

RESOLUTION

WHEREAS, any official position of the City of Los Angeles with respect to legislation, rules, regulations or policies proposed to or pending before a local, state or federal governmental body or agency must first have been adopted in the form of a Resolution by the City Council with the concurrence of the Mayor; and

WHEREAS, the Control, Regulate and Tax Adult Use of Marijuana Act was approved by the voters of California in November 2016, and granted the state the authority to tax and regulate the adult-use of cannabis; and

WHEREAS, Measure M was approved by voters in the City of Los Angeles in March 2017, and granted the City Council the authority to tax and regulate adult-use cannabis within the City of Los Angeles; and

WHEREAS, the Control, Regulate and Tax Adult Use of Marijuana Act (AUMA) requires that cannabis businesses obtain a license from both the State of California and their local jurisdiction in order to conduct lawful commercial cannabis activity; and


WHEREAS, the City of Los Angeles has adopted a Social Equity Program with a mission to promote equitable ownership and employment opportunities in the cannabis industry in order to decrease disparities in life outcomes for marginalized communities, and to address the disproportionate impacts of the War on Drugs in these communities; and

WHEREAS, AB 1565 (Jones-Sawyer) is a bill currently pending in the State legislature that would require the Controller to disburse up to \$15,000,000 to the State of California's Department of Cannabis Control effective July 1, 2028, and every fiscal year thereafter;

WHEREAS, the passage of AB 1565 (Jones-Sawyer) would support Social Equity Program Applicants and Licensees in the City of Los Angeles and furthers the mission of the Social Equity Program by assisting equity applicants and licensees gaining entry into, and successfully operating in, the State's regulated cannabis marketplace;

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED, with the concurrence of the Mayor, that by adoption of this Resolution, the City of Los Angeles hereby includes in the 2023-2024 State Legislative Program SUPPORT for AB 1565 (Jones-Sawyer) to require the Controller to appropriate and disburse funding annually that directly furthers the purpose of the Social Equity Program.

PRESENTED BY:


CURREN D. PRICE, JR.
Councilmember, 9th District

SECONDED BY:



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