

LEGISLATIVE DIGEST
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[Charter Amendment - Cannabis Commission]

Describing and setting forth a proposal to the voters at an election to be held on November 6, 2018, to amend the Charter of the City and County of San Francisco to create the Cannabis Commission to oversee the Department of Cannabis.

Existing Law

Existing law requires that the Mayor establish the Office of Cannabis, under the City Administrator, to oversee the implementation of laws and regulations governing cannabis in San Francisco. Existing law also requires that the City Administrator appoint a Director of the Office of Cannabis

Amendments to Current Law

This Charter amendment establishes the Cannabis Commission to govern the implementation of laws and regulations relating to cannabis in San Francisco. This Charter amendment also creates the Department of Cannabis to replace the Office of Cannabis. This Charter amendment requires that the Cannabis Commission oversee the Department of Cannabis.

Background Information

This second draft Charter amendment revises the first draft by changing the criteria for who may hold two of the nine Commission seats. In the first draft, the Charter amendment required that Seat 4 be held by a person with a household income at or below the poverty level at the time of appointment. The Charter amendment now requires that Seat 4 be held by a representative of organized labor who works with the Cannabis delivery service labor force. In the first draft, the Charter amendment required that Seat 8 be held by a person with significant experience in the field of economic development. The Charter amendment now requires that Seat 8 be held by a person with significant experience in the field of workforce and economic development.

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