

PLANNING AND LAND USE MANAGEMENT (PLUM) COMMITTEE REPORT relative to the volume of service calls regarding illegal grow houses and enforcement practices when responding to these calls; the estimated valuation of revenue loss associated with the production and sale of unlicensed cannabis; and related matters.

Recommendations for Council action, as initiated by Motion (Rodriguez – Lee):

1. DIRECT the Los Angeles Police Department (LAPD) to report on the volume of service calls regarding illegal grow houses and best enforcement practices when responding to these calls.
2. DIRECT the Department of Cannabis Regulation and the Office of Finance to report on the estimated valuation of revenue loss associated with the production and sale of the unlicensed cannabis.
3. DIRECT the Department of Building and Safety (DBS) and the City Attorney to report on how to accelerate and recover revenue and seek restitution from illegal operators as well as the use of nuisance abatement proceedings related to these illegal cannabis grow houses.
4. INSTRUCT the Los Angeles Department of Water and Power to investigate areas of higher or excessive electricity use rates within single-family residential zones to help identify possible illegal grow house hot spots throughout the city.
5. INSTRUCT LAPD to report on the demographics (race, age, gender, etc.) of arrests and charges of employees in illegal cannabis grow houses.
6. INSTRUCT DBS and the City Attorney to report on the end-to-end procedures to arrive at nuisance abatement for illegal cannabis grow houses, opportunities to accelerate the process, any cost recovery for enforcement currently embedded in the process, and opportunities for collecting lost tax revenue from illegal grow houses upon enforcement.

Fiscal Impact Statement: Neither the City Administrative Officer nor the Chief Legislative Analyst has completed a financial analysis on this report.

Community Impact Statement: None submitted

Summary:

At a special meeting held on May 10, 2022, the PLUM Committee considered Motion (Rodriguez – Lee) relative to the volume of service calls regarding illegal grow houses and enforcement practices when responding to these calls; the estimated valuation of revenue loss associated with the production and sale of unlicensed cannabis; and related matters. After providing an opportunity for public comment, the Committee recommended approval of the recommendations contained in the Motion, as amended to include additional recommendations. This matter is now submitted to the Council for consideration.

Respectfully Submitted,

PLANNING AND LAND USE MANAGEMENT COMMITTEE



<u>MEMBER</u>	<u>VOTE</u>
HARRIS-DAWSON:	YES
CEDILLO:	YES
BLUMENFIELD:	YES
LEE:	YES

RODRIGUEZ: YES

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