

2:00 PM City Council (Special Meeting)(Supplemental Material)[Updated 11/19/2024 @10:45 AM]

Meeting Time: 11-19-24 14:00

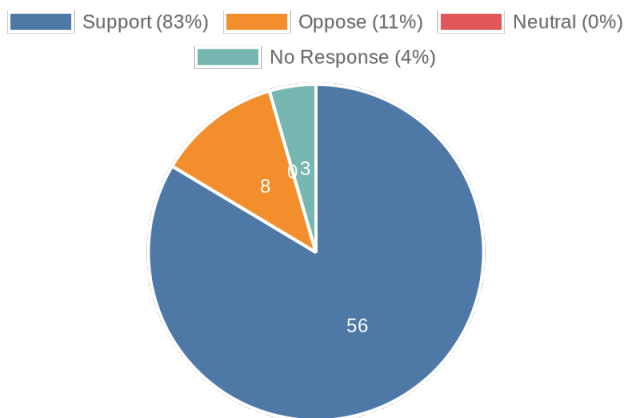
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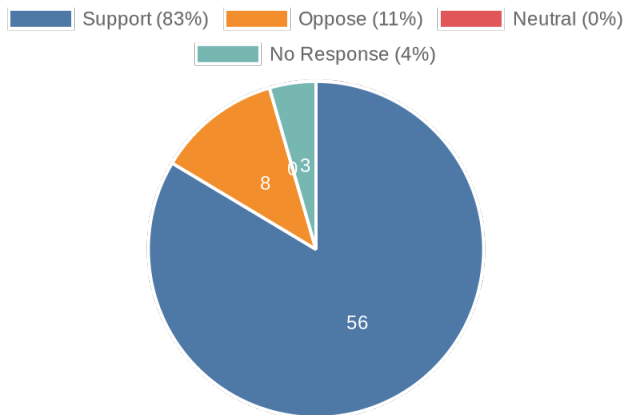


Agenda Name	Comments	Support	Oppose	Neutral
1. Cannabis Social Consumption Pilot Program Ordinance File ID: 2024-01874	56	46	8	0
2. An Ordinance Amending Chapter 5.156 of the Sacramento City Code, Relating to Tenant Protection [Passed for Publication 11/12/2024] File ID: 2024-01260	11	10	0	0

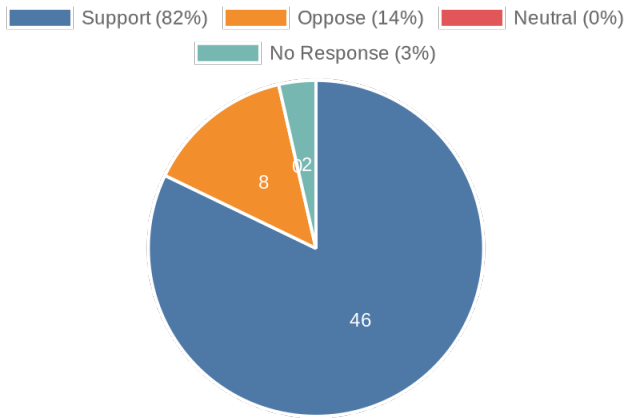
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M.S Kamau

Location:

Submitted At: 3:24pm 11-19-24

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Karla Black

Location:

Submitted At: 3:11pm 11-19-24

Good afternoon,

City council members please remember your duty to the public. To protect the communities, you represent. Most of us cannot be there in person and most of the community probably doesn't even know this meeting is happening today. Please keep in mind fentanyl is now being laced into cannabis and American-youth deaths are at an all time high because of fentanyl poisoning. No lounges please. This is an unnecessary move when homelessness and inflation is plaguing this city most. Please consider the mandate that was given by the public in this years November 5th election and that adding lounges is not the way forward. We want progression not regression. We want health, not death. We want elected officials to do what they're suppose to do otherwise they get voted out like Katie Valenzuela. Please keep this in mind when you take this vote. Thank you.

Jonathan Petty

Location:

Submitted At: 2:51pm 11-19-24

Despite the overall harm drugs and alcohol have had on our communities and families destroyed; here the city council and its sister governing bodies sit, trying their best to continue the destruction of our youth and neighborhoods. Is it too much to ask to keep lounges and zoning these drug places away from our children? How far will this governing body sink to satisfy an agenda that is not their own, but that of their donors? I encourage everyone to look at each elected officials' political donation records and there you will find reason behind this sick push for more drugs and destruction into our communities. Benefiting only a small few and slowly killing the rest of us.

David Gonzalez

Location:

Submitted At: 2:46pm 11-19-24

Thank you council members,

I am fortunate to have worked in the cannabis industry for over 5 years. My experience has allowed me to see the medical aspects of cannabis and the therapy that it can provide for all people. Many lives are positively influenced by cannabis. The reality is that cannabis is legal and continues to grow culturally. People are going to find a way to smoke one way or another. Unfortunately there is no safe place where we as tax paying cannabis users can safely use this product we payed for legally. Please allow us to gather in safe spaces. Please help us have a place where we will not be in public spaces that we may be a nuisance. Please give us a safe place to decompress. Legalization without consumption is recriminalization.

Thank you council members.

Ellen Bowen

Location:

Submitted At: 2:34pm 11-19-24

I support social cannabis consumption (all types) in lounges. I am a 60 year old woman who does not consume alcohol and this would be a great option for many. Less harmful than a traditional alcohol bar imo.

Neighbor Watch

Location:

Submitted At: 2:28pm 11-19-24

Katie Mapple, Katie Venezuela, City Council, Planning Commissioners Kendra Reed, Erin Reschke, City Planning Commission, Howard Chan, Leyne Milstein, City Managers Office, Office of Cannabis Management and Kirk Skierski, Senior Planner, Kevin Colin, Principal Planner, Zoning Administrator:

I am deeply concerned about the proposed zoning changes that would allow for more dispensary licenses and lounges in RMX zoning areas(residential) C1 and C2. This rush to relax zoning rules comes at the expense of our community, particularly parks, youth-oriented facilities, faith-based organizations, and daycares.

The move to transfer the Conditional Use Permit process to a zoning administrator is alarming. Alarming in a way that it takes away public notification and public comment. We are against the wholesale elimination of public notification and public comment. It shows how far some are willing to go to push this agenda, taking away the voice of the people in a matter that directly impacts us all. This is not how democracy should work.

Redefining sensitive uses to exclude faith-based churches, daycares, parks and youth orientated facilities is unacceptable. By removing these protections, you are opening the door for dispensaries to move closer to children and families, bringing highly addictive, cancer-causing intoxicating products right into our neighborhoods. Please understand the inherent security risks. There are more things to consider besides the staff report.

<https://www.cityofsacramento.gov/community-development/planning/major-projects/Title17CannabisAmendments>

We have not been given all the information, and it's clear that the city manager, staff and some council members

have segmented zoning, new dispensary licenses and lounges in a way that makes it hard to follow and leaves the public in the dark. These changes are moving too fast for our community to properly evaluate the consequences. Dispensaries are good neighbors because of the ordinance that was set forth originally and to rollback regulation will have a negative impact felt immediately in the community. This doesn't seem to be a grassroots effort but rather a top-down effort being forced on the people of Sacramento to envision a future we did not ask for nor do we want this but obviously the government does.

Planning Commissioner Kendra Reed, you have said that these changes would make your job easier by taking away the conditional use process and allowing dispensaries to locate next to faith base churches, daycare, youth orientated facility and parks. The clear direction you are looking for. Kendra Reed you also took campaign contributions from the cannabis industry in your run for city council in 2020 against Katie Maple. However, the job of a commissioner is to protect the community, not to make it easier for marijuana businesses to locate anywhere. Dispensaries should be reviewed on a case-by-case basis because each location and surrounding area is unique. What might work in one neighborhood could be harmful in another.

The City of Sacramento requires armed security, security plans, and cameras for dispensaries because of the high value of cash and product on-site (that has a street value and dictates legal market pricing)often exceeding that of banks. That's why dispensaries are not comparable to Chuck Cheese (Kendra Reed, Kirk Skierski, Kevin Colin you are on the record minimizing what we are doing here), grocery stores, restaurants, nightclubs, bars, liquor stores and tobacco stores.

