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Councilmember Katy Yaroslavsky, Chair
Budget and Finance Committee

RE: 25-1126

On March 3, 2026, the Government Operations Committee considered a December 15, 2026 Department of Cannabis Regulation (DCR) report relative to amending the Los Angeles Municipal Code (LAMC) concerning the City's commercial cannabis record refiling and renewal requirements. After consideration, the Committee moved to make the following recommendations:

1. REQUEST the City Attorney to prepare and present three separate Ordinances as follows:
 - a. Amend LAMC Section 104.03(h) to:
 - i. Add a provision to allow an Applicant to refile an Annual License Application if the Applicant possessed an Annual License that was cancelled prior to its expiration date.
 - ii. Allow an Applicant to pay or begin a payment plan to pay previously due taxes, and to pay previously due fines or fees to Department of Cannabis Regulation (DCR), at the time they refile an abandoned or expired application, or cancelled Annual License.
 - b. Amend LAMC Section 104.12 to defer the requirement of City gross receipts tax compliance, subject to certain threshold limits to be adjusted annually, in processing a renewal application of an Applicant or Licensee, as detailed in the December 15, 2025 DCR report, attached to the Council File.

- c. Amend LAMC Section 104.12 to change the renewal periods as detailed in the December 15, 2025 DCR report, attached to the Council file.

2. REQUEST the City Attorney, with the assistance of the DCR, to prepare and present an Ordinance to amend the LAMC consistent with the December 15, 2025 DCR report, attached to the Council file; and AUTHORIZE the City Attorney may include amendments to sections of the LAMC not directly detailed in the December 15, 2025 DCR report, attached to the Council file, to ensure internal consistency and enable DCR to implement the intent of said DCR report.

This file is hereby transmitted to the Budget and Finance Committee.

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Vote:
Padilla: Yes
Lee: Yes
Jurado: Absent