

# Thank You for Joining!

Stakeholder Comment Period: 5:00 p.m. - 6:00 p.m.

SPARK Session: 6:00 p.m. - 7:30 p.m.



*SPARK Session #7 (Social Equity Program)*



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## SPARK Virtual Meeting Room Now Available!

- RSVP for future SPARK Sessions.
- Watch past SPARK Sessions.
- Utilize SPARK Resource Station.
- Take a SPARK Survey.
- Provide feedback in the SPARK Comment Box.



Access the Virtual Meeting Room  
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## Sign-Up for the SPARK Email List!

Get all the latest SPARK news, direct access to the Virtual Meeting Room and additional updates from DCR.

Sign-up link on the SPARK Landing Page on the DCR website.

A screenshot of the SPARK landing page on the City of Los Angeles Department of Cannabis Regulation website. The page features the DCR logo and navigation links for 'Alert', 'Services', and 'Directory'. The main heading is 'SPARK' with a cannabis leaf icon. Below the heading, it says 'Enter the SPARK Virtual Meeting Room to provide DCR with feedback and input that will help us shape the future of cannabis policy and programs here in Los Angeles.' A blue button at the bottom says 'Coming Soon!'.

A screenshot of the SPARK landing page content, showing the 'AVAILABLE NOW!' section. It features the SPARK logo and a list of SPARK STATIONS: SPARK SESSIONS, SPARK RESOURCE, SPARK SURVEYS, and SPARK COMMENT BOX. A red box highlights the 'Get SPARK Email Updates! Stay Connected to SPARK!' link. The page also includes a calendar icon for 'SPARK SESSIONS Calendar' and a cannabis leaf icon for 'SPARK COMMENT BOX'.



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### City of Los Angeles Complaint Portal

- Complaints about unlicensed or illegal commercial cannabis activity
- Complaints about licensed commercial cannabis activity that you are concerned may be happening in an unlawful or unsafe manner
- Non-emergency communications with the Los Angeles Police Department about cannabis or cannabis-related activities. If this is an emergency please call 9-1-1.



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# Finding an Authorized Retailer



The State of California has a California Cannabis Portal to do searches for locations licensed by the state.

Be sure to check out the Bureau of Cannabis Control “Get #weedwise” campaign, which aims to educate consumers about the risks associated with purchasing and using unlicensed cannabis, and increase awareness of the benefits of licensure.

An advertisement for the "Get #weedwise" campaign. The top part shows a hand holding a smartphone that is scanning a QR code on a license. The license has the text "Scan to verify this license." and a QR code. The background is a blurred image of a person's face. The bottom part of the advertisement has a teal background with white text.

**Get #weedwise**

Scan to verify this license.

**SCAN OUR QR CODE TO CHECK OUR LICENSE STATUS**

You can also check [CApotcheck.com](https://www.cpotcheck.com) to verify we are licensed and our cannabis is legal



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# SPARK Updates



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Collect Feedback



Analyze Feedback



Create Report



Develop / Present  
Recommendations



Action by Council &  
Council Committee(s)



