or accept any Cannabis, Cannabis Goods or alcohol from any customer or vendor while on the Business Premises. (Violation Type – Moderate)

(iv) **Loitering.** Loitering is prohibited on and around the Business Premises and the area under control of the Licensee. “No Loitering, Public Drinking, or Public Smoking/ Consumption of Cannabis” signs shall be clearly posted inside and outside of the Business Premises. (Violation Type – Minor)

(v) **Onsite Parties, Temporary or Special Events.** Applicants and Licensees shall not host, participate in, sell or give away cannabis at an unlicensed special or temporary event relating to cannabis. A temporary or special event relating to cannabis shall include, but not be limited to, a pop-up cannabis event, 4/20 event, cannabis farmer’s market, or an event to mark the opening of a commercial cannabis business. No special events or parties of any type shall be held at the Business Premises, including, but not limited to, events for which a Temporary Special Event Permit has been issued by the Building and Safety Commission or any other City department. (Violation Type – Major)

(vi) **Outdoor Speakers.** There shall be no outdoor speakers or paging system on the exterior portions of the Business Premises or attached to the façade of the building. (Violation Type – Moderate)

7. Required Notifications

(i) **Notification of Convictions, Judgments and Revocations.** A Licensee or Applicant shall notify DCR in writing of any criminal conviction entered against the Licensee or Applicant, any Owner of the Licensee or Applicant, any Primary Personnel of the Licensee or Applicant, or Management Company of the Licensee or Applicant, by electronic mail within 48 hours of the entry of the conviction. A Licensee or Applicant shall notify DCR in writing of any judgment or civil penalty entered against the Licensee or Applicant, any Owner of the Licensee or Applicant, any Primary Personnel of the Licensee or Applicant, or Management Company of the Licensee or Applicant, by electronic mail within 48 hours of the date of service of the verdict or the notice of entry of judgment, whichever is sooner. Additionally, a Licensee or Applicant shall provide written notice to DCR of the revocation or suspension of any State license, or other permit, clearance or authorization from any public agency within 48 hours of such revocation or suspension. (Violation Type – Minor)

(ii) **Notification of Irregularities and Criminal Activity.** A Licensee, Owner, or Primary Personnel shall notify DCR within 24 hours of discovery of any of the following situations: a significant discrepancy in its inventory; suspected or

actual diversion, theft, loss, or any other criminal activity pertaining to the operation of the Licensee's business; suspected or actual diversion, theft, loss, or any other criminal activity by an agent or employee pertaining to the operation of the Licensee's business; the loss or unauthorized alteration of records related to Cannabis, Cannabis Goods, registered medical cannabis patients or primary caregivers, or employees or agents; and any other breach of security. (Violation Type – Moderate)

8. **Public Health Permit.** All Licensees shall obtain a permit from the Los Angeles County Department of Public Health (Public Health Permit) for each Commercial Cannabis Activity.

(i) To obtain a Public Health Permit, a Licensee shall first obtain all necessary permits, clearances, licenses, or other authorizations from the City of Los Angeles Department of Building and Safety (DBS). Obtaining permits or clearance from DBS may require clearances or inspections from other City agencies, including, but not limited to, the Los Angeles Fire Department, Bureau of Sanitation, Department of Water and Power, and Bureau of Engineering, among others.

(ii) Prior to January 1, 2025, Licensees engaged in Storefront Retailer or Microbusiness Commercial Cannabis Activity with on-site sales shall obtain Public Health Permit that includes an Emblem Placard pursuant to LAMC Section 104.23.

(iii) Applicants applying for, and Licensees who are engaged in, Commercial Cannabis Activity that is not Storefront Retailer or Microbusiness Commercial Cannabis Activity with on-site sales shall demonstrate compliance with the following requirements:

a. On or before February 28, 2025, Applicants and Licensees shall submit evidence to DCR that, at a minimum, plans have been filed for plan check with DBS for the Commercial Cannabis Activities identified in the Application or License, or for activities that most closely resemble the Commercial Cannabis Activities as determined by DBS. If the plan check has expired under LAMC Section 98.0603, the Applicant or Licensee shall submit evidence to DCR of a current recheck or resubmittal to DBS. If the plan check has not expired, the Applicant or Licensee shall submit evidence to DCR that the Applicant or Licensee has resubmitted plans addressing DBS corrections. (Violation Type – Minor)

b. On or before February 28, 2026, Applicants and Licensees required to obtain a clearance or permit from the Los Angeles Fire Department shall submit evidence to DCR that such a clearance or permit has been obtained. (Violation Type – Moderate)

c. On or before February 28, 2027, Applicants and Licensees shall possess a Certificate of Occupancy issued by DBS. (Violation Type – Major)

d. On or before June 30, 2027, Applicants and Licensees shall possess a Public Health Permit. (Violation Type – Major)

9. **Operating Permit.** On or before January 1, 2028, Licensees shall obtain an Operating Permit from DCR by: (1) passing a Final Inspection at the Business Premises; and (2) submitting to the DCR Licensing Portal a Certificate of Occupancy and Public Health Permit, as well as any other necessary permits, clearances, licenses, or other authorizations required by law from the City, State or other public agencies. After January 1, 2028, an Annual Licensee shall not conduct any Commercial Cannabis Activity until the Licensee obtains an Operating Permit from DCR.

