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Sent Via Email:
Councilmember.Harris-Dawson@lacity.org

Councilman Marqueece Harris-Dawson
200 N. Spring Street, Room 450
Los Angeles, CA 90012

RE: Support for Cannabis Licensing Changes, Council File 21-1083

Dear Councilman Harris-Dawson,

On behalf of the over 31,000 members of the United Food and Commercial Workers Local 770, we wish to express our support for the above referenced matter. From the beginning, UFCW Local 770 has worked closely with the City of Los Angeles and State of California, our industry partners, and the community to create good quality, living wage jobs in the cannabis industry. Through the hard work of the City Council and the Department of Cannabis Regulation, we are transforming the industry dominated by illegal shops in which workers are paid under the table or in product and are victims of theft, violence, and harassment, to a safe retail market that respects workers and produces needed tax revenue for the City.

As we move into this next phase of licensing, we support the changes addressed in this motion to implement the processing of applications. We recognize both the changes that have already been made to address the urgency of the moment and the importance to continue adjusting as needed. We support continued funding and resources of DCR to help address these changes and our social equity partners who are ready to begin operations. This industry is still being built from the ground up and we believe these changes are needed to keep moving forward.

We thank the Los Angeles City Council and Department of Cannabis Regulation for their leadership in making this a reality.

Sincerely,

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John M. Grant, President

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