



CENTRAL SAN PEDRO NEIGHBORHOOD COUNCIL

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Central San Pedro Neighborhood Council Ad-hoc Committee on Marijuana Regulatory Framework

Our Committee focus in cannabis regulation is on community stewardship and family safety. The impact of rogue shops and grey market operators is the enrichment of organized crime, diversion to youth, inconsistent and unsafe patient access, nuisance complaints; and the erosion of trust between the community, the cannabis industry, and enforcement authorities.

Issues of concern to our committee include:

- 1. Protections for families and guardrails against youth exposure**
- 2. Community stewardship and reinvestment**
- 3. Economic empowerment**
- 4. Patient access and safety**
- 5. Presentation and location of businesses**
- 6. Dissolution of the black market**

To create a cannabis industry with a strong community stewardship ethic, we are requesting Mayor Garcetti and the City Council to:

- 1. Protections for families and guardrails against youth exposure**
 - Develop regulations including strong parental protection language to extend the criminal reforms in marijuana policy to civil law.
 - Restrict advertising and signage of retail businesses.
 - Develop guidelines for retail businesses to post pertaining to nuisance issues such as public consumption and loitering.
 - Require storefront businesses to be located at least 1000 ft from schools, churches, youth centers, and other sensitive uses.

2. Community stewardship and reinvestment

- Encourage community reinvestment and community stewardship through a Neighborhood council approval program.
- Examine the establishment of Quimby funds as a reinvestment option.

3. Economic empowerment

- Develop licensing to support small businesses, including cottage industry licensing to encourage a community stewardship ethic and broad based economic empowerment.
- Examine a 10 employee threshold to require a labor peace agreement.
- Examine encouraging local hiring goals of 70%.

4. Patient access and safety

- Develop a publicly available registration list for cannabis businesses intending to apply for licensing.
- Allow these registered businesses to operate in the interim to ensure patient access.
- Develop regulations including the patient exemption in MCRSA AB 243, 11362.777(g) and SB 643, 19319.

5. Presentation and location of businesses

- Examine parking and traffic flow considerations.
- Develop guidelines encouraging upscale presentations of businesses.
- Examine licensing of businesses based on the needs of the marketplace and zoning considerations.
- License delivery services that are not associated with storefront businesses.
- Develop cottage industry licensing.
- Establish a voluntary pilot program of Neighborhood Council approval for cannabis businesses.
- Restrict retail storefront hours of operation to 8am through 9pm.

6. The dissolution of the black market

- Develop broad based and inclusive licensing in all industry categories under MCRSA and AUMA to encourage the dissolution of the grey market and rogue operators.
- Create a LA office of Cannabis Regulation to develop and oversee local licensing and permits.
- Transfer the principle responsibilities and duties regarding regulatory compliance from LA City Attorney and LAPD to the new agency to help bridge the trust between the industry and enforcement authority.