B. Records

1. Record Retention.

(i) **Maintenance.** Each Licensee shall keep and maintain the following records for at least seven years:

A. Financial records including, but not limited to, bank statements, sales invoices, receipts, tax records, and all records required by the California State Board of Equalization, other State of California agencies, the Office of Finance, or DCR;

B. Personnel records, including each employee's full name, Social Security or individual taxpayer identification number, date of beginning employment, and date of termination of employment, if applicable;

C. Training records, including, but not limited to, the date and content and date of the training provided, the names of the Persons who administered the training, and the names of the employees that received the training;

D. Contracts with other Licensees;

E. Permits, licenses, and other local or state authorizations to conduct Commercial Cannabis Activity. (Violation Type – Minor)

2. **Audits.** Applicants and Licensees shall comply with any written request from DCR, City of Los Angeles Department of Building and Safety, City of Los Angeles Police Department, City of Los Angeles Fire Department, the City of Los Angeles Office of Finance, Los Angeles County Department of Health, and/or other government

agencies to examine the books and records of any Applicant or Licensee. Records shall be kept in a manner that allows the records to be viewed in either hard copy or in electronic form. An Applicant or Licensee may contract with a third party to provide custodial or management services of the records; however, such a contract shall not relieve the Applicant or Licensee of its responsibilities under these regulations. (Violation Type – Minor)

C. Storefront Retailer Commercial Cannabis Activity

1. **Age Requirement.** Except as otherwise provided by State law, access to the Business Premises shall be limited to Individuals who are at least 21 years old and have a bona fide business reason for entering the Business Premises. Age verification must occur at each entrance to the Business Premises. An Individual younger than 21 years of age may enter the Business Premises to purchase medical Cannabis or Cannabis Goods only if the Individual is a medical cannabis patient. Any medical cannabis patient younger than 18 years old shall be accompanied by their parent, legal guardian, or primary caregiver. The Licensee shall verify the Individual has valid proof of identification as required by the State. (Violation Type – Major)

2. **Medical Cannabis Sales.** A Licensee shall only sell medical Cannabis or Cannabis Goods to medical cannabis patients or the primary caregivers of medical Cannabis patients as authorized by the State. (Violation Type – Major)

3. **Monitor Retail Area.** The Licensee or its employees shall be physically present at all times when non-employees are in the retail area. (Violation Type – Moderate)

4. **Business Hours.** A Licensee conducting Storefront Retailer Commercial Cannabis Activity may only sell Cannabis and Cannabis Goods during the hours allowed by the State. At any time the Licensee is not open for retail sales, the Licensee shall ensure the following:

(i) The Business Premises shall be securely locked with commercial-grade, non-residential door locks;

(ii) The Business Premises shall be equipped with an active alarm system;

(iii) Only authorized employees and contractors of the Licensee shall be allowed to enter the Business Premises after hours; and

(iv) All patrons exit the Business Premises no later than 15 minutes after closing. (Violation Type – Moderate)

5. **Display of Cannabis and Cannabis Goods.** The display of Cannabis and Cannabis Goods shall comply with the following:

(i) Cannabis and Cannabis Goods shall only be displayed in the retail area.

(ii) Cannabis and Cannabis Goods may be removed from their packaging and placed in containers to allow for customer inspection. The containers shall not be readily accessible to customers without the assistance of the Licensee's personnel. A container must be provided to the customer by the retailer who shall remain with the customer at all times.

(iii) Cannabis and Cannabis Goods removed from their packaging for display shall not be sold or consumed, and when no longer used for display shall be destroyed pursuant to State requirements. (Violation Type – Moderate)

6. **Cannabis Sales.** A Licensee shall not sell more than the established maximum daily limit for medical Cannabis and Cannabis Goods, including edibles, or adult use Cannabis and Cannabis Goods, including edibles per Individual, as required by the State. (Violation Type – Moderate)

7. **Product Samples.** A Licensee shall not provide free samples of Cannabis or Cannabis Goods to any Individual. A Licensee shall not allow representatives of other companies or organizations to provide free samples of any type, including Cannabis or Cannabis Goods, to Individuals on the Business Premises. (Violation Type – Moderate)

8. **Product Packaging.** Cannabis and Cannabis Goods purchased by a customer shall not leave the Business Premises unless they are placed in an exit package as required by the State. (Violation Type – Moderate)