# Staying Connected to SPARK!

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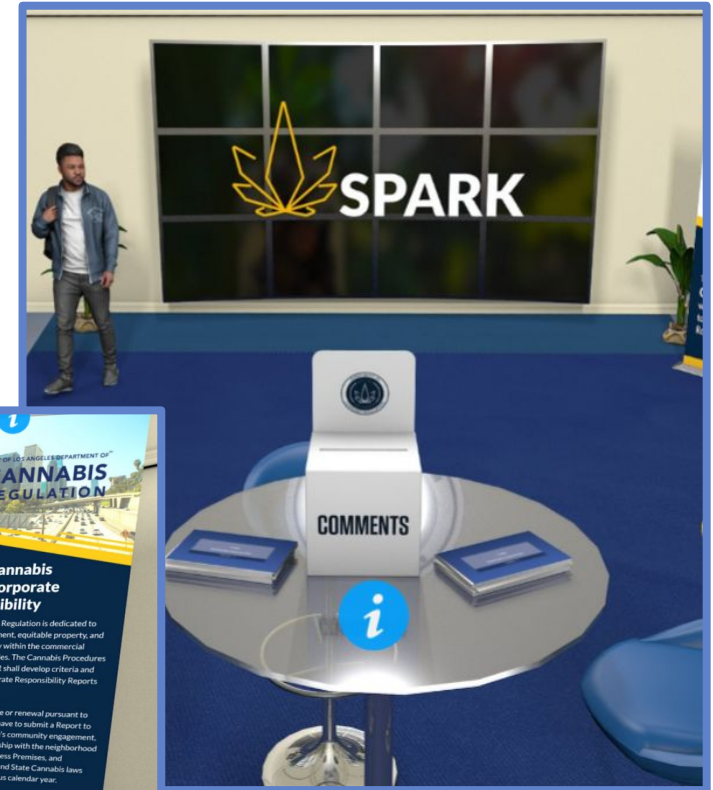
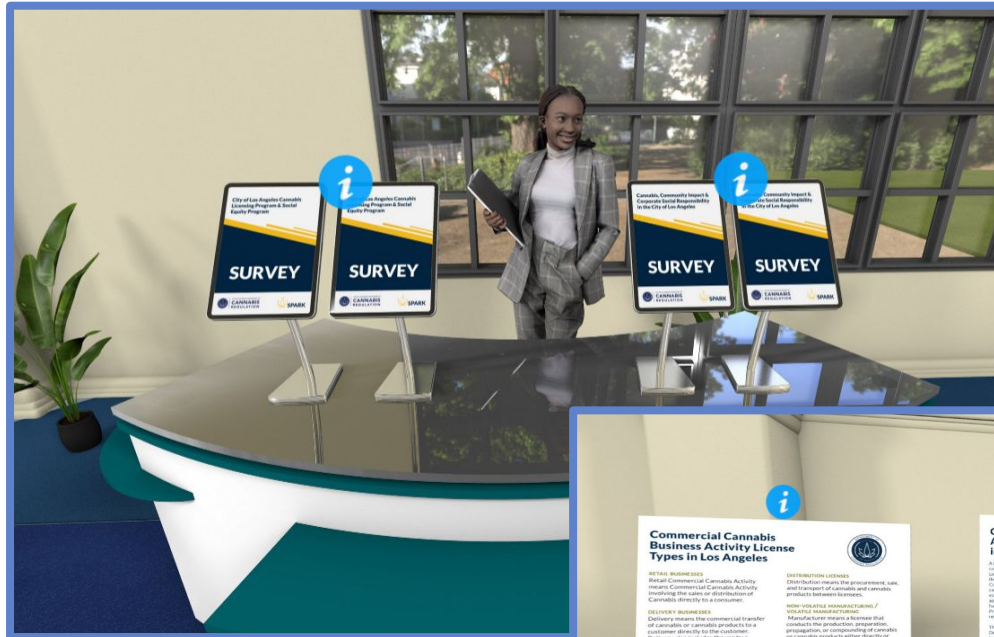
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**Commercial Cannabis Business Activity License Types in Los Angeles**

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Retail Commercial Cannabis Activity means Commercial Cannabis Activity in the form of a business that is open to the public and is primarily for the sale of cannabis to consumers.

**DELIVERY BUSINESS**  
Delivery means the commercial transfer of cannabis products to a customer's door, either directly or through a third-party delivery platform.

**WAREHOUSE LABORATORY**  
Testing laboratory means a laboratory, or a portion thereof, that is used for the analysis of cannabis products for quality control purposes. It is not intended for the production of cannabis products.

**MANUFACTURING**  
Manufacturing means the production, propagation, or compounding of cannabis or cannabis products either directly or through a third-party manufacturer.

**WHOLESALE**  
Wholesale means the sale of cannabis products to other cannabis licensees.

**COMPOSITES**  
Composites means a location where cannabis is grown, harvested, dried, cured, grafted, or removed or processed, where any combination of these activities occur.

**Commercial Cannabis Application Processing in the City of Los Angeles**

**Application Process**  
Application process means the process of submitting an application for a license to the Department of Cannabis Regulation and receiving a decision on the application.

**Application Fee**  
Application fee means the fee that an applicant must pay to the Department of Cannabis Regulation to process an application for a license.

**Application Review**  
Application review means the process of reviewing an application for a license to determine if it meets the requirements of the regulations.

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The Mission of the Social Equity Program is “to promote equitable ownership and employment opportunities in the cannabis industry in order to decrease disparities in life outcomes for marginalized communities, and to address the disproportionate impacts of the War on Drugs in those communities.”