Commissioner (Erin Reschke) That discreet Dispensary security guard you talk of carries far greater security risks than you are aware of, and these risks should not be ignored when considering their placement next to parks, youth-oriented facilities, faith-based organizations, and daycares. The risk is...An armed burglar in a shootout with a Dispensary armed security guard protecting hundreds of thousands of dollars in cash and hundred thousand dollars in product with a daycare or any of the current sensitive uses directly next to it or even 600 feet away. We need to properly protect our community. This is not a hypothetical. It's happening in our state and across the nation weekly. Google search it!

The only ones who benefit from these changes are commercial real estate interests and a select few in the cannabis industry. The bigger California policy agenda (California Values) but we are Sacramento the city of neighborhoods. Our community is concerned about drug policy and crime policy. This is not the answer to our budget deficit Howard Chan, Leyne Milstein. The community, our families, and our children do not benefit. We lose. We urge you not to change the Conditional Use Permit process or redefine sensitive uses. Keep intoxicating products away from areas where our children and families gather. Every one of you have made very great impactful decisions for the city of Sacramento. Please continue to do that. Please, stand up for the community and protect our future.

Kesa Bruce

Location:

Submitted At: 2:18pm 11-19-24

Dear Councilmembers,

The American Lung Association opposes the proposed ordinance to permit smoking in cannabis stores. Breathing in secondhand smoke causes lung disease. California responded to this public health crisis in 1995 by implementing a statewide smoke-free law in restaurants; then extended those workplace protections to workers in bars in 1998. As a result, anybody who works indoors can be assured they will not be forced to work in an environment that will negatively impact their health as a result of smoke.

Secondhand cannabis smoke contains many of the same toxins and carcinogens found in directly inhaled marijuana smoke, in similar amounts if not more.[1] In addition, particulate levels from cannabis smoke are higher than tobacco smoke.[2] It has long been the clear position of ventilation and engineering experts that engineering solutions do not adequately protect workers from smoke activity of any kind and that all smoking activity inside or near buildings should be eliminated.[3]

Due to the risks it poses to lung health, the American Lung Association strongly cautions the public against smoking cannabis. Smoking cannabis damages the lungs. Cannabis smoke has been shown to injure the cell

linings of the large airways and can lead to symptoms such as chronic cough, phlegm production, wheezing and acute bronchitis. 1,2

Allowing smoking lounges would undermine California's long-standing smoke-free workplace protections. California has fought hard to protect workers and ensure a safe, healthy, smoke-free work environment. This ordinance would expose workers to harmful secondhand cannabis smoke. For these reasons, we urge your No vote.

Sincerely,
Kesa Bruce
Director of Advocacy
American Lung Association

Ashtyn Gibson

Location:
Submitted At: 2:05pm 11-19-24

Consumption lounges are a win for consumers, communities, and businesses alike. They promote safety, education, and responsibility while generating economic and social benefits. Sacramento should embrace this opportunity to lead by example and show how cannabis can be enjoyed responsibly in a supportive, community-focused setting.

We need a safe place to consume the same way you can go to otherbcommer establishments and buy liquor.

Michael Snell

Location:
Submitted At: 2:02pm 11-19-24

Cannabis has already proven it medicinal benefits; no need to go back to the fear mongering. Keep regulation for both medical & recreational use consistent with the more lethal and accessible substances like Alcohol & Tobacco. There needs to be a pilot opportunity in both type 1 & 2 for not only brick & mortar, but also temporary event venues as well. Stop focusing on tax dollars and the benefit of the larger community in support; stimulating growth in an industry that has important measures relying on existing tax revenue.

Raysa R.

Location:
Submitted At: 1:48pm 11-19-24

I support the pilot program, however, the Council needs to understand that the Type 1 designation is a bit misguided. Edibles are not generally easy to dose and many take 30 minutes to 1 hour to take effect; while the effect may last for hours. These are not exactly the type of products best suited for consumption lounges. The need for lounges is due mostly to the restrictions on smoking in many rented dwellings and public outdoor areas. As for the Type 2; the worry about the air quality and exposure seems to be also misguided and prejudiced against the cannabis consumer. The cigar bars in Sacramento, which also have a significant amount of second hand smoke, are not expected to have the same ventilation standards as the proposed consumption lounges. The expectations of cannabis lounges to meet requirements not expected of other smoking lounges seems to have more to do discriminatory legislation against cannabis than with public health. There is precedent in the city for indoor smoking with cigar bars in the city having indoor as well as outdoor smoking areas for patrons with none of the requirements raised for the cannabis lounges. I support making all lounges in this pilot program be Type 2 and accessible to all dispensary owners; as well as consider other businesses that may have on-site consumption allowed in their locations such as cafes and outdoor event spaces.

Jamie Swanton LCSW

Location:
Submitted At: 1:42pm 11-19-24

As a mental health professional in Sacramento, I urge the council to please pass legislation authorizing social

consumption lounges in order to address and uplift communities who have been systemically oppressed and marginalized due to cannabis stigma and repression. Cannabis is a low risk substance and social consumption sites promote safe and positive community engagement which will contribute to increased social connectedness and positive mental wellbeing in the community. The city will benefit from this new and innovative approach to social engagement around cannabis culture which is in high demand in our community. Please vote to support this program in achieving its goals. Thank you.

Cecelia Ventress

Location:

Submitted At: 1:16pm 11-19-24

eComment received by the Office of the City Clerk

theresa riviera

Location:

Submitted At: 1:12pm 11-19-24

Good afternoon, City Council Members,

I am writing in opposition to the proposed cannabis lounge ordinance that you all will be voting on today. I do not want to see these lounges be implemented in our community because not only does it raise the risk of impaired drivers this was also not what I originally voted for in 2016 on Proposition 64. So many other cities around California are currently allowing cannabis lounges so why does our City need to start a pilot program? I urge you to vote No not just for safer roadways but also for any workers who might have to work in smoky environments and risk their health.

Aundre Speciale

Location:

Submitted At: 1:05pm 11-19-24

Hi, I opened Capitol Wellness in 2004, and Abatin in 2011 and urge council not to forget Sacramento's rich cannabis history. This is not a 'pilot program', rather a reintroduction of a well proven program Sacramento should be proud to have helped pioneer.

Working with Americans for Safe Access in 2003, we crafted dispensary best practices sops to share with dispensaries, and I traveled to every dispensary possible speaking to patients about their needs. I learned that in every city and demographic, a huge part of peoples healing came from having a place to create community. Medical and other conditions isolate people and exasperate their illness so I opened CWC as a dispensary and consumption lounge. We saw people build communities in the lounge including AIDS, cancer, parenting and other support groups.

We invited in fire, police and city to tour our lounge and they all expressed approval which led to another 5 years of safe consumption lounge operations in Sacramento, that was the model for the cannabis consumption lounges I later opened in Venice, Tahoe, Berkeley and Oakland.

In all my years of operations we never once had physical fighting, an impaired driving issue, hospitalization or any other problem one might find from alcohol. What we did find is that a large percentage of people have or want to quit drinking want a place to socialize with their relaxant or meds of choice, that having a support system and community is vital to living a happy and healthy life, and that people with no where else to consume were losing their federal housing for consuming there.

Please don't go backwards and vote against building community and please stop referring to this as a pilot program and embrace Sacramento's place in cannabis history.

Happy day Aundre' Speciale

Richard William

Location:

Submitted At: 12:40pm 11-19-24

How do you expect people to travel to these places? Drivers who smoke one joint can't compensate for standard

deviation in driving lanes. An interesting study done by the University of California, Davis found the number of drivers testing positive for marijuana in breathalyzer tests doubled in just one year, while the number of drivers testing positive for alcohol decreased 7%. We are heading in the wrong direction with regards to Marijuana.

Regarding secondhand smoke, last year, more than 40,000 people died from diseases caused by smoking and secondhand smoke exposure. We already take it in while we walk our children & pets. Most parts of downtown already smell like a skunk so we stay away. You want to attract people & families downtown, not drive them away.

I would just like you to consider some kind of healthy/public enhancement component into any new laws related to consumption services. That's it. I hope you make the right decision.