9. **Product Inventory and Sales.** A Licensee shall maintain an accurate record of its inventory and every sale as required by the State. Licensees shall meet all track and trace system requirements of the State at all times. DCR may perform an audit of the physical inventory of any Commercial Cannabis Business at DCR's discretion. DCR may issue a NOV for variances between the physical audit and the inventory reflected in the track and trace system at the time of the audit. (Violation Type – Minor)

10. **Age Verification Device.** An electronic age verification device shall be purchased and retained on the Business Premises to determine the age of any Individual attempting to purchase Cannabis or Cannabis Goods and shall be installed at each point-of-sales area. The device shall be maintained in operational condition and all employees shall be instructed in its use. Cannabis and Cannabis Goods shall not be sold to the public without a functioning electronic age verification device. (Violation Type – Moderate)

11. **Business Premises Access.** All doors not intended for customer access shall be kept closed at all times other than to permit access for deliveries and trash removal. Exterior doors shall be solid and not consist of a screen or ventilated security door. (Violation Type – Moderate)

12. **Prohibited Activities.** The following activities are prohibited:

(i) **Drive Through or Walk Up Windows.** There shall be no sales through drive through windows or walk-up windows. (Violation Type – Major)

(ii) **Adult Entertainment.** There shall be no adult entertainment of any type, as defined in LAMC Section 12.70, or alcohol or tobacco sales of any type. (Violation Type – Moderate)

(iii) **Entertainment.** No entertainment of any type shall be allowed to take place, except for ambient music. No disc jockey, karaoke, or performances of any kind shall be allowed. Any music, sound, or noise emitted from the Business Premises shall comply with the noise regulations of the LAMC and shall not extend beyond the Business Premises. (Violation Type – Moderate)

(iv) **Billiards.** There shall be no pool or billiard tables, dart games, video games, coin operated game machines or similar game devices maintained upon the Business Premises. (Violation Type – Minor)

(v) **Outdoor Speakers.** There shall be no outdoor speakers, or paging system on the exterior portions of the Business Premises or attached to the façade of the building. (Violation Type – Moderate)

13. **Display of Emblem.** When available, a Licensee shall post an Emblem as required under LAMC Section 104.23. A Licensee shall protect an Emblem Placard from damage, theft or tampering. A Licensee shall inform the Los Angeles County Department of Public Health within 24 hours of when an Emblem Placard is damaged, stolen, or otherwise lost. (Violation Type – Moderate)

D. Non-Storefront Retail (Type 9) Commercial Cannabis Activity

1. **Delivery Employees.** All deliveries of Cannabis and Cannabis Goods must be performed by an employee of a Licensee. Each delivery employee shall be at least 21 years of age. Only authorized employees shall be in the delivery vehicle during the time of delivery. Delivery employees shall display an identification badge at all times while conducting delivery business operations. The identification badge shall include: the Licensee's business entity name or DBA, DCR record number, the employee's name, an employee number exclusively assigned to that employee for identification purposes, and a color photograph of the employee that clearly shows the full front of the employee's face and is at least 1 inch in width and 1.5 inches in height. (Violation Type – Moderate)

2. **Delivery Requirements.** All deliveries of Cannabis and Cannabis Goods shall be made in person. A delivery of Cannabis and/or Cannabis Goods shall not be made through the use of an unmanned vehicle or device. Any vehicle used for delivery of Cannabis and Cannabis Goods must not contain any external markings, words, or symbols that indicate the vehicle is used for delivery of Cannabis or Cannabis Goods or that the vehicle is used, owned or leased by a cannabis licensee. (Violation Type – Moderate)

3. **Delivery Orders.** As required by the State, Cannabis and Cannabis Goods shall be ordered, packaged for sale, labeled, and/or placed in packaging prior to being delivered to a customer. (Violation Type – Moderate)

4. **Delivery Request Receipt.** Licensees shall comply with the requirements of Cal. Code Regs., tit. 4, § 15420, or as may be amended, for delivery request receipts. (Violation Type – Minor)

5. **Age Verification.** An electronic age verification device shall be utilized to determine the age of any Individual attempting to purchase Cannabis or Cannabis Goods for delivery and shall be required at the point-of-sale(s) and at the point of delivery. All employees shall be instructed in its use. Cannabis and Cannabis Goods shall not be sold without age verification by an electronic age verification device. The Licensee shall provide a copy of the specifications of the age verification device or devices used by delivery employees to DCR within 30 days of receiving a delivery license but prior to any delivery of Cannabis or Cannabis Goods. (Violation Type – Moderate)

