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June 23, 2017

To: Supervisor Mark Ridley-Thomas, Chairman  
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From: Sachi A. Hamai   
Chief Executive Officer

## **UPDATE REGARDING THE FORMATION OF AN ADVISORY WORKING GROUP ON CANNABIS REGULATION (ITEMS NO. 3 AND 9, AGENDA OF FEBRUARY 7, 2017)**

On May 23, 2017, the CEO Office of Cannabis Management (OCM) submitted its first quarterly report regarding the development of cannabis regulations and other activities related to the legalization of cannabis. The report detailed a plan for community and stakeholder outreach that included the formation of an advisory working group on cannabis regulation.

The OCM is convening the "Los Angeles County Advisory Working Group on Cannabis Regulation" on June 29, 2017. Starting on June 29, working group members will meet eight times during a 10-week period to discuss a wide range of topics pertinent to the legalization of cannabis in California. Discussion topics will include youth access and exposure to cannabis, operational and development standards for cannabis businesses, and personal-use cultivation, among many others.

The working group's efforts will produce a set of recommendations that will provide a framework for the development of regulations for commercial and personal-use cannabis in unincorporated County areas. These recommendations are expected to provide guidance not only to County policymakers, but to cities and other counties throughout California.

Working group meetings will be facilitated by a professional facilitator and will be staffed by County staff from the OCM, and as necessary based on topic areas, the Assessor, County Counsel, District Attorney, Sheriff, Agricultural Commissioner/Weights and

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Measures, Alternate Public Defender, Consumer and Business Affairs, Fire, Public Defender, Public Health, Public Works, Regional Planning, and the Treasurer and Tax Collector.

The OCM has coordinated closely with your Board's offices and multiple County departments to ensure that working group members represent a diverse range of stakeholders and viewpoints. Each Board office has recommended members to represent the interests of her or his district. The OCM has selected additional "at-large" members to represent other important stakeholder groups, including cannabis industry representatives, public health professionals, and experts in drug policy and drug and alcohol prevention. Additional members may be added as necessary during the working group process.

The working group's initial roster and meeting calendar are attached.

Should you have any questions concerning this matter, please contact Joseph M. Nicchitta, Countywide Coordinator for the Office of Cannabis Management, at (213) 974-4530 or [jnicchitta@ceo.lacounty.gov](mailto:jnicchitta@ceo.lacounty.gov), or Julia Orozco, Office of Cannabis Management, at (213) 974-1151 or [jorozco@ceo.lacounty.gov](mailto:jorozco@ceo.lacounty.gov).

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Alternate Public Defender  
Consumer and Business Affairs  
Fire  
Human Resources  
Public Defender  
Public Health  
Public Works  
Regional Planning  
Sheriff Civilian Oversight Commission  
Treasurer and Tax Collector

**LOS ANGELES COUNTY ADVISORY WORKING GROUP  
ON CANNABIS REGULATION**

**ROSTER**

*First Supervisorial District Representatives*

Hon. Vivian Romero  
Mayor, City of Montebello

Manuel Duran  
President, Maravilla Businesspersons Association

*Second Supervisorial District Representatives*

Dr. Avelardo Valdez  
Professor, Suzanne Dworak-Peck School of Social Work  
University of Southern California

Patricia Guerra  
Justice Policy Coordinator, Community Coalition

*Third Supervisorial District Representatives*

Beth Burnam  
Board of Directors, Resource Conservation District  
of the Santa Monica Mountains

Aaron Lachant, Esq.  
Nelson Hardiman, LLP

*Fourth Supervisorial District Representatives*

Melahat Rafiei  
Owner, Progressive Solutions Consulting

Matt Garland  
Councilmember, San Pedro Neighborhood Council

*Fifth Supervisorial District Representatives*

Wayne Sugita  
Interim Director (Ret.), Division of Substance Abuse, Prevention, and Control  
Los Angeles County Department of Public Health

*[Selection of a second representative is pending]*

## *At-Large Members*

Lynne Lyman  
California State Director, Drug Policy Alliance

Donnie Anderson  
Chairman, California Minority Alliance  
Co-Founder, Southern California Coalition

Jonatan Cvetko  
Founder, Angeles Emeralds

Dr. Alisa Padon  
Co-Director, Getting it Right from the Start Program  
Public Health Institute

Javier Montes  
Vice President, UCBA Trade Association

Dr. Monica Sanchez  
Prevention Director, Friday Night Live and  
Comprehensive Prevention Services Program  
Los Angeles County Office of Education

Valerie Coachman-Moore  
President and Chief Executive Officer  
Coachman-Moore & Associates Inc.

Dr. Rachel Castaneda  
Associate Professor, Department of Psychology  
School of Behavioral and Applied Sciences  
Azusa Pacific University

## **CALENDAR**

June 29, 2017	Meeting 1: Kickoff and orientation
July 20, 2017	Meeting 2: Youth access and exposure
July 27, 2017	Meeting 3: Public health and safety, and personal cultivation
Aug. 3, 2017	Meeting 4: Retailers
Aug. 10, 2017	Meeting 5: Cultivators, manufacturers, and other businesses
Aug. 17, 2017	Meeting 6: Compliance and taxation
Aug. 24, 2017	Meeting 7: Licensing, equity, and economic development
Aug. 31, 2017	Meeting 8: Consideration and approval of final recommendations