



## OVERVIEW: LISTENING SESSION ON CANNABIS REGULATION IN LA COUNTY

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### **What is the purpose of this listening session?**

Los Angeles County (County) is seeking the public's feedback on appropriate regulations for cannabis in unincorporated County areas. (Unincorporated County areas include all areas of the County except within the limits of a city.)

Regulations will include rules for commercial cannabis businesses (e.g., cultivation, manufacturing, and retail sale) and the cultivation of cannabis for personal use at a private residence.

### **Why are people being asked to divide into groups to discuss particular topics?**

The County is seeking input from the public to inform how the County will draft cannabis regulations in the following areas:

- Where cannabis businesses should locate
- Cannabis taxation and revenue
- Youth access and exposure to cannabis
- Personal cannabis cultivation
- Equity and economic development

### **I want to talk about something other than the topics picked by the County. Where can I do that?**

There are many issues associated with cannabis legalization. It is not possible to set up group discussions for all of these issues. However, people are invited to express their views on other issues related to cannabis at the following group discussion/topic area:

- General concerns about cannabis legalization and regulation

### **Can I ask questions during this listening session?**

In order to keep discussions moving forward, people with questions will be asked to write them down on a notecard provided by staff. Notecards will be collected periodically during the listening session, and responses to the questions will be posted in writing during the listening session.

### **Why am I limited to group discussions at only four of the six topic areas?**

A total of 25 minutes is allotted for each group discussion. This amount of time is necessary to allow discussions to develop into fruitful dialogue. Because this listening session is scheduled for a total of

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two hours, a person will only be able to participate in four group discussions. However, a person can submit comments in writing on other topic areas by completing a comment card or worksheet and turning that in at the listening session. People can also submit comments online at [cannabis.lacounty.gov/connect](http://cannabis.lacounty.gov/connect). Comments must be submitted by **August 15, 2017**. Finally, people are welcome to attend another listening session to continue their dialogue on these important issues.

### **Why isn't this a "town hall" meeting where people can publicly address County officials?**

The County is attempting to solicit the maximum amount of public feedback on important policy areas to inform the County's development of cannabis regulations. The County has determined that facilitated dialogue is more conducive to obtaining this feedback than "town hall" style meetings which require people to speak in front of a crowd for only several minutes.

### **How will my input be used?**

The County wants to ensure that its cannabis regulations are responsive to input from public stakeholders and constituents. A note-taker will sit with each group during this listening session and document all feedback. This feedback will be compiled into a report that will be made available to the public after all listening sessions have concluded. The County will use the information from this report to inform the development of its cannabis regulations.

### **Will what I say become public record?**

People's names will not be associated with any particular comment made orally at this listening session. However, anything said at the meeting will be considered "public record" and may be published in its entirety. For this reason, people should not include in their comments any personal or confidential information they do not wish to become public. Written comments submitted to the County are also public record. A person should not write down any personal or confidential information they do not wish to become public.

### **What if I think of other comments or concerns after this listening session ends?**

People are welcome to continue to submit comments online at [cannabis.lacounty.gov/connect](http://cannabis.lacounty.gov/connect). You must submit your comment no later than **August 15, 2017**. The County will continue to receive and consider comments after August 15, 2017, but late comments will not be included in the report documenting public feedback.

### **Where can I go for additional information about cannabis regulations for unincorporated Los Angeles County?**

For more information about cannabis regulations in unincorporated Los Angeles County, please visit <http://cannabis.lacounty.gov>.