6. **Product Transport.** A Licensee's employee carrying Cannabis or Cannabis Goods for delivery shall operate and travel only in an enclosed motor vehicle. Cannabis and Cannabis Goods shall not be visible to the public during delivery and transport. A Licensee's delivery employee shall not leave Cannabis or Cannabis Goods in an unattended motor vehicle unless the motor vehicle is locked and equipped with an active vehicle alarm system. The Licensee shall equip all vehicles used for delivery of Cannabis and Cannabis Goods with a Global Positioning System (GPS) device which can identify the geographic location of the delivery vehicle during business hours. Licensees shall immediately share GPS information with the City upon request. A personal or business phone or tablet is not an acceptable GPS device. The device shall be either permanently or temporarily affixed to the delivery vehicle and shall remain active and inside of the delivery vehicle during business hours. (Violation Type – Major)

7. **Delivery Hours.** A Licensee shall deliver Cannabis and Cannabis Goods only between the hours of 6 a.m. to 10 p.m. daily. (Violation Type – Major)

8. **Delivery Product Amount.** Delivery employees shall not carry Cannabis or Cannabis Goods in excess of the amount permitted by the State. (Violation Type – Moderate)

9. **Consumption.** A Licensee's employees shall not consume Cannabis or Cannabis Goods, or be under the influence of any substance that mentally or physically impairs the employee, while delivering Cannabis or Cannabis Goods. (Violation Type – Major)

10. **Required Notice by Licensee.** A Licensee shall notify the DCR in writing of an arrest or criminal conviction of an employee involving a delivery vehicle, either by mail or electronic mail, within 48 hours of the arrest or conviction. (Violation Type – Minor)

11. **Delivery Fleet Information and Delivery Vehicle Placard (DVP).** The Licensee shall register all motor vehicles used for the delivery of Cannabis and Cannabis Goods with DCR, including the vehicle's make, model, color, Vehicle Identification Number, and license plate number within 30 days of the issuance of a License that permits deliveries. Vehicles must be registered with DCR to obtain a DVP prior to their use for delivery of Cannabis or Cannabis Goods. A DVP shall be kept in a delivery vehicle at all times and provided upon request to DCR, LAPD, or any other public agencies. The Licensee shall notify DCR via email at DCRcompliance@lacity.org when a new vehicle is added to or removed from the fleet. The Licensee shall destroy any DVPs for vehicles which have been removed from the fleet. Delivery vehicles are subject to inspection by the DCR or LAPD at any time. (Violation Type – Moderate)

12. **Standard Operating Procedures.** Applicants and Licensees shall submit standard operating procedures to DCR prior to the Final Inspection, prior to a compliance inspection, and upon DCR's request. DCR may require the submission of additional documents, or require modifications to the submitted documents, to ensure compliance with all applicable regulations and/or that no on-site retail activity is occurring. (Violation Type – Moderate)

13. **Delivery Business Premises.** For the purposes of Type 9 Commercial Cannabis Activity, a Business Premises, as defined in LAMC Section 104.01(a), shall include all ancillary and incidental portions of the premises, including, but not limited to, employee break rooms, storage rooms, parking lots, and all other portions of the premises even if Cannabis or Cannabis Goods are not present. (Violation Type – Minor)

14. **Signage.** Licensees with Type 9 Licenses shall post a sign at each entrance to the Business Premises stating "NO ONSITE CANNABIS SALES." The sign shall be posted at eye-level and printed by the Licensee on a minimum of 8.5" x 11" paper size with lettering at least 2 inches in size or a minimum font size of 100. (Violation Type – Minor)

15. **Prohibited Activities.** The following activities are prohibited:

(i) **Curbside Delivery, Drive Through or Walk Up Windows.** There shall be no sales through drive through windows or walk-up windows, or sales or delivery through curbside pickup. (Violation Type – Major)

(ii) **Access to the Public.** Licensees shall not allow access to the Business Premises by customers or members of the public, including, but not limited to, in any waiting area or lobby. (Violation Type – Major)

(iii) **Onsite Orders.** Customers shall not place delivery orders at the Business Premises, including, but not limited to, through the use of a device such as a mobile device, computer, iPad or kiosk. (Violation Type – Major)

(iv) **Delivery to Licensed Premises.** Licensees shall not deliver to their own Business Premises, including any portion subleased to a third party, or to a public right of way or sidewalk within 20 feet, measured in a horizontal straight line without regard to intervening structures from the exterior walls of the licensed Business Premises. (Violation Type – Major)

(v) **Delivery Conduct.** Delivery of Cannabis or Cannabis Goods to customers shall not adversely affect or detract from the quality of life for nearby residents, property owners, and businesses. (Violation Type – Minor)

E. Microbusiness Commercial Cannabis Activity

1. **Operational Requirements.** A Licensee conducting Microbusiness Commercial Cannabis Activity shall meet all operational requirements for the Retailer Commercial Cannabis Activity and all other non-retail Commercial Cannabis Activity for which DCR has issued a License. (Violation Type – Major)

F. Testing Lab Commercial Cannabis Activity

1. **Restrictions.** No Owner or employee of a Licensee may be employed by or have any ownership or financial interest in any other Licensee having a License in any other category of Commercial Cannabis Activity. (Violation Type – Major)

Regulation No. 6. Renewals.

