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CANNABIS STATE LEGALIZATION TASK FORCE

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Authority:

Administrative Code, Section 5.2-1 through 5.2-7 (Ordinance No. 115-15)

Board Qualifications:

The Cannabis State Legalization Task Force (Task Force) was established to advise the Board of Supervisors, the Mayor, and other City departments on matters relating to the potential legalization of cannabis so that the policymakers are fully prepared to address policy questions through legislation and administrative actions, following the adoption of a State law.

The Task Force consists of 22 members (seats 1 through 7 shall be non-voting members):

DEPARTMENT HEAD MEMBERS

- > Seat 1: Director of the Department of Public Health, or his/her designee
- > Seat 2: Chief of the Fire Department, or his/her designee
- > Seat 3: Chief of the Police Department, his/her designee
- > Seat 4: Director of the Department of Building Inspection, or his/her designee
- > Seat 5: Director of Planning, or his/her designee
- > Seat 6: Executive Director of the Entertainment Commission, or his/her designee
- > Seat 7: Executive Director of the California Board of Equalization, or his/her designee (if the Executive Director declines and fails to appoint a designee for 60 days or longer, the Board of Supervisors may appoint a member of the public)
- > Seat 8: Superintendent of the San Francisco Unified School District, or his/her designee which may include a Member of the Board of Education (if the Superintendent declines and fails to appoint a designee for 60 days or longer, the Board of Supervisors may appoint a member of the public)

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PUBLIC MEMBERS APPOINTED BY THE BOARD OF SUPERVISORS

- > Seat 9: Must be an individual with at least two years of experience working in the cannabis industry.
- > Seat 10: Must be an owner or operator of a medical cannabis dispensary.
- > Seat 11: Must be an individual who uses cannabis for medicinal purposes and has at least two years of cannabis legalization advocacy experience.
- > Seat 12: Must be an individual who uses cannabis and has at least two years of cannabis legalization advocacy experience.
- > Seat 13: Must be an owner of a small business in San Francisco.
- > Seat 14: Must be an individual with experience working for, or on behalf of, the interests of businesses in San Francisco.
- > Seat 15: Must be an individual with experience working to advance the tourism or hospitality industry in San Francisco.
- > Seats 16 and 17: Must be individuals who represent neighborhood associations.
- > Seat 18: Must be an individual with experience in public health advocacy focusing on drug policy.
- > Seat 19: Must be an individual working in the entertainment or nightlife industry.
- > Seat 20: Must be a representative of a labor union that represents employees working in the cannabis industry.
- > Seat 21: Must be a public policy expert working for an organization focused on the formulation of good public policy.
- > Seat 22: Must be an individual between the ages of 21 and 30 at the time of appointment.

The Public Members in seats 9 through 22 shall serve for a term of one year. The initial term for each seat shall begin on August 31, 2015. At the end of the one-year term, the Board of Supervisors may reappoint the member by written motion without soliciting applications from additional applicants.

The Department of Public Health shall provide clerical and administrative support and staffing for the Task Force. The Task Force shall hold a regular meeting not less than five times per year.

Annual Report: No later than one year after its inaugural meeting, and at least once in the 12 months thereafter, the Task Force shall submit a report to the Board of Supervisors describing the legislative activity in the State Legislature regarding possible legalization of cannabis; findings regarding legal, social, land use, and enforcement issues that are likely to arise in San Francisco if the State adopts proposed legislation through the legislative or electoral process; and recommendations regarding local implementation and enforcement of that potential legislation.

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Sunset Date: The Task Force shall sunset on August 14, 2017, unless the Board of Supervisors extends the term by ordinance.