# Social Equity Program Resources and Benefits

# Social Equity Program



## Social Equity Program Benefits and Resources

- Eligibility Verification
  - Individual Verification
  - Entity Verification (Equity Share Compliance)
- Priority Application Processing
- Business, Licensing, and Compliance Assistance
- Fee Waiver Program and Fee Deferral Program
- SEED Grant Program
- Pro Bono Legal Services



# Social Equity Program: Poll Question



**POLL QUESTION:** Which of the following best describes you? Please select all that apply.

- Prospective Social Equity Applicant
- Current Social Equity Applicant
- Social Equity Licensee
- Prospective General Applicant
- Current General Applicant
- General Licensee
- Other Cannabis Industry Participant
- Live in the City of Los Angeles
- Work in the City of Los Angeles
- Neighborhood Council Member
- Cannabis Patient and/or Consumer
- Arrested or Convicted of Cannabis-related Activity
- Decline to State
- Other



# Social Equity Program: Poll Question



**POLL QUESTION:** Which of the following topic areas are you most knowledgeable about?  
(Select one).

- Individual eligibility verification for the Social Equity Program
- Entity level verification for the Social Equity Program
- PCN Process
- Pre-application review process
- Temporary approval process
- Invoicing and payment of fees
- Application modification process
- Inspection process
- Other local permitting requirements (DWP, DBS, LAFD, etc)
- State licensing process
- Business Development
- Payroll, Inventory Management, Insurance
- Employee Recruitment
- Fundraising and Capital Acquisition
- Marketing and Branding



# SPARK Session Breakout Rooms

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To foster an inclusive environment during our breakout rooms, we are asking attendees to observe the following guidelines:

- DCR representatives are in rooms to present information to \*SPARK\* discussion and comments. No specific licensing or application questions will be answered.
- Use the Raise Hand function (or \*9 on phone) to make a comment.
- Keep comments and recommendations on topic to the prompt / question.
- Allow time for others to provide feedback on each prompt.
- Use Chat Box to respond if you do not want to speak on a prompt.



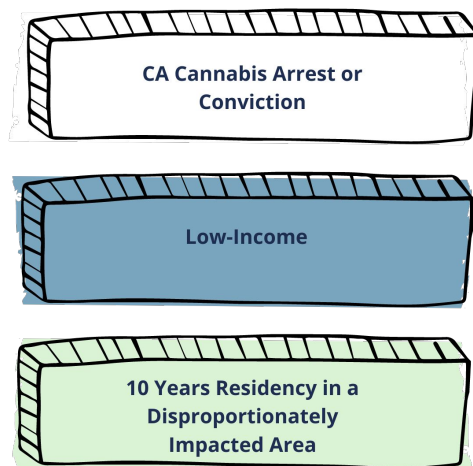


# SPARK Session Breakout Room: Social Equity Program Eligibility

# Social Equity Program: Individual Level Eligibility Verification



The Social Equity Program is available to individuals verified by the Department as Social Equity Individual Applicants. To be verified individuals must meet certain criteria related to:



- Original
  - Verification Period -- CLOSED
  - Approx. 1600 Individuals Verified
    - Tier 1
    - Tier 2
    - Tier 3\*
  - Refer to your Accela account to confirm you are a verified Applicant
- Expanded & Phase 3 Retail Round 2
  - Verification Period -- TBD



# Social Equity Program: Entity Level Eligibility Verification



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## INFORMATION AND PROCEDURE BULLETIN

SEP-6001-IPB

September 08, 2020

### SOCIAL EQUITY PROGRAM ENTITY ELIGIBILITY VERIFICATION PROCEDURE

The Department of Cannabis Regulation ("DCR") is responsible for administering the City's Social Equity Program ("Program" or "SEP") pursuant to Los Angeles Municipal Code ("LAMC") Section 104.20. The program, originally established in 2017, has been since comprehensively re-organized, with the relevant ordinance amended to, among other things, provide clarity related to the eligibility verification of the Individual and the entity. In order to receive or renew a License, Applicants and Licensees subject to LAMC Section 104.20 shall follow the procedure outlined below and provide all business records and agreements necessary to demonstrate that the Social Equity Individual Applicant owns at least the minimum Equity Share required under Section 104.20(a)(2).