A. Applicants and Licensees shall renew all records annually, including, but not limited to, Annual Licenses, Operating Permits, Temporary Approvals, and records with a status of Local Compliance Underway. At a minimum, a filed renewal application to renew a Temporary Approval, Annual License with or without an Operating Permit, and records with a status of Local Compliance Underway shall include the following:

1. The first and last name of the Individual(s) listed as Owners, Indirect Owners, Primary Personnel, or Financial Interest Holders of the Applicant or Licensee (LIC-4008-FORM);
2. Evidence of site control for the Business Premises, such as an executed lease or property deed;
3. A current Business Premises Diagram;
4. Indemnification Agreement (LIC-4005-FORM);
5. Successor In Interest Form (LIC-4018-FORM), if one has not been submitted or if there is an update;
6. An attestation that all information, forms and documents provided to DCR in the original application remain accurate and current, or a detailed explanation of any changes or discrepancies; and,
7. Payment of renewal fees. Licensees with Temporary Approval or Operating Permits shall submit payment for a standard inspection fee in addition to required renewal fees pursuant to LAMC Section 104.19.
8. DCR may require additional forms, documents, and information to maintain a complete record.

B. DCR and its agents may conduct an on-site compliance inspection prior to issuing a renewal, or within one year of the date of the renewal.

C. To be eligible to renew, Applicants and Licensee shall be current on all City of Los Angeles taxes and DCR fees. A renewal application shall be denied if submitted by an Applicant or Licensee who is not current on all City of Los Angeles taxes and DCR fees.

D. A Licensee has ceased Commercial Cannabis Activity pursuant to LAMC Section 104.12(d) if no transactions have been recorded in State's track and trace system for a continuous period of 180 calendar days after a License is issued. DCR may, in its sole discretion, renew a License even if the Licensee has ceased Commercial Cannabis Activity by considering the following factors: (1) if the Licensee is engaged in litigation or has a court-appointed receivership; (2) if the Licensee is

undergoing permitted construction or a tenant improvement at the Business Premises; (3) if the Licensee does not have an active State license; and/or (4) any other factor demonstrating good faith compliance with LAMC Section 104.12. A Licensee who has ceased Commercial Cannabis Activity must submit a renewal application and renewal payment in accordance with LAMC Section 104.12.

Regulation No. 7. Administrative Violations, Penalties and Appeals.

A. Notices to Correct (NTC)

1. Unless otherwise indicated on the Notice to Correct, a Licensee shall comply with all Notices to Correct within 30 days of its issuance.

2. Licensees may request an extension of time to correct violations in an NTC by submitting the Request for an Extension of Time to Comply with NOV or NTC (ENF-3005-FORM). DCR shall have the sole discretion to grant or deny any request for an extension. Licensees shall justify the request for the extension and provide a proposed timeline for compliance.

B. Notices of Violation (NOV)

1. Licensees shall correct violations within 30 days of the issuance of a Notice of Violation, unless an extension of time is granted or the Licensee files an administrative appeal.

2. Licensees may request an extension of time to correct violations and pay the associated penalties prior to the deadline stated in an NOV by submitting the Request for an Extension of Time to Comply with NOV or NTC (ENF-3005-FORM). DCR shall have the sole discretion to grant or deny any request for an extension. Licensees shall justify the request for the extension and provide a proposed timeline for compliance.

3. While a Notice of Violation, Notice to Correct, Notice of Suspension, or Notice of Revocation is open or administrative appeal is pending, an Applicant shall not submit any modification requests to the Legal Business Entity Record, or request cancellation of the License or withdrawal of the Application.

C. Administrative Appeals

1. When authorized by LAMC Section 104.14(a)(1)-(4), an Applicant or Licensee may file an administrative appeal by submitting the Administrative Hearing Request Form (ENF-3001-FORM) through the DCR Licensing Portal and paying the associated Administrative Hearing Appeal Filing Fees, pursuant to LAMC Section 104.19(f), within 15 days of the date of the Notice of Violation or other DCR action(s) subject to appeal.

2. When authorized by LAMC Section 104.14(a)(5), an Applicant or Licensee may file an administrative appeal by submitting the Administrative Hearing Request Form (ENF-3001-FORM) through the DCR Licensing Portal and paying the associated Administrative Hearing Appeal Filing Fees, pursuant to LAMC Section 104.19(f), within 5 days of the date of Notice of Suspension or Notice of Revocation.