Izzy Salamanca

Location:

Submitted At: 12:33pm 11-19-24

I believe Sacramento could use a third party space for those who participate in the consumption of Cannabis. I personally, do not drink, nor do I like to be in the environments where alcohol is the main source of enjoyment due to the impairments and safety concerns my community members may encounter. I would love to enjoy cannabis legally in third party spaces to break down negative stereotypes revolving cannabis, educate the public about the pros of consumption, promote economic opportunities, support local small businesses, foster a safe environment, and most importantly, bring all different types of people together within our community to have a safe shared experience. Let's have Sacramento be one of the first to break down barriers and progress forwards!

Javohn Clark

Location:

Submitted At: 11:55am 11-19-24

Hello, everyone I think it would be great for the community. A great place for a creative mind to all gather to talk business.

Daniel Kress

Location:

Submitted At: 11:45am 11-19-24

Good afternoon City Council members,

Thank you for hearing our statements of support and for the work you have done on this issue thus far.

I am leaving this comment to dispute some of the claims of the opposition regarding the safety of cannabis use and its potential/likelihood to have negative health effects. While there are many reasons our great city needs safe access to legal consumption areas, my focus will be dispelling the oppositions rhetoric.

Cannabis has been used medically for thousands of years and anecdotally has shown an extremely high safety profile to those that use it. History has shown that this plant can be used in many ways, and shows the risks associated to medical/casual use are minimal.

To touch on one of the claims that cannabis consumptions areas will somehow increase rates of disease like cancer is absurd. Cannabis is currently and has been used effectively to combat and in some cases treat these diseases. A claim that cannot be made about other legal substances used for purely recreational purposes. To the claims specifically about cancer:

The endocannabinoid system may play a dual role on the regulation of tumor generation and progression.

- Administration of THC and other cannabinoids exert anticancer actions in animal models of cancer.
- THC and other cannabinoid receptor-ligands induce cancer cell death and inhibit tumor angiogenesis.
- Cannabinoids enhance the anticancer activity of other antineoplastic agents in animal models of cancer.
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Cannabinoids are currently being tested as anticancer agents in phase I/II clinical studies.

We have heard from doctors in opposition but these doctors have extremely limited understand of cannabis products, use and effects. Many based their opinions on long debunked, politically motivated research littered with confounding data. The main reason there is not clearer, peer reviewed data is the federal prohibition on the study of this plant. A prohibition built on flawed information/studies given to the governing body to push anti-scientific and at times racist propoganda.

Please look into studies and opinion given by doctors and researchers with decades of cannabis study like Dr. Ethan Russo MD, Dr. Bonnie Goldstein, Dr. Dustin Sulak, or the grandfather of cannabis research Raphael Mechoulam. Raphael Mechoulam had over 40 years of cannabis research experience in Israel, funded by American tax dollars given by the NIH (Nation Institute of Health) Here is a link to a tribute to him in the Nation Library of Medicine.

<https://pmc.ncbi.nlm.nih.gov/articles/PMC8746417/>

These spaces will not only be used to consume cannabis but to also educate our community on responsible cannabis use. It may also introduce people to healthier recreational products when compared to alcohol. On that point, alcohol is universally understood to have high instances of abuse, health issues, DUIs, increases in violence and even causes death. When an establishment is opening that provides alcohol (liquor stores, grocery stores, gas stations, bars, restaurants, etc.) or events (fairs, pub crawls, beer fests, etc.), where is the outrage from those in opposition to cannabis consumption spaces. We even allow alcohol use in spaces shared with children, a fact that seems to be overlooked. I am not advocating to go after alcohol, but to at least have similar rules.

California voters have clearly made their opinion known that we want legal, safe access to high quality medical/recreational cannabis. Continuing to entertain claims from the opposition that harp back to the time of "Reefer Madness" is the wrong direction to move. Please support the will of people you represent and provide them with an option to legally and safely consume these heavily regulated products.

Thank you for you time and consideration on this complex topic.

Nancy Fitzpatrick

Location:

Submitted At: 11:43am 11-19-24

Dear Members of the City Council,

For decades, California has been on the forefront of protecting communities from the dangers of second hand smoke. Smoke-free workplace laws, including bars and restaurants and many outdoor areas where people eat and gather, were not adopted to stigmatize tobacco users - but to reduce illness and deaths caused by second and third hand smoke exposure. More people statewide were protected by these laws, and because norms eventually shifted, more people quit smoking all together. It is a step backwards to consider adopting policy that puts workers back in smoke filled workplaces. Cannabis smoke is not benign - with known neurological impacts, especially for those in young adulthood. Keep Californians safe from smoke exposure. We do not want to go back.

Nancy Fitzpatrick, MPH
Sacramento

Prashante Bailey

Location:

Submitted At: 11:31am 11-19-24

In support of Consumption Lounge

To the City of Sacramento and council members.

to understand that this program will require a significant commitment—up to five years—to promote understanding, and businesses will need to prepare diligently in order to maintain their permitting access.

As a recipient of city resources and funding, we are grateful for the assistance in obtaining our licenses. As a manufacturer, we are committed to developing innovative products and educational resources. This effort is crucial in helping those who may feel uncomfortable with cannabis by providing opportunities for dialogue and understanding between parties with differing perspectives. Unfortunately, the city must ensure due diligence in the implementation of the proposed pilot program, allowing those involved the necessary time to prepare and gain access to the permits that will enable them to exhibit the positive contributions of cannabis to our community.

I believe it is essential to create wellness spaces for our community, and an on-site consumption lounge will serve this purpose effectively. By providing a safe environment, we can ensure the consistent maintenance of these spaces. This will establish us as a safe haven for individuals seeking not only medical cannabis but also a supportive atmosphere for wellness and educational initiatives.

Prashante Bailey-Lewis
CEO PurSpace Herbal Care
CORE Carehold

Sam Solkovits

Location:
Submitted At: 10:42am 11-19-24

As a local community member and cannabis user, I support the approval of consumption lounges. There are many people who use marijuana and want safe spaces to consume it with others. I am disabled and cannot have alcohol, and like many others in my community I know, would like a space that is not a bar to socialize and use cannabis. I thoroughly believe that providing these spaces would be better for the community, as less children would be exposed to seeing adults smoking and vaping. I had the opportunity to attend the consumption lounge at the California state fair this year, and the education on marijuana that was provided was a great addition to the experience. Along with the vast and in depth information, every person I encountered in the consumption space was friendly, respectful, and courteous. The cannabis community has expanded to adults of all ages and backgrounds, and it's been beneficial to see the unity within it. As a city that prides itself on togetherness, consumption lounges would create more opportunities for local events, and in turn boost local business' revenue. I believe that approving of consumption lounges would have significant positive impact on Sacramento, the city that's always growing and adapting to social standards that the community places.

Richard miller

Location:
Submitted At: 9:52am 11-19-24

In support for Social Cannabis Consumption Lounges throughout Sacramento.

Good afternoon , members of the City Council,

Thank you for the opportunity to address this body on a matter that impacts not only the rights of Medical Cannabis patients, individuals in our Cannabis community but also the culture and economy of our fine city.

As an advocate for the establishment of licensed Social cannabis consumption lounges—a step that would end the stigma surrounding cannabis, foster inclusivity, and provide a safe, regulated space for responsible use and community engagement.

Breaking the Stigma and Promoting Equity

For decades, cannabis has been stigmatized, disproportionately affecting communities of color and reinforcing outdated stereotypes. Now, as we move forward in a time where cannabis is increasingly recognized for its medical, recreational, and cultural significance, it is essential that we normalize its use. Allowing cannabis consumption lounges sends a clear message: cannabis consumers are valued members of our community, no different than patrons of bars, cafes and night clubs.

These spaces provide more than just a venue for consumption—they are vital hubs for education, collaboration, and cultural expression. By supporting them, we help dismantle the lingering prejudice and promote equity for those whose lives and livelihoods are tied to the cannabis industry.

Ensuring Safe Consumption and Public Health

One of the primary concerns with cannabis consumption is ensuring it occurs responsibly and away from public spaces. Designated lounges provide a controlled and secure environment, keeping use off streets, parks, and neighborhoods where families and children gather. This model has proven successful in other cities in California where lounges reduce public consumption and related complaints.

Furthermore, these spaces allow for responsible oversight and education about cannabis use. Staff can ensure patrons consume responsibly, offering guidance on dosage, strain selection, and the potential effects of different products. This is particularly important for those are Medical patients or are new to cannabis, ensuring they have a safe and informed experience.

