

Cannabis Community Talks

Social Equity

- Safe and legal social consumption places needed
- Social equity support needs more dimensions
 - Length of time for milestones
 - Fines and fees
 - Protections for local and small businesses
 - Increase access and support for expungement
 - Better define SE versus community reinvestment
 - Support growth and development of POC owned and operated ancillary services
 - Loans / financing for social equity eligible businesses
- Portland Police slow to respond or refuse to respond to theft at cannabis businesses
- Rules and regulations should be easier to understand and set businesses up to prevent violations
- City and State should align and take the lead in destigmatizing cannabis and social equity efforts
 - Encourage adoption of policies that normalize cannabis/ end policies that perpetuate stigma
 - Health care organizations, Citywide policies, big employers in PDX and OR
 - Collect and use comprehensive data to drive policy-making and refinement
 - Close loopholes in regulation of illegal businesses and home grows in violation of rules
 - Partner to increase impact of SB420 and 975
- Cannabis Social Equity Grant
 - Increase length of application period
 - Expand definition of workforce development beyond entry level and blue-collar work
 - Scholarships or fund for practical development of industry skills- producer, processor, business owner
 - Understand gaps and completion barriers in record clearing services
 - Understand history of prohibition and impacts across different communities of color
- Use of the tax revenue (throughout city)
 - more transparency needed
 - City cannabis funds toward gun violence prevention
 - City cannabis funds toward community centers
 - City cannabis funds toward mental health and rehab services for POCs
 - Improve data collection and analysis
 - Support for local and small businesses needed

- Don't create extra pressure or compliance activities
- Create SBA loans or system of financing for small cannabis businesses and MWESBs
- Pay for support services for small cannabis businesses- legal consultant, accounting consultant, marketing consultant
- Re-establish drug court
- Address barriers to renting spaces in Portland
- All campaigns and work funded by cannabis revenue should be tagged as such
- Fund day worker program for city clean up
- Invest in harm reduction programs
- Support programs serving criminal justice involved individuals
- Youth programs that prep for jobs of the future
- Fund record clearing services

Competency

- Education needed (science, potency, responsible and safe use, storage, impairment, youth prevention)
 - Legislators
 - Cannabis business staff
 - Gen pub
 - Parents
 - Patients
 - Seniors
 - Youth
 - Healthcare providers
 - Tourists
- Easy to access, user-friendly resource and education center needed (business support, training, funds, consultants, info and ed, civic engagement groups, community groups)
- Partner with healthcare, schools, social services, senior services to provide education

Research

- Research needed
 - Medicinal use
 - Potency
 - Use in addiction treatment for opioids
 - Sustainability and environmental impacts
 - Collect and analyze comprehensive post legalization data for Portland

Sustainability

- Regulation and compliance are overly burdensome
 - 1000 ft buffer

- Limits to marketing and advertising hurt business
- Permitting, zoning requirements and BDS processes are problematic
- Overnight storage requirements are very labor intensive
- Packaging requirements burdensome and generate lots of trash
- Customer info no longer captured and retained(?) hard to identify theft suspects
- Video retention requirement (30-90 days) is very expensive to maintain
- Not innovative or forward thinking- reproducing old systems
- **City and State not doing a good job in stopping illegal businesses and regulating home grows**
- **Need to support cannabis industry workers and general workplace rights related to cannabis use**
 - Off hours consumption and drug testing
 - Contract work and labor laws
- **Cap on overall length of time to issue license**
- **City should comment on Fed regulations**
 - CBD regulation
- **City should set the standard around community-building**
 - host more community meetings to talk about cannabis
 - Support communication between businesses and neighbors
 - Encourage businesses to contribute to community building
 - Host or offer space for community groups to meet
 - Local discount
 - Neighborhood clean-up activities
 - Learning tours for public
 - Sponsor and/or organize community activities in partnership with CBOs
 - Create fund to help currently incarcerated – training, internship, workforce dev-start while incarcerated and transition out
 - Create fund to provide direct legal support to other businesses
 - **Incentivize businesses to participate in public, neighbor, and customer education**
- **Increase collaboration**
 - Public health
 - Industry
 - Public safety
 - Community groups and neighborhood associations