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From: Kevin Reed [mailto:kevinreed@thegreencross.org]
Sent: Thursday, May 18, 2017 12:03 PM
To: Board of Supervisors, (BOS) <board.of.supervisors@sfgov.org>
Subject: San Francisco Marijuana Department

Dear Honorable Members of the Board of Supervisors,

Thank you for your leadership and support of San Francisco's ever-growing cannabis industry. As a local leader in this field for 14+ years and member of the Cannabis State Legalization Task Force, I am writing to share my strong opposition to the proposed creation of a special San Francisco Marijuana Department that will soon come before you for a vote.

Based upon my expertise, I believe the creation of such a department is unnecessary; it increases costs to an already costly and bureaucratic permitting process, burdens the industry, in particular, small business owners, and is poor use of city resources and tax payer funds. Additionally, the task force has yet to come to a consensus on this matter. I respectfully recommend that City leadership consider utilizing and making enhancements to our existing infrastructure to streamline current procedures rather than creating new obstacles and hurdles for business owners.

I appreciate you taking my thoughts into consideration on this matter. If you have any questions or concerns, please feel free to contact me directly at <u>KevinReed@TheGreenCross.org</u> or at (415) 846-7671.

Sincerely,

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