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File No. 210421

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Dear Ms. Gibson:

On April 20, 2021, Mayor Breed introduced the following legislation:

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Ordinance amending the Police Code to 1) allow Cannabis Business Permit applicants to qualify as Equity Incubators by supporting Equity Applicants prior to Cannabis Business Permit issuance and not only after permit issuance; 2) specify that Equity Incubators must provide support to Equity Applicants with which the Equity Incubators and their Owners have no ownership or profit-sharing arrangement in order to qualify as Equity Incubators; 3) give first priority for permit application processing to Equity Applicants that are sole proprietors or whose business is 100% owned by a combination of Owners that are verified Equity Applicants, give second processing priority to holders of Temporary Cannabis Business Permits that commit to sharing use of their facilities with one or more Equity Applicants, and add to the sixth (formerly fourth) processing priority Applicants that previously held Temporary Cannabis Permits, in addition to those that currently hold such permits; 4) prohibit transfers of more than a 50% ownership interest in a Cannabis Business for five years after the Office of Cannabis acknowledges receipt of an application for a Cannabis Business Permit for that Cannabis Business, instead of ten years from the date of permit issuance; 5) exempt transfers of ownership in a Cannabis Business triggered by an Owner's death from transfer limits that would otherwise apply; 6) require that a Cannabis Business seeking a permit amendment tied to reduction in the combined ownership interest of all verified Equity Applicants in that Cannabis Business below 20% meet substantial equity commitments as a condition of amending the permit; 7) establish that an Applicant's withdrawal of a Cannabis Business Permit application, unlike the abandonment of an application, will not bar a subsequent application from that Applicant from qualifying for priority processing; and 8) authorize the Director of the Office of Cannabis, at any point after an Applicant has submitted a Cannabis Business Permit application, to require an Applicant to submit needed information or documentation within 45 days, and declare an application abandoned if the Applicant fails to comply with the deadline without showing good cause for the failure; affirming the Planning Department's determination under the California Environmental Quality Act; and making findings of consistency with the General Plan, and the eight priority policies of Planning Code, Section 101.1.

This legislation is being transmitted to you for environmental review.

Angela Calvillo, Clerk of the Board
By: John Carroll, Assistant Clerk
Public Safety and Neighborhood Services Committee

Attachment

c: Devyani Jain, Deputy Environmental Review Officer
Joy Navarrete, Environmental Planner
Don Lewis, Environmental Planner

Not defined as a project under CEQA Guidelines Section 15378 and 15060(c)(2) because it would not result in a direct or indirect physical change in the environment.

April 29, 2021

Joy Navarrete