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Dear President Breed,

Attached is our letter regarding the regulations of cannabis sales in San Francisco
Cheers,

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Re
Cannabis regulations

President Breed and Supervisors,

The San Francisco Council of District Merchants Associations, representing a wide variety of local enterprises, seeks to protect and promote small businesses in San Francisco. Thank you for all of your efforts crafting regulations for the rapidly-emerging cannabis industry, which we believe can be a valuable and sustained contributor to our local small business economy.

We would like to offer our recommendations on two of the major cannabis issues remaining to be decided in your deliberations. These recommendations are notably similar to those offered by the Chamber of Commerce, California Music and Culture Association, Golden Gate Restaurant Association, Cannabis Retailers Alliance, and many others.

I. Consumption: Create stand-alone consumption permits and more retailer consumption permits to benefit small business corridors.

- a. San Francisco residents and tourists need safe, legal places to consume.
- b. Without designated consumption areas, cannabis use will occur in parks and on sidewalks which may upset neighbors and hurt existing merchants.
- c. Consumption lounges will promote foot traffic for existing merchants.
- d. Cannabis retailers should be allowed to have on-site consumption if the facility has proper ventilation and the odor does not permeate the surrounding area.
- e. Stand-alone consumption permits will create a new small business model that can incorporate music and food, and will attract more visitors to commercial corridors.

II. Buffer Requirements & Sensitive Uses: Maintain the 600' buffer established by the voters of California, and do NOT include childcare centers as a sensitive use.

- a. The proposal to create a 1000-foot distance requirement, combined new sensitive uses including childcare facilities would prohibit the healthy growth of our local cannabis industry and block new small businesses in corridors that would benefit from them.
- b. We recommend a 600-foot distance from schools, as passed by the voters of California and overwhelmingly by the voters of San Francisco.



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There is no evidential basis for including childcare centers as a sensitive use. Three-year-old children will not wander off to buy marijuana. Please do not legislate based on scare tactics.

111. Minimum local hire. Requiring of minimum of 50% of local hire.

With current unemployment in San Francisco of around 3% many businesses are finding it difficult to find experienced and reliable staff. By requiring that cannabis businesses hire local at a minimum of 50% there will be competition for non cannabis businesses and may impact them to where they may not be able to survive.

We are eager to welcome cannabis businesses into the numerous local merchant groups citywide, and are excited for their contributions to our community and commercial corridors. Thank you again for all your work on this important topic. We are available any time and happy to offer suggestions or answer questions.

Sincerely,

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