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[Administrative Code - Establishing Cannabis State Legalization Task Force]

Ordinance amending the Administrative Code to establish the Cannabis State Legalization Task Force to advise the Board of Supervisors, the Mayor, and City departments regarding the local impacts of possible state legislation legalizing adult use of cannabis; and setting forth the membership and duties of the Task Force.

Existing Law

Personal use of cannabis for non-medicinal purposes is not legal in California. The State of California may consider legalizing and regulating adult use and possession of cannabis as soon as 2016. If the State legalizes adult use and possession of cannabis, the City will face policy questions about the local implementation and enforcement of the new State law. The City currently has no advisory body that makes recommendations to the Board of Supervisors, the Mayor, or City departments regarding such questions.

Amendments to Current Law

The proposed ordinance would create a Cannabis State Legalization Task Force to advise the Board of Supervisors, the Mayor, and other City departments on matters relating to the potential legalization of cannabis so that the City's policymakers are fully prepared to address the policy questions, through legislation, administrative actions, and otherwise, following the adoption of a State law.

The Task Force would terminate two years after the effective date of the ordinance unless the Board re-authorizes it in a subsequent ordinance. During those two years, the Task Force would submit at least two reports to the Board of Supervisors.

The Task Force would have 22 members, including 15 voting members and 7 non-voting members. The non-voting members would be:

- The Director of the Department of Public Health, Fire Chief, Police Chief, Director of the Department of Building Inspection, Director of Planning, Superintendent of the San Francisco Unified School District, Executive Director of the Entertainment Commission, and Executive Director of the California Board of Equalization, or their designees.

The 15 voting members would be:

- A person with at least two years of experience working in the cannabis industry;

- The owner or operator of a medical cannabis dispensary;
- Two people who use cannabis, at least one of whom uses cannabis for medicinal purposes;
- The owner of a small business in San Francisco;
- A person with experience working for or on behalf of the interests of businesses in San Francisco;
- A person with experience working to advance the tourism or hospitality industry in San Francisco;
- Two people who represent neighborhood associations;
- A person with experience in public health advocacy focusing on drug policy;
- A person working in the entertainment or nightlife industry;
- A representative of a labor union that represents employees working in the cannabis industry;
- A public policy expert; and
- A person between age 21 and 30 at the time of appointment.

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