3. Payments pursuant to LAMC Section 104.19(f) must be paid by credit card, cash, money order, or cashier's check in-person at the Office of Finance in accordance with the instructions included on the invoice and any restrictions set by the Office of Finance. Payments for Administrative Hearing Appeal Filing Fees cannot be made by mail.

4. The notice of the administrative appeal hearing shall contain, at a minimum, the date, location, and time of the hearing.

Regulation No. 8. Social Equity Program.

1. “Disproportionately Impacted Area” in LAMC Section 104.20 means Police Reporting Districts as established in the Expanded Social Equity Analysis, or as established using the same methodology and criteria in a similar analysis provided by an Applicant for an area outside of the City. The Expanded Social Equity Analysis identified the following Police Reporting Districts in the City of Los Angeles.

Police Reporting Districts						
111	269	455	1035	1268	1377	1834
138	275	457	1124	1269	1383	1836
146	311	463	1149	1307	1385	1837
147	314	467	1203	1313	1393	1838
148	326	473	1204	1321	1504	1842
155	333	497	1205	1323	1505	1844
156	334	507	1207	1333	1506	1846
157	354	525	1208	1342	1513	1849
158	355	557	1215	1343	1515	1862
166	356	564	1218	1345	1526	1863
185	357	565	1235	1347	1538	1981
192	361	647	1239	1351	1633	1982
195	362	649	1241	1352	1802	1983
236	375	667	1248	1353	1803	1984
238	376	668	1249	1361	1804	1985
245	377	769	1251	1362	1821	1994
246	378	774	1256	1363	1822	1995
247	397	775	1258	1365	1823	2115
256	398	776	1259	1367	1824	2136
257	415	932	1265	1371	1826	
265	424	933	1266	1373	1827	
266	448	935	1267	1375	1829	

Regulation No. 9. Fee Deferral and Fee Waiver Program.

A. Subject to the availability of funds, DCR may implement fee deferral or fee waiver programs for Applicants.

B. Fee Waivers.

1. **Social Equity Individual Applicants.** DCR may implement fee waivers in accordance with the following:

(i) Prior to January 1, 2023, and subject to the availability of funds, up to \$1,625,034 may be applied to Social Equity Individual Application (SEIA) Eligibility Verification (Section 104.06.1) Fees pursuant to LAMC Section 104.19 as fee waivers for individuals who submit a complete eligibility verification application to be verified as a Social Equity Individual Applicant. Funds shall be disbursed on a first come, first served basis. Any remaining funds not awarded after the SEIA Eligibility Verification window closes pursuant to LAMC Section 104.06.1(c), may be disbursed in accordance with the terms of the fee deferral program in subsection (C).

(ii) Subject to the availability of funds, up to \$953,600 in grant funds from the California Governor's Office of Business and Economic Development may be applied to waive fees for a verified Social Equity Individual Applicant (SEIA) selected during the Phase 3 Retail Round 2 (P3RR2) lottery under LAMC Section 104.06.1(c)(3). Each P3RR2 SEIA may receive up to \$9,536 in fee waivers applied to the following fees under LAMC Section 104.19: Business Formation and Organization Document Review (\$1,194), Organizational Chart Document Review (\$428), Ownership Disclosure Form Document Review (\$131), Equity Share Documents / Social Equity Agreement Review (\$1,248), Annual License Application (\$7,691).

(a) Fees shall be waived on a first come, first served basis depending on the availability of funds at the time the fee is charged. Any fees previously paid shall not be retroactively reimbursed.

(b) Any grant funds not expended as of February 1, 2025, may be used to waive the fees identified in subdivision (ii) disbursed on a first come, first served basis to verified SEIAs selected during an additional application lottery under LAMC Section 104.06.1(c)(6).

(iii) Subject to the availability of funds, up to \$2.67 million in grant funds from the California Governor's Office of Business and Economic Development may be applied to verified Social Equity Applicants (SEA) with a pending Annual License Application submitted on or before May 31, 2024 for the following fees under LAMC Section 104.19: Annual License Application (\$7,691), Publication Fee (\$732 plus \$75 County Clerk NOE Filing Fee), and Written Notice (\$484).

(a) Fees are waived on a first come, first served basis depending on the availability of funds at the time the fee is charged. Any fees paid prior to June 1, 2024 shall not be retroactively reimbursed.

(b) Any grant funds not expended as of February 1, 2025, may be used to waive the fees identified in subdivision (iii) disbursed on a first come, first served basis to verified Social Equity Applicants that submitted an Annual License Application after June 1, 2024.