Fostering Economic Growth and Community Engagement

Cannabis lounges are more than consumption sites—they are cultural and economic assets and learning centers. Just as community clubs and bars bring people together, lounges offer an inclusive space where individuals can connect, share experiences, and enjoy entertainment. Imagine live music nights, educational workshops, and even cannabis-friendly dining events—all creating a vibrant social scene and enriching our city's cultural fabric.

Moreover, these lounges contribute to local economic growth. They create jobs, drive tourism, and generate tax revenue that can be reinvested into our community. By embracing these establishments, we position our city as a progressive leader in the cannabis industry, attracting visitors and investment.

Upholding Fairness and Parity

We already provide spaces for alcohol consumption in bars and clubs, where people can gather, socialize, and enjoy entertainment. Denying cannabis consumers the same opportunity perpetuates a double standard. It's time to treat cannabis with the same respect and fairness we afford other legal substances. Everyone deserves a space to feel welcome, safe, and included.

A Call to Action

I urge this Council to support the licensing of cannabis consumption lounges. This step aligns with our city's values of inclusivity, fairness, and innovation. It's a chance to provide a safe and dignified space for cannabis consumers while reaping the cultural and economic benefits of this growing industry.

Let us move beyond stigma and discrimination. Let us create a city where all individuals—regardless of their choice of a legal substance—are treated with respect and given spaces to come together, learn, and thrive.

Thank you for your time and thoughtful consideration. I welcome any questions or discussion.

Sincerely,
Richard G. Miller
Americans for Safe Access
(916) 747-7960
helpr4patients@gmail.com

Spenta Mehraban

Location:

Submitted At: 9:47am 11-19-24

We need safe spaces to consume recreationally just like alcohol drinkers. We are all for public education and awareness of the plant. We would like to be able to consume safely without harming those who do not want to partake in the reavers too al use. By having a safe space to do so, we can ensure that the public's safety isn't compromised. People won't be using public parks or parking lots as their space of consumption when they have a place dedicated for them to lounge and partake in the recreational consumption.

Angela Kadara

Location:

Submitted At: 9:24am 11-19-24

I support! Unless you own a home the average individual is unable to consume their medications

Paul Taylor

Location:

Submitted At: 8:46am 11-19-24

Safe spaces are needed.

Patti Uplinger

Location:

Submitted At: 7:49am 11-19-24

This comment is in support for cannabis lounges. Being a constituent in Guerra's district, I am very disappointed in his negativity on this subject. This is a great opportunity to create more small business. An opportunity for people who chose to, can have a safe public place to go to consume cannabis. People who go to a cannabis lounge or chose to be employed by one are making their own choices. I do believe there are cigar stores in the city of Sacramento where they smoke in doors. We are not talking about cigarettes. Please move this forward to council to support cannabis consumption lounges.

Christopher Jennings

Location:

Submitted At: 4:20am 11-19-24

Hello my fellow colleagues and fellow American's I'm glad that we could connect and continue to forge the future of Cannabis

Casandra Fingold

Location:

Submitted At: 11:46pm 11-18-24

Allowing for a safe space for consumption mitigates the effects on the general public by allowing for individuals to have access to more information about cannabis and the products already available to the public furthermore allowing individuals partaking in consumption to not have to consume in a family residence or public spaces.

Ty Palmer

Location:

Submitted At: 8:15pm 11-18-24

As a medical cannabis patient who benefits from socializing with other patients while I consume cannabis via smoking, vaporizing, or eating/drinking in edible form. We lift each other up, and share what works for us. We need a place to mingle with the public while we consume cannabis safely. Thank you for considering the well-being of citizens who enjoy gathering consciously. We appreciate your support of the social consumption pilot program.

Donald Lyman

Location:

Submitted At: 8:07pm 11-18-24

OPPOSITION to proposed cannabis Pilot Program:

During the past 40 years, California has set the global standard for how to reduce THE leading cause of death in this and most of western society. You will recognize this as "Tobacco Control;" we in the Preventive Medicine community see it as an exercise in air quality control with includes many things like forest fires, SMOG, and yes Smoked drugs like cannabis. Cannabis regulation follows the same path as tobacco control in being primarily a social marketing effort strongly tied to rules of disciplined (and, often mandatory) group behaviors. That means, NO SMOKING in most communal gatherings where non-smokers are likely to be present. This Ordinance breaks those rules and will surely encourage other industries (especially Tobacco) to follow. Our wildly successful efforts of the past 40 years in reducing cancers, heart diseases and strokes are in serious jeopardy here.

I was the State official who managed California's Tobacco Control effort (Proposition 99 in 1988 to my retirement in 2010) and was the Proponent (legal "owner") of Proposition 64 (2016). We intended both to follow operationally similar paths and wrote Prop. 64 that way. This ordinance appears to me as a "back door" move to recreate commercially sponsored communal smoke exposures (marketing effort?) with no concern for likely deaths, illnesses, or injuries it will surely cause through "secondhand smoke" exposures. It's kind-of like purposely lighting a forest fire and walking away.

Also, let's not duplicate the work of others. We have several city-level "Pilot Projects" like this currently underway in the state. These should be sufficient to test the operational integrity of the sponsors' intent. Sacramento residents need not suffer the expected adverse outcomes we fear.

Donald Lyman, MD, for SSVMS (Sierra Sacramento Valley Medical Society).

James Clearfield

Location:

Submitted At: 7:50pm 11-18-24

This is like a movie you pay your ticket if you don't like the movie you can leave get your money back.
The headliners of the Marquee an ounce events

chelsea candelaria

Location:

Submitted At: 7:25pm 11-18-24

Dear Council and Mayor,

Cannabis prohibition in any form has proven to be ineffective. When Prop. 64 was passed it was a step in the right direction in righting the harms that the war on drugs has caused in our communities. Currently there regulations prohibiting cannabis patients and consumers from using their legally purchased cannabis. This is harmful to our communities considering that smoking is not allowed in public spaces or most privately rented apartments. People need a safe place to consume, away from youth. If a person can legally purchase cannabis to smoke why aren't there safe places for them to consume their medicine. Smoking cannabis as medicine is the only way some people can consume, their bodies do not metabolize cannabinoids through oral consumption. Passing this pilot program would allow for businesses to prove that creating safe spaces for cannabis consumption is for the greater good of the community.

Jesse Duncan

Location:

Submitted At: 7:23pm 11-18-24

It is time to end discriminatory policies preventing on site consumption at cannabis lounges.

Cannabis consumers should have the right to consume socially in designated areas. Ventilation systems are adequate to prevent lingering smoke, and frankly, many of today's consumers prefer to consume via vape, edibles, and beverages - none of which contain smoke at all.

Moreover, renters often lack the ability to consume in their own residences and lounges will provide them a space to consume safely and lawfully.

I strongly encourage the city of Sacramento to move ahead with the pilot program and usher in a level of fairness long withheld from cannabis consumers. This policy is good for people and for economic development.

Respectfully,
Jesse Duncan

Ishaq Ali

Location:

Submitted At: 6:23pm 11-18-24

To whom it may concern at the City of Sacramento,

When cannabis was legalized in California, some of the biggest intentions were to acknowledge that prohibition has not worked and that it is necessary to allow for the legal and safe consumption of cannabis.

With prohibition already explicitly enforced in public housing, most private rentals, and all public spaces the result is that patients, the most important demographic of cannabis consumers to consider and the most affected, are deprived of their right to legally and safely consume their medicine. In addition, it is important that patients are not deprived of their right to consume products and form factors that work best for them. Some people cannot smoke, others can't metabolize certain cannabinoids through edibles, and some people benefit best from concentrates. These instances are not unique to patients, but are relevant to all consumers including those who legally consume cannabis for personal purposes.

For these reasons, I support the implementation of cannabis consumption licenses in the City of Sacramento.

Jamesha Johnson

Location:

Submitted At: 5:59pm 11-18-24

Dear Council and Mayor , I'm a core participant of a Microbusiness. I stand here today in support of type 1 and 2 cannabis consumption lounge. As A mother and an entrepreneur would like to have an opportunity to consume in a safe space, as those opportunities have been allotted to tobacco and alcohol.Cannabis is a healing plant that brings communities together. Please support the community by passing this , it can Improve Public Health & Safety in a controlled environment and reduce the risk of exposure to youth.

