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## Marijuana Policy Oversight Team

### Purpose

The Marijuana Policy Oversight Team will provide a diverse stakeholder perspective so that future marijuana policy decisions made by Commissioner Fritz and the rest of Council more effectively respond to neighborhood safety and livability concerns, and accurately reflect the changing landscape of marijuana regulation. The Team, comprised of community and industry stakeholders with different skillsets, perspectives, and priorities, will ensure community members and community resources are part of the ongoing development of the Marijuana Policy Program.

### Scope of Work

The focus of this group is to provide recommendations that will inform the evolution of the program and regulatory framework. Commissioner Fritz has identified areas to focus on as part of the scope of work for this group and has requested recommendations that address the following:

- **Reducing the illegal market:** In spite of legalization there are “bad actors” that are not interested in becoming part of the legitimately regulated marijuana industry. Provide recommendations for the Program, Council and Legislative agenda that aim at the reduction of the illegal market.
- **Recommendations on the evaluation of social environments:** We have heard from community and industry member’s arguments for and against the legalization of smoking lounges and issuance of temporary sales licenses for marijuana related events. There are concerns related to: maintaining a smoke free environment in the workplace, public intoxication and the potential for driving under the influence (DUII).
- **Recommendations on youth prevention strategies:** With the passing of Measure 91, youth have more access to marijuana and are more likely to use now that social stigmas have changed.
- **Other recommendations:**
  - These will be developed by the group and presented along with the focus areas identified by Commissioner Fritz.

### Expectations of Commitment

Attend Marijuana Policy Oversight Team (MPOT) meetings

- Meet once every other month: 4th Wednesday from 6 to 7:30pm at Portland City Hall
- Possibility to add additional sessions as-needed
- Participate in one or more MPOT Subcommittees:
  - Meet as-needed, as voted on by MPOT Subcommittee members
  - Research, reading material, etc.
  - Some work may be done outside of MPOT or MPOT Subcommittee meeting times in order to inform the discussion and make best use of our time