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Cannabis Policy Oversight Team (CPOT)-FINAL

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6-8:30pm

Portland City Hall Rose Room

1221 SW 4th Ave. Portland, OR 97204

In attendance: Dr. Nicole Bowles, Katherine Krajnak, Madeline Martinez, John Monteleone, Stephanie Neil, Al Ochoa, Danny Rowland, Laura Valden-Vega, and Tim Zimmerman

Civic Life Staff: Suk Rhee-Civic Life Director, Michael J. Montoya- Strategy, Innovation & Performance Manger, Kimie Ueoka-Policy Coordinator, Christina Coursey-Licensing Coordinator/ Interim Supervisor, and Arainnia Brown-Administrative Coordinator

Welcome and Introductions: CPOT members along with staff had the opportunity to introduce their selves and state what organizations they are affiliated with. In addition to this, members along with staff stated conflicts of interest if any. Lastly, CPOT Members reviewed last session's minutes, one edit was made, once edit is complete, minutes will be approved.

2019 Policy Recommendations Report presented to Director Suk Rhee:

CPOT Members presented their final recommendations to Civic Life's Director, Suk Rhee and Strategy, Innovation & Performance Manager, Michael Montoya. Head Chair, Al Ochoa, began presentation by summarizing Executive Statement and how the group

developed their priority focus points (Social Equity, Research, Competency, and Sustainability). As the presentation continued, Al and Madeline discussed the recommendations for Social Equity efforts regarding tax allocations and compassionate giving.

In terms of tax allocations, CPOT members recommended to improve transparency and decision making with cannabis tax outcomes. Some ideas included but were not limited to; setting percentages for top categories (having Cannabis Social Equity Grants with the highest percentage), setting a cap for tax allocation funds going towards Police Bureau/ PBOT, and lastly create a Cannabis Tax Allocation Steering Committee involving community members, stakeholders, and CPOT members.

In terms of compassionate giving, a term used for businesses providing cannabis to medical patients who are in need. Madeline Martinez presented on how the City can assist with this crucial need. The City can advocate by pairing with the OLCC and the Oregon Medical Program (OMMP) to create solutions for patients who need cannabis for health-related matters. In addition to this, incentives can be given to businesses who partake in compassionate giving such as a licensing fee reduction and/ or have fees waived.

After our Social Equity section, Dr. Nicole Bowles began the second priority focus point, research. Some recommendations included but were not limited to were prioritizing data collection and analyses. Certain actions the City can take on immediately is dedicating resources such as contracting with software companies, purchase databases, or hiring a fulltime employee to analyze data once collected. Another recommendation, the City can partner with Public Health and Safety to better define, identify, and increase understanding around cannabis usage and measuring impairment.

Lastly, Stephanie Neil presented on the third priority, competency. She focused on the fourth recommendation which was prioritizing workforce training and education for individuals who are interested with the cannabis work industry. One action the City can do is make investments. Investments such as community training on potency, educating those who are unaware, and properly growing techniques. If these investments were to occur, business owners who choose to participate may receive incentives. Another recommendation regarding competency includes workers' rights. Oregon is one of top states known for decriminalization and legalization of cannabis. However, employees throughout Oregon can still be terminated for consuming cannabis off-work. CPOT members thought of solutions that City can make to resolve this issue. Solutions include: advocating through official City positions and letters of opposition, City of Portland Cannabis Program can provide training courses for employees and employers on proper consumption, potency levels, and much more.

Next Steps : Since we ran out of time, Civic Life's Director, Suk Rhee along with CPOT members decided to discuss the last priority, sustainability at the next session. The next CPOT session will be held on Jan. 9th, 2020 inside City Hall. In addition to this, Team Chairs, Tim Zimmerman and Al Ochoa will meet with Kimie about final report and how to proceed into next year's CPOT cycle. Kimie, Suk, and Michael will discuss different ways to release report out to the public. Lastly, after report is released, CPOT members along with Civic Life staff will discuss/draft a response statement.