Thanks Jamesha Johnson

Carli Stelzer

Location:

Submitted At: 5:56pm 11-18-24

Offering a secluded, monitored site for public consumption eliminates major public health concerns with smoking cannabis. With designated areas for public consumption, folks on the street and children are far more likely to be exposed to random second hand smoke. This option also reduces the risk of public health concerns associated with isolated consumption.

Daniel Chasco

Location:

Submitted At: 4:10pm 11-18-24

Dear Council and Mayor

I am writing to give Strong support to both Type 1 and 2 consumption of Cannabis here in Sacramento.

Cannabis is Medicine.

This plant has given quality of life to so many who consume Cannabis.

Cannabis is a great healer and also great for recreational usage.

Cannabis brings us all together, but where? We have no safe place to consume.

It's been since 1996 when we voted in proposition 215 allowing for use of Cannabis as a Medicine.

Almost 30 years and still no safe place to consume. Please allow for this to pass.

Albert Johnson

Location:

Submitted At: 3:23pm 11-18-24

City Council and Mayor of Sacramento

City Hall

Subject: Support for a Pilot Program to Establish Cannabis Consumption Lounges and Amend Section 5.150.1500(A) of the City Ordinance

Dear Members of the Sacramento City Council and Mayor Darrell Steinberg,

I am writing to express my strong support for the establishment of a five-year pilot program to allow cannabis consumption lounges in Sacramento and to propose an amendment to Section 5.150.1500(A) of the City Ordinance. This initiative would bring numerous economic, social, and public health benefits to our city while aligning Sacramento with progressive cannabis policies seen in other leading municipalities.

Benefits of Cannabis Consumption Lounges

Economic Growth:

Cannabis lounges would generate significant tax revenue for Sacramento, funding essential city services such as public safety, infrastructure, and education.

They would create jobs, from lounge staff to ancillary service providers, contributing to local economic development.

Tourism and Hospitality:

Cannabis lounges would position Sacramento as a destination city for cannabis tourism, attracting visitors from states and countries where consumption may still be prohibited.

These lounges would enhance the city's reputation as an innovative, inclusive hub for recreational and cultural experiences.

Safe and Responsible Consumption:

By providing regulated spaces for cannabis consumption, lounges reduce the likelihood of public consumption, which can be a nuisance to non-consumers.

They offer a controlled environment where customers can learn about safe consumption practices, promoting harm reduction and education.

Support for Local Businesses:

Cannabis lounges encourage collaboration with local vendors, including growers, manufacturers, and artists, strengthening Sacramento's cannabis ecosystem and creative community.

Proposed Amendment to Section 5.150.1500 (A)

The current ordinance prohibits cannabis lounge operators from selling cannabis or cannabis products inside the lounge. This restriction limits the viability and sustainability of such establishments. Allowing the sale of cannabis products within lounges would:

Enhance Consumer Experience:

Patrons prefer the convenience of purchasing cannabis products at the same location where they consume, ensuring product compatibility and a seamless experience.

Increase Tax Revenue:

Onsite sales directly generate additional tax income for the city, further maximizing the economic benefits of these establishments.

Foster Compliance:

Allowing regulated onsite sales reduces the risk of patrons bringing unregulated products into lounges, ensuring compliance with city and state safety standards.

Align Sacramento with Other Cities:

Cities such as West Hollywood and San Francisco permit onsite sales in lounges, demonstrating the success and popularity of this model. Sacramento would benefit by adopting similar policies to remain competitive in the cannabis marketplace.

Pilot Program Proposal

We propose a five-year pilot program to test the implementation of cannabis consumption lounges in designated areas. This program would include:

Strict regulations to ensure public safety and compliance.

Comprehensive data collection on economic, social, and public health impacts.

Regular assessments and opportunities for community feedback.

By implementing this pilot program and amending Section 5.150.1500(A) of the ordinance, Sacramento has the opportunity to be a leader in the evolving cannabis industry while benefiting from the economic, social, and public safety advantages these changes would bring.

I urge the City Council and the Mayor's office to support this proposal for the future of Sacramento. Thank you for your time and consideration.

Sincerely,
Al Johnson
Sacramento Resident

Jessica Gregg

Location:
Submitted At: 2:40pm 11-18-24

Having a safe approved area to consume products will keep unwanted consumption off the sidewalks and public smoke free places.

Diana Huynh

Location:
Submitted At: 2:38pm 11-18-24

Adult cannabis use has been legal in Sacramento since 2016, but legalization without consumption is RE-criminalization. Social consumption spaces will...

-Improve Public Health & Safety: Reduce the likelihood of public consumption in areas like parks, sidewalks, and residential neighborhoods.

-Reduce Influence on Youth: Reduce the risk of exposure to youth and families, and improve the impact on safety of homes.

-Offer Healthier Alternatives: Offer responsible adults healthier alternatives to the DEADLY social substances that are currently available.

Tamara Kislak

Location:
Submitted At: 2:22pm 11-18-24

I am a mother, farmer and consumer of cannabis. I love to visit Sacramento, but struggle to find a good place to smoke when visiting your wonderful city. I strongly support onsite consumption lounges for smoking and consuming cannabis. When choosing vacation locations for my family, I like to know that there is somewhere I can go to consume safely away from families staying at my hotel. Support your local cannabis tourism economy, allow smoking lounges in Sacramento.

Tiffanee' Dewberry

Location:
Submitted At: 1:25pm 11-18-24

Dear Mayor and Council Members

My name is Tiffanee' Dewberry, also known as the MariJayne Maven. I stand here today not just as a cannabis advocate but as a mother, entrepreneur, educator, and a proud Sacramentan.

Cannabis has been a cornerstone of my personal and professional journey. As someone living with Multiple Sclerosis, I have found relief and enhanced quality of life through this plant—a safe, natural alternative that has allowed me to thrive despite my diagnosis. Cannabis has not only been a tool for managing my health but has empowered me to become an entrepreneur, creating opportunities in cannabis education, media, and wellness. I share this personal story because it underscores how cannabis can elevate lives when approached responsibly.

As parents, my husband and I have always been transparent with our sons about cannabis. We've educated them on its history, its uses, and the importance of responsible consumption. Through open conversations, we've fostered respect for the plant while reinforcing boundaries about legality and age-appropriate use. This transparency and education are key to addressing concerns about youth safety.

Cities like Denver, West Hollywood, Oakland and Las Vegas have implemented successful cannabis consumption lounges that address public safety concerns. Denver's program, for example, requires robust training for staff to recognize overconsumption and provides clear protocols for preventing impaired driving. These cities have shown us that consumption lounges don't lead to increased youth access or endanger the public; rather, they create regulated, safe spaces for adults to consume responsibly.

A regulated lounge model also addresses equity. It creates opportunities for small businesses and underrepresented entrepreneurs, fostering economic growth while maintaining strict safeguards against public misuse. It can reduce stigma, provide education, and offer tourists and residents alike a legal, controlled environment. Cannabis is synonymous with Community and communities provides individuals in Building relationships, creating support systems , practicing empathy, creating health equity, creating a safe environment,, recognizing and enforcing rights, showing up consistently and working together fostering collaboration

Sacramento is already a leader in cannabis, but this ordinance will allow us to fully realize our potential. It's time we embrace consumption lounges as a means to destigmatize the plant, enhance public safety by eliminating unregulated consumption, and empower responsible businesses.

Let's show our community, including our children, that cannabis can be responsibly integrated into society. By passing this ordinance, you're not just supporting an industry; you're supporting health, education, and economic equity.

Michael Johnson

Location:

Submitted At: 1:07pm 11-18-24

As a transplant resident from the Bay Area who grew up there in the 90s consumption lounges aren't new in my experience. I have found them to be spaces of community, education, and entertainment. San Francisco and the Southern California areas have been my areas of exposure to the lounge environment. From what I've seen the community flourishes when people have a space to gather and clear their minds in a world riddled with stress. Forming connections is harder as an adult and having a place to escape that isolation while still feeling comfortable and not overstimulated is a blessing. Aside from the community aspect, educational spaces are a few in this industry, explaining the medical benefits of cannabis in a non-transactional setting allows for the discussion of important consumption topics to further benefit the experience of all consumers, seasoned and new. Having access to this kind of space in Sacramento would greatly benefit multiple groups of people including minorities, disabled persons, and elderly persons as well. Legalization without consumption is re-criminalization.

