



Cannabis Policy Oversight Team (CPOT) Emergency Session

Meeting Minutes [DRAFT]

May 20, 2020

8:30-9:00am

Zoom Meeting for CPOT Members

Audio Participation for the Public

Zoom Meeting ID: 910 4959 0845

In Attendance: Dr. Nicole Bowles, Al Ochoa, Danny Rowland, Dr. Rachel Knox, Stephanie Neil, and John Monteleone.

Civic Life Staff: Kimie Ueoka-Policy Coordinator, Christina Coursey-Licensing Coordinator, and Arainnia Brown-Administrative Coordinator

Introductions: CPOT Members and Civic Life staff stated their names and disclosed conflicts of interests if any.

Mayor's Budget Changes Discussion: CPOT members had the opportunity to discuss the Mayor's proposed budget for the recreational marijuana tax fund allocations for FY 20-21. Members are concerned tax funds will not be utilized accurately per the voter's intentions. The voters' and CPOT's intentions when the recreational marijuana tax fund passed was to improve the transparency in tax allocation decision making and create a social equity impact. However, the Mayor's proposed budget continues to allocate most of the cannabis tax funds towards public and transportation safety. Additionally, if the Social Equity grants are removed from the cannabis program and placed somewhere else this may defect the entire social equity framework. Due to the proposed budget, CPOT members will draft a letter to City Council; the letter will entail the following: City Council to reconsider creating a cannabis tax steering committee. This committee shall ensure cannabis tax allocations go towards the intent of the measure and restorative justice. While also continuing to create a comprehensive framework for community reinvestment.

Next Steps: Kimie will draft a formal letter on behalf of CPOT members' key points, once letter is approved by CPOT members, Kimie will send letter to Commissioner Eudaly's Policy Advisor, Hannah Holloway. In addition to this, Kimie and Arainnia will invite a Commissioner to the next CPOT session. Lastly, a Council session will occur today. We will know whether this year's Social Equity grants will be approved or not anytime between 9am- 12:30pm.