2. **General Applicants.** DCR may administer a fee waiver program for Applicants not subject to Section 104.20 to waive fees in accordance with the following:

(i) Subject to the availability of funds, up to \$22.3 million in grant funds from the Department of Cannabis Control, Local Jurisdiction Award Grant (LJAG) may be applied to commercial cannabis businesses with an active State provisional commercial cannabis license to cover staff time to transition provisional State license holders through the local Annual License Application process and/or waive the local environmental fees under LAMC Sections 104.19(c) and 104.19(d), including, but not limited to: Categorical Exemption Fee (\$2,596), Environmental Assessment / Initial Study (\$6,024), Environmental Analysis Review Services (Actual Cost of Consultant Services), Publication Fee (\$732 plus \$75 County Clerk NOE Filing Fee), Mailed Notice (\$1,683 plus Actual Cost), Printed Notice (\$484) and Written Notice (\$484).

C. **Fee Deferrals for Social Equity Applicants.** To the extent funding is allocated for fee deferrals, DCR may implement fee deferrals in accordance with the following:

1. Subject to the availability of funds, DCR may defer the Social Equity Program (SEP) Temporary Approval Application Fees pursuant to LAMC Section 104.19 for Social Equity Applicants who were deemed eligible for further processing under LAMC Sections 104.06.1(c), 104.06.1(e), or 104.06.1(f).

2. Fee deferrals shall be deferred on a first come, first served basis.
3. Social Equity Individual Applicants are limited to one outstanding fee deferral at a time.
4. Fees may be deferred, up to, 180 days from the date an invoice is issued, the Applicant or Licensee is notified by electronic email the fees are deferred, or the effective date of a Fee Deferral Agreement, whichever is earliest.

D. Notwithstanding Sections (B) and (C), the Executive Director may make adjustments to this Regulation and/or allocate available grant funds in any manner required to maximize the utility of the funds.

Regulation No. 10. SEED Grant Program.

A. Subject to the availability of funds, and pursuant to LAMC Section 104.20(c)(4)(iv), DCR may implement a financial grant program(s), hereinafter referred to as the Social Equity Entrepreneur Development Grant Program (“SEED Grant Program”) for Social Equity Individual Applicants.

B. To the extent funding is allocated for the SEED Grant Program, DCR shall administer the Program in accordance with the following:

1. Subject to the availability of funds, up to \$5 million in grant funds from the California Governor’s Office of Business and Economic Development may be disbursed by DCR to Applicants with retail (Type 10) Applications deemed eligible for further processing under LAMC 104.06.1(b). Applicants eligible for grant funds under this subsection may receive \$25,000 in grant funds in one lump sum payment. DCR shall accept applications for grant funds under this subsection for a period of 120 days. Funds shall be disbursed on a first come, first served basis. Any remaining funds not awarded by 90 days prior to the end of the City’s Agreement with the California Governor’s Office of Business and Economic Development, or any extension thereof, may be disbursed on a pro rata basis to Applicants who applied by August 20, 2021 and who are eligible for grant funds under this subsection.

2. Subject to the availability funds, up to \$1 million in grant funds from the Department of Cannabis Control’s California Local Equity Grant Program may be disbursed by DCR to any Social Equity Individual Applicant with an Application deemed eligible for further processing that did not receive grant funds under subsection (1). DCR shall accept applications for grant funds under this subsection for a period of 120 days. Applicants eligible for grant funds under this subsection may receive available grant funds in two disbursements upon meeting the following licensing milestones: (1) \$5,000 when DCR deems the Pre-Application Record eligible for further processing; and (2) \$5,000 when the Applicant is eligible for a Notice of Local Compliance Underway. Funds shall be disbursed on a first come, first served basis. Any remaining funds not awarded by 90 days prior to the end of the Grant Term of the City’s Agreement with the Department of Cannabis Control, or any extension thereof, may be disbursed on a pro rata basis to Applicants who applied by August 20, 2021 and who are eligible for grant funds under this subsection.

3. Applicants must apply for grant funds. DCR shall have sole and absolute discretion to determine application requirements, if an Applicant is eligible for grant funds, and if applicable, whether and when the requirements for any disbursement of funds are met.

4. DCR may disburse funds to an Applicant at any time after the Applicant has been determined eligible for grant funds.

5. Grant recipients shall enter into a contract with DCR prior to receipt of any grant funds. The contract shall specify the permissible use of the funds, and method and timing of payment.

6. Grant funds shall be used only for expenses incurred to launch and operate a licensed commercial cannabis business in the City of Los Angeles.

7. Applicants with Applications that have been deemed abandoned or denied shall not receive grant funds.

C. Notwithstanding Section (B), the Executive Director may make adjustments to this Regulation and/or allocate available grant funds in any manner required to maximize utility of the funds, including, but not limited to using SEED Grant Program funds to reimburse or pay licensing and regulatory fees for Social Equity Individual Applicants due under LAMC Section 104.19.