Tony Bowles

Location:

Submitted At: 9:25am 11-18-24

Dear Members of the City Council,

I am writing to express my strong support for the approval of cannabis consumption lounges in the City of Sacramento. There are several compelling reasons why this policy would benefit both the community and individuals who rely on cannabis for medical or recreational use.

First and foremost, unlike tobacco or alcohol, cannabis consumption is prohibited in public places. This creates a significant barrier for Sacramento residents to legally medicate or socialize with cannabis. Many landlords also prohibit cannabis smoking or vaping on their properties, leaving renters, particularly those who cannot afford their own homes, with no legal space to consume cannabis. Expanding consumption options through dedicated lounges would provide a safe, legal space for individuals to enjoy cannabis without breaking the law.

In addition to recreational users, medical cannabis users also benefit from cannabis consumption, especially those suffering from conditions like nausea, appetite loss, chronic pain, and muscle spasticity. Unlike tobacco,

cannabis smoke has shown no evidence of causing lung cancer or other serious diseases from second-hand exposure. In fact, a report from the National Academy of Sciences states that cannabis smoke does not cause lung cancer, offering reassurance to those concerned about potential health risks.

Moreover, several cities across California have already been successfully operating cannabis lounges, including Cathedral City, Coalinga, Oakland, San Francisco, and West Hollywood. Their experiences demonstrate that cannabis lounges can be managed responsibly and can provide a safe environment for consumption while adhering to public health standards.

If the City Council approves the proposed ordinance, I understand that consumption lounges would be required to implement ventilation and impaired driving prevention plans. Additionally, employee training on cannabis types, potency, and impairment signs will ensure the safety of both employees and patrons. These regulations will protect both public health and safety, while fostering an inclusive and responsible cannabis culture.

An online survey conducted by the Sacramento Office of Cannabis Management (OCM) received strong support from nearly 500 respondents, almost all of whom endorsed expanding public cannabis consumption through lounges or temporary events. This overwhelming support highlights the desire and need for legal spaces where Sacramento residents can consume cannabis in a regulated, safe, and socially responsible manner.

I urge the City Council to approve the proposed ordinance for cannabis consumption lounges. Doing so will ensure that Sacramento remains a forward-thinking, inclusive city that respects the rights and needs of cannabis users, whether for medical or recreational purposes.

Thank you for your time and consideration. I look forward to your favorable decision on this important matter.

Sincerely,
Tony Bowles, Chapter Chair, Bay Area Americans for Safe Access
<https://www.safeaccessnow.org>

Noe Pineda

Location:
Submitted At: 2:43pm 11-17-24

Dear Mayor and Council,

As someone who was born and raised in Sacramento, I have seen the development of the cannabis industry in our city happen slowly but surely. At times, a crawl, at times a run, and at times, a stumble. There is a sense of pride and joy when thinking of the cannabis industry and the feats it has accomplished between Prop 215 and Prop 64 and the subsequent amendments and realigning the city has taken in attempt to accommodate the flourishing and aggressively steadfast businesses that WE the people have continued to support through the hardships of legislation and the limitations imposed. While it is appropriate to hold reservations when it comes to allowing new ideas to be implemented as it relates to cannabis consumption, there is a lack of respect that the cannabis community has been afforded when it comes to our safeties as well as our liberties. Air quality control is not a new or revolutionary idea as it relates to inhalation exposure and hazardous aerochemical control, but it is something to consider when condemning cannabis consumers to restrict their intake due to building codes such as those in apartment complexes, as well as public consumption as it is not currently allowed within any language we have seen when it comes to cannabis regulation. It is a disservice to the communities you all serve to blatantly and ignorantly deny the importance of at the very least being able to commit ourselves to this pilot program to truly see the positive outcomes we can experience as a city and individual communities that are undoubtedly tied together by the leaves of cannabis.

Maisha Bahati

Location:
Submitted At: 8:35am 11-17-24

Dear Mayor Steinberg and Council

As a cannabis dispensary owner, I strongly support the introduction of an on-site consumption pilot program.

A pilot program for onsite consumption lounges offers a significant opportunity to both support responsible

cannabis use and address crucial public health concerns. By focusing on safety, particularly the health of workers, such a program could pave the way for a balanced approach to public health and the emerging cannabis industry. The recent approval of AB 1775 by Governor Newsom provides a solid legislative foundation for ensuring that worker health and safety are paramount in these environments.

-Worker Health and Safety Protections under AB 1775

AB 1775 introduces critical health protections for employees working in consumption lounges, particularly those exposed to secondhand smoke, a known health risk. Key provisions of this legislation include:

-P95/Respiratory Mask Use

The legislation allows employees to wear P95 respirators, which are effective in reducing inhalation of harmful particulate matter found in cannabis smoke. This precaution directly addresses concerns about respiratory health and ensures that workers can operate safely in environments where secondhand smoke exposure is a risk.

-Written Guidance on Secondhand Smoke

Another key element is the requirement for employers to provide workers with written guidance on secondhand smoke exposure. This resource, developed in collaboration with the Department of Public Health, will inform employees about the health risks of secondhand cannabis smoke and the steps they can take to mitigate these risks. This will be crucial for ensuring that workers are equipped with the information they need to protect themselves.

-Hazard Analysis for Injury and Illness Prevention Programs

By requiring consumption lounges to include secondhand smoke in their injury and illness prevention programs, the law ensures that employers are actively assessing and addressing potential health risks in the workplace. According to Section 3203 of Title 8 of the California Code of Regulations, these programs are mandatory for all employers, and this expansion of the regulation to include secondhand smoke creates a legal framework for employers to safeguard the health and wellbeing of their employees.

-Importance of Worker Safety in the Pilot Program

The implementation of a pilot program for onsite consumption lounges could serve as a model for balancing public access to cannabis with responsible health and safety measures. By establishing strict health protections for workers, the program would ensure that those employed in these spaces are not unduly exposed to risks associated with secondhand smoke or other hazards related to cannabis consumption.

Some essential safety measures that should be incorporated into any pilot program for consumption lounges include:

1. Air Filtration Systems- High-efficiency particulate air (HEPA) filters and ventilation systems that meet specific standards for smoke removal should be mandated to ensure that the air quality is controlled, particularly in areas where smoking or vaping occurs.
2. Designated Smoking Areas- Establishing designated smoking areas separate from non-smoking and staff areas will help reduce the exposure of employees to harmful secondhand smoke. These areas should be designed with proper airflow and ventilation in mind.
3. Health Education and Training- Workers should be required to undergo regular training on the risks associated with cannabis smoke and proper safety measures. This should include educating employees on the use of personal protective equipment (PPE), including respirators and gloves, as well as how to properly handle any potential emergencies related to smoke exposure or intoxicated patrons.

Public Health Benefits-

Aside from worker protections, this pilot program also offers potential public health benefits. By carefully regulating onsite consumption, the program could help reduce illicit market activity, improve quality control of cannabis products, and prevent unsafe consumption practices. Furthermore, it could provide a regulated space for adults to consume cannabis responsibly, away from vulnerable populations such as children, and in ways that minimize harmful exposure to non-users.

In conclusion, the approval of AB 1775 and its emphasis on worker safety and health provides a robust framework for establishing safe and regulated onsite consumption lounges. The program would protect workers from secondhand smoke and other occupational hazards, offer important public health benefits, and create a safer environment for both employees and consumers. With the inclusion of strict safety protocols, worker education, and health measures, this pilot program could serve as an essential model for future cannabis-related public health policies.

Christopher Loftin

Location:

Submitted At: 8:06am 11-17-24

Dear Mayor and Council Members,

I write to strongly support moving forward with Sacramento's proposed cannabis consumption lounge pilot program. This initiative is not only a progressive step for the cannabis community but also a practical solution to several existing challenges.

Cannabis dispensaries are already equipped with comprehensive safety measures, including robust security protocols, in-depth product knowledge, streamlined product flow, and an established, responsible customer base. These measures lay a solid foundation for the successful implementation of social consumption lounges.

Introducing designated consumption lounges will significantly reduce public cannabis use, which can often be a nuisance in shared spaces like parks, sidewalks, and residential neighborhoods. Providing a controlled, regulated environment for cannabis consumption ensures the activity is kept away from the general public and minors, creating a more harmonious community.

