



October 29, 2021

Los Angeles City Council
200 N. Spring Street
Los Angeles, CA 90012

Re: Cannabis Licensing Process/Social Equity Applicants/Existing License Relocation/
Phase 3 Round 1/Deadline Rescission
CF #21-1083

To the Honorable Members of the Los Angeles City Council:

The United Cannabis Business Association (UCBA) is the premier trade association representing California's licensed retailers, and we are the leading voice for legal cannabis in the state. UCBA is writing in support of Councilmember Marqueece Harris-Dawson and Councilmember Curren Price's efforts to provide for more efficiency and equity in the cannabis licensing process.

We all share the mutual goal of fostering a thriving regulated cannabis industry in Los Angeles. We know that this translates into more revenue and taxes to help fund the various housing, jobs, and social service programs Angelenos are clamoring for. In fact, it is also one of the strongest tools we have to combat the hundreds of illicit shops dotted all across our city.

Our coalition is hopeful that impactful modifications to the current Department of Cannabis Regulation ("DCR") licensing and approval processes will bring stakeholders more certainty, speed, and guidance. Perhaps most importantly, it will also bring much-needed relief to Social Equity candidates - many of which are still paying rent and holding onto property in anticipation of licensure. The changes will make it easier to do business in Los Angeles full-stop.

We have been working with the DCR and are encouraged with their efforts to be a partner in this process. They have listened to our feedback and we hope that the Council, DCR and stakeholders can work together towards meaningful changes to foster a thriving and equitable regulated cannabis market in Los Angeles.

We urge you to move forward with meaningful modifications, and take the hard steps needed to support our legal industry. Thank you for your consideration.

Sincerely,

Jerred Kiloh
President
United Cannabis Business Association

Cc: Mayor Eric Garcetti