

Communication from Public

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Comments for Public Posting: Dear Councilmember de Leon and members of the PLUM Committee please except my full support for Crystal Benavides-Ryan and her proposed business located at 1058 S Main St. SEE ATTACHED LETTER



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26th April 2021

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RE: Letter of Support for Cannabis Retailer Crystal Benavides-Ryan, Social Equity Program

Dear Councilmember Kevin Deleon,

On behalf of the Metropolitan Water District of Southern California Los Angeles Hispanic Employees Association (HEA-MWD), I am writing to express our support for Crystal Benavides-Ryan and her team as they apply to obtain a cannabis retailer license under the Los Angeles Social Equity Program.

For over 45 years our mission has always been to move forward diversity, equity, and inclusion, which is at the core of who we are. We have always understood that having varied perspectives helps generate better ideas to solve the complex problems of a changing Southern California region and increasingly diverse world. Accelerating all aspects of Diversity, Equity & Inclusion in the Southern California's region through delivering access to knowledge, resources, recognition, and networking is at the top of our mission.

Because of this, the HEA-MWD believes in the City of Los Angeles Social Equity Program and Crystal Benavides-Ryan application as a means to address the inequities in the current Cannabis market, especially towards the Latino and women owned businesses.

Sincerely,

Rick Duarte