Additionally, allowing lounges to operate until midnight will better serve patrons, especially those who work late hours or prefer a social setting for their consumption. This flexibility ensures the program meets the needs of a diverse customer base while promoting responsible use in a safe and legal setting.

The proposed pilot program includes thorough operational safeguards, such as:

- Clear patron and product flow guidelines;
- Comprehensive employee training;
- Emergency plans for any unexpected situations;
- Time and dosing limitations for patrons to ensure a safe experience;
- Rotating staff schedules to limit prolonged exposure to smoke;
- Availability of masks for employees.

These measures demonstrate Sacramento's commitment to creating a safe and well-regulated environment for both customers and staff. By collecting data and refining these practices during the pilot phase, the City Council can ensure the program evolves responsibly and effectively.

This program is an opportunity for Sacramento to continue leading in the cannabis industry, fostering economic growth, supporting local businesses, and enhancing public safety. I urge the Council to vote "YES" on advancing this initiative, benefiting both the cannabis community and the city as a whole.

Sincerely,

Chris Loftin

Midtown Business Owner 20+ years

Ellen Komp

Location:

Submitted At: 12:14pm 11-16-24

On behalf of California NORML's members in Sacramento and across the state, I write in support of Sacramento allowing for both Type 1 and Type 2 cannabis lounge licenses.

Sacramento residents and those (like me) who travel there currently have no place to safely consume cannabis. Consumption lounges are currently in operation in over 20 cities across California.

- Unlike tobacco or alcohol, cannabis is illegal to consume in ANY PUBLIC PLACE. Therefore it's very difficult for Sacramento residents to legally medicate or socialize with cannabis.
- Many landlords do not permit cannabis smoking or vaping, meaning Sacramento residents who cannot afford their own homes are also unable to consume in their apartments.
- Unlike tobacco, smoked cannabis also has proven medical value for patients with nausea, appetite loss, chronic pain, muscle spasticity, and other conditions. Unlike tobacco, marijuana smoke has been shown NOT to cause lung cancer [National Academy of Sciences, "Health Effects of Cannabis and Cannabinoids," pp. 142-3]; nor has second-hand marijuana smoke been proven to cause other serious diseases in any human studies.
- Other cities have been operating cannabis lounges successfully; among them are Cathedral City, Coalinga, Coachella, Cotati, Emeryville, Eureka, Isleton, Lemoore, Lompoc, National City, Needles, Oakland, Ojai, Palm Springs, Philo, Port Hueneme, San Francisco, South Lake Tahoe, Ukiah, Weed, and West Hollywood.
- A ventilation plan, impaired driving prevention plan, etc. would be required to apply for a consumption lounge license in the City. Should Council approve the proposed ordinance, next steps will include developing minimum thresholds for employee time in lounges, and educating employees about the various types of cannabis, including the potency, absorption time, and effects, and how to recognize signs of impairment in their customers. Current state law requires consumption lounges to include secondhand smoke in their analysis of potential work hazards for purposes of their injury and illness prevention programs, and allow employees to wear face masks paid for by the employer.
- An online survey sent by Sacramento OCM to approximately 3,000 interested parties received 481 responses. Respondents were virtually unanimous in their support of expanding public cannabis consumption to either dedicated consumption lounges and/or to temporary events outside of Cal Expo.

Thank you for considering this proposal, and for researching it so thoroughly!

Mark Rodriguez

Location:

Submitted At: 10:34am 11-16-24

Please do not go to Sun Spa, located at 6804 Fruitridge Rd #A Sacramento, CA, 95820, They will claim that they are too busy for you.

Santina Alonzo

Location:

Submitted At: 7:57pm 11-15-24

Social consumption of cannabis should be legalized in the same way as social consumption of alcohol is. The risk of drinking and driving is much higher than smoking and driving. Show me studies that disprove this and I will change my stance. Second hand smoke from nicotine has been proven to cause health related illnesses whereas second hand smoke from cannabis has yet to be studied, mainly because it is not a detriment to lung health. The huge benefit of a cannabis consumption lounge will bring more people and money to an otherwise dead downtown.

Bryan Brown

Location:

Submitted At: 7:50pm 11-15-24

I completely support the lounges in Sacramento. Consumption of cannabis has been legal many years now and still people have no place to smoke legally. What's the point of making it legal if you have nowhere to smoke. People that live in apartments or renting houses can not legally smoke at the homes. Everyone needs a safe place to smoke cannabis in the city. Vote yes on cannabis lounges!!

Muulidge Johnson

Location:

Submitted At: 6:11pm 11-15-24

Cannabis consumption lounges in Sacramento would be a huge plus for not just the cannabis community but others as well. Think about how many times you see a smoking section filled with cigarettes smokers but still relatively around children pregnant woman elders etc. A cannabis consumption lounge would provide a safe place for consumption for adults thus reducing the rate of second hand smoke and exposure for none cannabis users. It also would reduce exposure to children or anyone under 21 of age due to it being in a confined controlled space. There are bars for alcohol in which people including children die from every year. promotion of the use of tobacco knowing how many people die for that yearly as well. Children having access to tobacco and alcohol has never stopped a liquor store or a tobacco shop from being built. A cannabis consumption lounge would actually help lower the numbers of children being exposed to cannabis at a young age. Looking at the examples from the Bay Area and Los Angeles there is no reason The Capital shouldn't be able to follow suit in a successful manner. Bars exist hookah lounges exist clubs exist cannabis lounges should as well

Lacy Simpson

Location:

Submitted At: 4:00pm 11-15-24

While I understand the concerns around cannabis lounges, it's important to look at the facts from other cities that have successfully implemented them. Los Angeles and the Bay Area already have established cannabis lounges that operate safely, with proper regulations in place. These businesses are contributing to the local economy, creating jobs, and serving as safe, controlled environments for consumption, which helps to keep it off the streets and out of public spaces.

Ventilation and air filtration technology have come a long way, allowing lounges to operate without impacting the surrounding community. High-efficiency air purification systems, such as HEPA filters and advanced HVAC systems, are capable of managing air quality, ensuring that cannabis smoke doesn't escape the facility or affect adjacent areas. By setting strict guidelines around ventilation and compliance, these lounges can coexist with other businesses and residents without causing any disruption or harm.

Furthermore, the demand for cannabis lounges is growing as people seek safe, social spaces to consume responsibly. Rather than pushing this activity underground, supporting these lounges can bring it into a regulated, taxable, and transparent environment, benefiting both the community and the city's economy. We should be following the proven models from Los Angeles and the Bay Area, where these lounges are not only succeeding but thriving."

Melina Brown

Location:

Submitted At: 1:22pm 11-15-24

A cannabis consumption lounge pilot program in Sacramento could be a game-changer for our community. It would give folks a fun and safe place to enjoy cannabis together, which helps keep it off the streets and out of public spaces where it doesn't belong. Plus, these lounges could become cool spots for learning about responsible use and the benefits of cannabis, making our community more informed. This program could also bring in tourists, support local businesses, and create new jobs in the growing cannabis scene. Overall, it's a chance to enhance Sacramento's vibrant culture while promoting safety and responsibility.

tiffany burkett

Location:

Submitted At: 9:57am 11-15-24

in support as a Holistic health practitioner . We need a safe access space for our women and men to explore and be mediated while medicating holistically through alternative medicine and treatments. A safe space to remove them from the chances of spreading second hand smoke within their homes and communities. A safe place to create a wellness plan for their mental health that they can not make or receive at home . Eliminating the chances

of smoking and consuming while home and only while your under care of a trusted practitioner is goal for alot of healthcare professionals and women in the Mental Health services and community including myself .

Rey Ortega

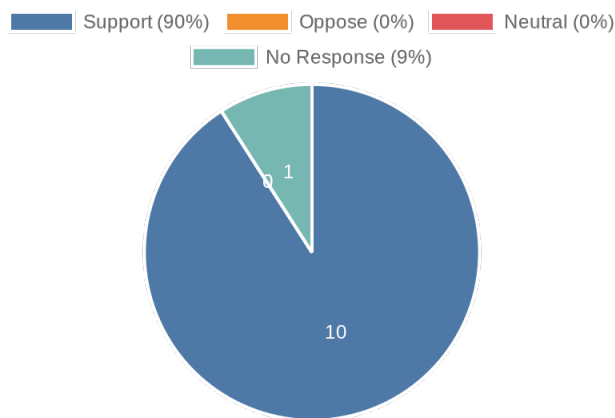
Location:

Submitted At: 9:39am 11-15-24

333 people die every day from alcohol and there's a bar on every corner. Cannabis none have died and it's been around thousands of years.

