

LOS ANGELES COUNTY
ADVISORY WORKING GROUP ON CANNABIS REGULATION

Mission: *To develop recommendations that will provide a framework for the development of regulations for commercial and personal-use cannabis in unincorporated areas of Los Angeles County. These recommendations will provide guidance to County policymakers and may also be useful to cities and other counties throughout California that are studying cannabis regulations.*

SUMMARY OF MEETING ONE – Kickoff and Orientation, June 29, 2017

- 1. Topic Area(s):** Process overview, review of ground rules of participation, guiding principles for making recommendations, objectives and topic areas.
- 2. Working Group Participants:** Donnie Anderson (*California Minority Alliance and Southern California Coalition*), Beth Burnam (*Resource Conservation District of the Santa Monica Mountains*), Valerie Coachman-Moore (*Coachman-Moore & Associates*), Jonatan Cvetko (*Angeles Emeralds*), Manuel Duran (*Maravilla Businesspersons Association*), Matt Garland (*San Pedro Neighborhood Council*), Dr. Rachel Gonzales-Castaneda (*Azusa Pacific University*), Patricia Guerra (*Community Coalition*), Aaron Lachant (*Nelson Hardiman, LLP*), Cat Packer (*Drug Policy Alliance, in place of Lynne Lyman*), Javier Montes (*UCBA Trade Association*), Dr. Alisa Padon (*Public Health Institute*), Melahat Rafiei (*Progressive Solutions Consulting*), Dr. Monica Sanchez (*Los Angeles County Office of Education*), and Wayne Sugita (*Los Angeles County Department of Public Health, Retired*)
- 3. Facilitators and Presenters:** Joe Nicchitta (*Office of Cannabis Management, Los Angeles County Chief Executive Office*), Sheri Dunn Berry (*Community Partners*)

4. Decision Making:

The advisory working group agreed to use a consensus-based decision-making process throughout the course of their meetings. A consensus-based process favors inclusivity, collaboration, and full-group participation with a goal of reaching full agreement.

5. Principles of Participation - Ground Rules for meetings:

The advisory working group reviewed the ground rules for meetings, and accepted them as presented. They are:

- Meetings will begin and end on time.
- Working group members will read distributed materials before each meeting.
- Working group members will work efficiently with the goal of effectively discussing every issue.
- All statements, documents, and written communications are considered public record.

- Working group members will treat each other respectfully.
- Working group members will not unduly interrupt each other.
- Working group members will make best efforts to reach consensus on recommendations at each meeting.
- Without setting aside their experience, perspectives, and beliefs, working group members will act in the interest of the County and its constituents and not for personal gain.
- Working group members will attend at least one community listening session.

6. Principles of Participation – Guiding Principles for Making Recommendations:

The advisory working group reviewed and accepted the following guiding principles that members must maintain when considering recommendations:

- Recommendations must be consistent with the policies of the Board of Supervisors, as identified in its cannabis motions dated February 7, 2017.
- Recommendations must be consistent with state law and regulations.
- Compliance with regulations must be achievable, repeatable, and defensible.
- The County must be able to enforce compliance with regulations.
- Monitoring for compliance with regulations must be achievable, repeatable, and not overly burdensome or intrusive.

7. Topic Areas for Future Meetings:

The advisory working group approved the following topic areas for discussion at later meetings:

Meeting 2: Youth Access and exposure

Meeting 3: Public Health and safety, and personal cultivation

Meeting 4: Retailers

Meeting 5: Cultivators, manufacturers and other businesses

Meeting 6: Compliance and taxation

Meeting 7: Licensing, equity and economic development

Meeting 8: Consideration and approval of final recommendations

8. Objectives:

The advisory working group reviewed the draft objectives presented to guide the group as it develops recommendations. Working group members will be asked to demonstrate how each recommendation achieves one or more objectives. Through a facilitated process of discussion, re-wording of stated objectives and drafting new objectives, members arrived at consensus and agreed to the objectives as follows:

1. Manage underage exposure to cannabis, and prevent underage access to and use of cannabis.
2. Prevent adult use disorders associated with cannabis and the abuse of cannabis by adults.
3. Promote the health and safety of the public, equitably.
4. Prevent the unlawful production, distribution and sale of cannabis, equitably.
5. Protect the peace, comfort, and safety of county neighborhoods.
6. Promote compatibility with existing neighborhoods.
7. Prevent any one community/communities from unduly shouldering the burdens of cannabis legalization.
8. Promote positive benefits for communities, especially those disproportionately impacted by historical drug enforcement policies.
9. Pursue equity in licensing and cannabis business ownership.
10. Protect the environment.
11. Maximize the transition from an unlicensed and unregulated cannabis marketplace to a licensed and compliant cannabis marketplace.
12. Allow reasonable economic growth for the licensed cannabis industry.
13. Make sure enforcement is equitable for individuals.
14. Promote equitable community economic development.

9. Tabled for Later Discussion:

Several issues emerged which were tabled for later discussion within specific topic areas:

- Parental rights, application of state law, and perception of cannabis use as a threat to child safety
- Educational campaigns are a strategy to achieve Objective #1.
- Concern was also expressed about marketing and advertising, product quality control and worker protection.

10. Public Comment:

No public comment was offered at this meeting.

11. Next Advisory Working Group Meeting: July 20, 2017

Topic: Youth Access and Exposure

Location: Community Partners (Suite C), 1000 North Alameda St., Los Angeles CA 90012

12. Appendix: Advisory Working Group Meeting One Agenda

Los Angeles County Advisory Working Group on Cannabis Regulation

AGENDA

Meeting 1: Thursday, June 29, 2017

9:00 AM	Welcome and Staff Introductions
9:10 AM	Agenda Review
9:25 AM	Advisory Working Group Member Introductions
9:55 AM	Ground Rules for Participation
10:00 AM	Guiding Principles for Making Recommendations
10:10 AM	Objectives
10:50 AM	Break
11:00 AM	Future Meetings and Topics
11:30 AM	Listening Sessions
11:40 AM	Perspectives on Larger Process and Next Steps
11:50 AM	Public Comments
12:00 PM	End