D. To the extent grant funds are provided by a funding source outside the City, DCR may administer the SEED Grant Program for those funds in compliance with the requirements of that source. To the extent the terms do not conflict, this Regulation shall govern.

Regulation No. 11. SEED Rental Grant Program.

A. Subject to the availability of funds, and pursuant to LAMC Section 104.20(c)(4)(iv), DCR may implement a financial grant program, hereinafter referred to as the Social Equity Entrepreneur Development Rental Assistance Grant Program (“SEED Rental Grant Program”) for Social Equity Individual Applicants.

B. To the extent funding is allocated for the SEED Rental Grant Program, DCR shall administer the Program in accordance with the following:

1. Subject to the availability of funds, up to \$4 million in grant funds from the California Governor’s Office of Business and Economic Development may be disbursed by DCR to Applicants with retail (Type 10) Applications deemed eligible for further processing under LAMC 104.06.1(b) and Licensees with Temporary Approval to operate a Type 10 commercial cannabis license, who have executed leases or a binding Letter of Intent for Business Premises on which to conduct non-retail commercial cannabis activity. Applicants eligible for grant funds under this subsection may receive \$50,000 in grant funds in three disbursements. The first disbursement of \$25,000 shall be made available upon completion of the grant agreement and the Applicant’s submission of an Education Course Completion Certificate demonstrating completion of the Commercial Leases and Contract Negotiations I and II courses available on the Business, Licensing and Compliance Program (BLC) Learning Management System (LMS). The second disbursement of \$15,000 shall be made available upon the Applicant’s submission of evidence demonstrating how the first disbursement was used and an Education Course Completion Certificate demonstrating completion of the Business Planning & Operational Development course available on the LMS. Submission of these requirements must be received prior to July 31, 2023 in order to be eligible for a second disbursement. The third disbursement of \$10,000 shall be made upon the Applicant’s submission of evidence demonstrating how the second disbursement was used and an Education Course Completion Certificate demonstrating completion of any additional course available on the LMS. Submission of these requirements must be received prior to August 31, 2023 in order to be eligible for a second disbursement. DCR shall accept applications for grant funds under this subsection beginning September 30, 2022 until March 30, 2023. Funds shall be disbursed on a first come, first served basis. Any remaining grant funds not awarded by August 31, 2023, may be disbursed on a pro rata basis to Social Equity Individual Applicants who have previously received funds through the SEED Rental Grant Program until October 31, 2023.

2. Subject to the availability of funds, \$1 million in grant funds from the California Governor’s Office of Business and Economic Development may be disbursed by DCR to verified Social Equity Individual Applicants deemed eligible for further processing, and Licensees, who have executed leases or a binding Letter of Intent for Business Premises on which to conduct non-retail commercial

cannabis activity. Applicants may apply to receive a financial grant of \$10,000 to be disbursed in a single disbursement of \$10,000 upon completion of the grant agreement and the Applicant's submission of an Education Course Completion Certificate demonstrating completion of the Commercial Leases and Contract Negotiations I and II courses available on the Business, Licensing and Compliance Program (BLC) learning management system (LMS). Applicants shall submit receipts demonstrating use of funds within 60 days of the use of funds.

3. Applicants and Licensees must apply for grant funds. DCR shall have sole and absolute discretion to determine application requirements, if an Applicant or Licensee is eligible for grant funds, and if applicable, whether and when the requirements for any disbursement of funds are met.

4. DCR may disburse funds to an Applicant or Licensee at any time after being determined eligible for grant funds and receiving an Education Course Completion Certificate.

5. Grant recipients shall enter into a contract with DCR prior to receipt of any grant funds. The contract shall specify the permissible use of the funds, and method and timing of payment.

6. Grant funds shall be used only for the following purposes: to pay rent or a security deposit pursuant to a fully executed commercial lease for the purposes of operating a licensed commercial cannabis storefront retail location; to finance up to one month of back rent due on a fully executed commercial lease for the purposes of operating a licensed commercial cannabis storefront retail location; to secure a binding Letter of Intent by paying the required security deposit for the purposes of operating a licensed commercial cannabis storefront retail location; to assist with building or construction costs for the purposes of renovating a location to operate a licensed commercial cannabis storefront retail location, as long as estimates and/or unpaid invoices totalling the grant amount are submitted with the grant application.

7. Applicants with Applications that have been deemed abandoned or denied shall not receive grant funds.

C. Notwithstanding Section (B), the Executive Director may make adjustments to this Regulation and/or allocate available grant funds in any manner required to maximize utility of the funds, including, but not limited to allowing Approved Applicants to use SEED Rental Grant Program funds to pay licensing and regulatory fees due under LAMC Section 104.19.

D. To the extent grant funds are provided by a funding source outside the City, DCR may administer the SEED Grant Program for those funds in compliance with the requirements of that source. To the extent the terms do not conflict, this Regulation shall govern.