Agenda Item: eComments for 2. An Ordinance Amending Chapter 5.156 of the Sacramento City Code, Relating to Tenant Protection [Passed for Publication 11/12/2024] File ID: 2024-01260

Overall Sentiment



D Denell Gibson

Location:

Submitted At: 3:14pm 11-19-24

Good Afternoon,

My name is D. Denell Gibson, housing policy advocate, and State Coordinator for the California Chapter of the American Descendants of Slavery Advocacy Foundation. I am writing in support of agenda item two (File ID 2024-01260), recommending the proposed ordinance amending Chapter 5.156 of the Sacramento City Code; as it relates to the Tenant Protection Program. Due to increasing wealth disparities, redistricting, and lack of specific policy intervention, American Descendants of Slavery (ADOS) in Sacramento are experiencing the aggressive gentrification of our historical neighborhoods and displacement. Per California Department of Housing and Community Development (HCD), 52% of all ADOS and Black Americans in Sacramento are rent-burden, while being only 12% of the county's total population.

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I urge this Council to vote yes on item two, extend Tenants Protection, and I recommend the Community Development Department and program staff's future data collection efforts include disaggregating the data between all African American residents, and to separately categorize data collected from Black Americans who descend from slaves in the United States, otherwise denoted as American Descendants of Slavery. In addition to the Housing Element's Strengthen Tenant Protections Program and Sacramento Tenant Protection Act, the Opportunity Framework Project also supports the project staff's recommendations. Accurate data collection will garner precise analysis of patterns and trends to steer the creation of anti-displacement measures, and other policy solutions to our group's increasing disparities in housing needs and opportunity access.

Extending the Tenants Protection Program and data disaggregation will afford the program staff the time and tools required to consider further amendments to increase the effectiveness of the said ordinance.

Thank you for your consideration.

Best Regards,

D. Denell Gibson
State Coordinator
ADOSAF California Chapter

M.S Kamau

Location:

Submitted At: 2:59pm 11-19-24

Greetings, my name is Mikaili Kamau, Meadowview District 8 resident and member of the California Chapter of the American Descendants of Slavery Advocacy Foundation. I am writing in support of agenda item two (File ID 2024-01260), recommending the proposed ordinance amending Chapter 5.156 of the Sacramento City Code; as it relates to the Tenant Protection Program. Due to increasing wealth disparities, redistricting, and lack of specific policy intervention, American Descendants of Slavery (ADOS) in Sacramento are experiencing the aggressive gentrification of our historical neighborhoods and displacement. Per California Department of Housing and Community Development (HCD), 52% of all ADOS and Black Americans in Sacramento are rent-burdened, while being only 12% of the county's total population.

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Thank you for your consideration.

Sincerely, Mikaili Kamau, Meadowview, District 8 Resident
ADOSAF California Chapter Member

Kimberly Hudson

Location:

Submitted At: 2:35pm 11-19-24

Good Afternoon,

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Sincerely,

Kimberly Hudson
ADOSAF California Chapter

Jordan Williams

Location:

Submitted At: 2:32pm 11-19-24

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Jordan Williams
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Cathy Payne

Location:
Submitted At: 1:51pm 11-19-24

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Jonathan Cook

Location:

Submitted At: 1:13pm 11-19-24

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Jonathan Cook

Executive Director
Sacramento Housing Alliance

Christian McGlade

Location:

Submitted At: 11:13am 11-19-24

Dear City Council Members,

My name is Christian McGlade. I am a Realtor, a homeowner, and I represent many small-scale housing providers who offer rental housing to members of our community. These small landlords, many of whom rely on rental income as a critical part of their retirement plans, have worked hard to provide quality housing for families in our community. Please extend the Tenant Protection Program as it is currently written. This policy was carefully created after extensive discussions. Rental prices have stabilized and, in many instances, have even decreased in recent months. The Tenant Protection Program is effectively serving its intended purpose—safeguarding both tenants and housing providers alike. Please consider extending this program to continue providing stability for all parties involved. Thank you for your time and consideration.

Sincerely,
Christian McGlade

Kellie Swayne

Location:

Submitted At: 10:49am 11-19-24

Dear Esteemed Sacramento City Council members,

My name is Kellie Swayne. I am a Realtor, a homeowner and I represent mom and pop housing providers who offer rental housing opportunity to your constituents - and who are your constituents. I urge you to extend the Tenant Protection Program as written. This was a well crafted policy that was put into place after several discussions, negotiations and input from parties on all sides of this issue. Rental prices have stabilized and even decreased in many cases in recent months. The Tenant Protection Program is doing as it was intended - it is protecting tenants and housing providers alike. Please consider extending this program. Thank you.

Christyl Cobb

Location:

Submitted At: 10:25pm 11-18-24

Subject: Public Comment In-Support of Agenda Item #2, File ID 2024-01260

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Mark Rodriguez

Location:
Submitted At: 10:34am 11-16-24

Please do not go to Sun Spa, located at 6804 Fruitridge Rd #A Sacramento, CA, 95820, They will claim that they are too busy for you.

Josh Oken

Location:
Submitted At: 12:39pm 11-15-24

November 19, 2024

915 I Street
Sacramento, CA 95814

Re: Item #2: Ordinance Amendment: Tenant Protection Program

Dear Councilmembers,

On behalf of the Sacramento Association of REALTORS® (SAR) and our 7,500+ members, I am writing in support of extending the Tenant Protection Program (TPP) for five additional years. This extension will provide a

crucial opportunity to gather more data, enhance educational outreach, align with the State's sunset date, and offer greater stability for both tenants and landlords.

We believe that expanding educational efforts for both tenants and landlords is vital to the success of the program. It is especially important to ensure landlords have a clear understanding of the TPP and the Rental Inspection Program. REALTORS® are eager to collaborate with the city to facilitate this outreach and ensure the program's long-term effectiveness.

At the same time, it is essential to strike a balance between tenant protections and the health of our local housing market. Most property owners in our city are small-scale landlords, with many relying on rental income as a part of their retirement plans. Overly burdensome regulations could jeopardize their financial stability, reduce local housing options, and increase corporate ownership, which would harm the affordability and character of our rental market.

As housing costs continue to rise, we must create an environment where local housing providers can operate sustainably. A balanced approach is critical to maintaining housing quality, protecting tenants, and encouraging investment in our community.

We urge the City Council to approve the TPP extension, which will help ensure a stable and sustainable housing market for all. If we can provide any additional details, please contact Erin Teague with any questions at eteague@sacrealtor.org.

Thank you for your consideration,

Erin Teague
Government Affairs Director
Sacramento Association of REALTORS®

Paul Kneprath

3065 E. Curtis Drive, Sacramento, CA 95818

November 19, 2024

The Honorable Rick Jennings
Sacramento City Council, District 7
915 I Street, 5th Floor

Sacramento, CA 95814

RE: Oppose Cannabis Lounges

Dear Councilmember Jennings,

I'm writing to urge you to oppose the establishment of Cannabis Consumption Lounges in Sacramento, even on a pilot program basis. Unfortunately, I'm not able to participate in the council meeting today because of my work schedule.

As a long-time tobacco prevention and control advocate, I am concerned that this proposal would turn back the clock on the state's and city's important public health policies designed to protect people in the workplace from exposure to harmful secondhand smoke, in this case from cannabis.

The state's landmark California Smokefree Workplace Act was established within the Labor Code in order to underscore the value that people should not have to be put at risk for their health in order to do their job. This Cannabis Lounge proposal does just that, regardless of any mechanisms that are designed to provide some semblance of protection for workers. The concept of being able to filter out the harmful secondhand smoke in a restaurant, which is similar to the environment of a cannabis lounge, was debunked long ago. There is not such thing as a "smokefree" section when people are smoking in any part of the lounge.

Thank you for your consideration.

Take care,

Paul Kneprath
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In community,



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