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File No. 171042

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Dear Ms. Gibson:

On September 26, 2017, Mayor Lee introduced the following proposed legislation:

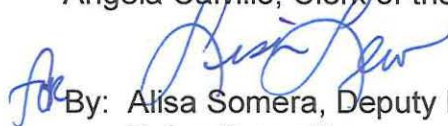
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Ordinance amending the Administrative, Business and Tax Regulations, Health, and Police Codes to comprehensively regulate commercial activities relating to the cultivation, manufacture, distribution, testing, sale, and delivery of medicinal and adult use cannabis by, among other things: 1) requiring businesses that engage in commercial cannabis activities to obtain a permit from the Office of Cannabis; 2) requiring the Director of the Office of Cannabis to establish an Equity Program to promote equitable ownership and employment opportunities in the cannabis industry; 3) defining eligibility for temporary and permanent cannabis business permits; 4) establishing priorities for the review of cannabis business permit applications; 5) establishing operating standards for cannabis businesses; 6) establishing criteria for granting, denying, suspending, and revoking cannabis business permits; 7) incorporating state law governing commercial cannabis activities into local law for enforcement purposes; 8) authorizing the imposition of fines and penalties for violation of local and state laws governing cannabis businesses, and establishing procedures by which cannabis businesses may appeal a fine or permit penalty; 9) prohibiting the smoking and vaping of cannabis on the premises of all cannabis businesses, except select Medicinal Cannabis Retailers, as authorized by the Department of Public Health; 10) prohibiting the consumption of cannabis and cannabis products, other than by smoking or vaping, on the premises of all cannabis businesses, except Storefront

Cannabis Retailers and Cannabis Microbusinesses that obtain consumption permits from the Department of Public Health; 11) prohibiting until January 1, 2019, tours of cannabis cultivators, manufacturers, and cannabis microbusinesses, and authorizing the Director of Cannabis to extend the prohibition on tours, or establish guidelines for the operation of tours; 12) establishing a sunset date of March 31, 2018, for Article 33 of the Health Code ("Medical Cannabis Act"); and 13) eliminating the duty of the Clerk of the Board of Supervisors to send letters annually to state and federal officials requesting that cannabis be regulated and taxed; and affirming the Planning Department's determination under the California Environmental Quality Act.

This legislation is being transmitted to you for environmental review.

Angela Calvillo, Clerk of the Board


By: Alisa Somera, Deputy Director
Rules Committee

Attachment

c: Joy Navarrete, Environmental Planning
Laura Lynch, Environmental Planning

Not defined as a project under CEQA Guidelines Sections 15378 and 15060(c) (2) because it does not result in a physical change in the environment.

REVIEWED

By Joy Navarrete at 11:15 am, Oct 04, 2017