This bulletin<sup>1</sup> provides general information about the procedure and requirements for a Social Equity Individual Applicant to comply with Equity Share requirements as established in LAMC Sections 104.20(a) or 104.20(b) before a License is issued or renewed. The full text of LAMC Section 104.20 is provided at the end of this bulletin.

#### Overview of Responsibilities

##### Applicant Responsibilities:

- Read and become familiar with Article 4, Chapter X of the LAMC, with close attention to LAMC Section 104.20.
- Apply for Social Equity Individual Applicant eligibility verification.
- Submit required information to show compliance with at least the minimum ownership percentage Equity Share in the Person to whom the License is issued.
- Comply with additional Equity Share requirements.
- Comply with ownership and disclosure requirements.
- Seek legal counsel if necessary.
- Apply for entity eligibility verification.
- Sign and submit the "SEP - Owner Compliance Attestation."

##### DCR Actions:

- Review information for Social Equity Applicants for DCR's licensing purposes only.
- DCR may send an email notification to the Social Equity Applicant informing them if the application is deficient and/or incomplete.

<sup>1</sup> This document is intended to serve as an informational guide only. It does not replace or supersede the Los Angeles Municipal Code and does not constitute legal advice. This document is subject to change and may not constitute the most up-to-date or complete information. Applicants are encouraged to conduct their own due diligence and research to ensure that they are in compliance with all legal requirements.



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## SOCIAL EQUITY PROGRAM OWNER COMPLIANCE ATTESTATION

LIC-4011-FORM

**Instructions:** All Owners of a Social Equity Applicant are required to sign and submit the following attestation. "Owners" is defined in Los Angeles Municipal Code (LAMC) Section 104.01(a)(36).

Applicant Entity Name: \_\_\_\_\_

Business Premises Location: \_\_\_\_\_

License or Application No.: \_\_\_\_\_

I, \_\_\_\_\_ attest that I have read LAMC Section 104.20, *et seq.*, and I understand that I am required to comply with its requirements, including, but not limited to, the following:

In order to participate in the Social Equity Program ("SEP" or "Program"), Individuals and entities must comply with requirements as established in LAMC Sections 104.06.1 and 104.20 in order to receive the certain Program benefits and resources.

All Owners shall comply with the Ownership Percentage requirements in either LAMC Sections 104.20(a)(2)(ii) or (b)(2)(ii), which require that a Social Equity Individual Applicant own no less than a specific percentage Equity Share in the Person to whom the License is issued.

All Owners are required to comply with Equity Share requirements as established in LAMC Section 104.20(a)(2)(ii) before a License is issued or renewed, regarding:

- Unconditional ownership of the Equity Share
- Profits, dividends, and distributions
- Voting rights and control
- Surviving Spouse

All Owners are also required to comply with the additional Equity Share requirements as established in LAMC Section 104.20(a)(2)(iii) before a License is issued or renewed, including, but not limited to, incorporating the following addendum into their operating agreement documents to evidence compliance with Equity Share requirements:

To the extent that any provision of this agreement, or part thereof, is or may be construed to be inconsistent with or in violation of the "Equity Share" requirements set forth in Los Angeles Municipal Code section 104.20, such provision(s) shall be ineffective, unenforceable, and null and void.



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## EQUITY SHARE REVIEW CORRECTION SHEET

SEP-6001-CS

Analyst: \_\_\_\_\_  
Email: \_\_\_\_\_

Application No. \_\_\_\_\_

Business Premises Location: \_\_\_\_\_

Entity Name: \_\_\_\_\_

Verified Social Equity Individual Applicant (SEIA) Name: \_\_\_\_\_

SEIA Equity Share Percentage: \_\_\_\_\_ %

**Instructions:** This form is intended to provide feedback from the Department of Cannabis Regulation (DCR) regarding the Equity Share requirements in Los Angeles Municipal Code (LAMC) Section 104.20. **Applicant's submitted business records have been preliminarily reviewed for compliance with LAMC Section 104.20; provisions that may violate the Equity Share requirements are summarized below and explained in the corresponding section(s).** The Social Equity Individual Applicant (SEIA) may need to provide further information or documentation to DCR to address these concerns.

Any forms or documents that are subsequently supplemented or corrected must be uploaded into the DCR Licensing Portal Record (Accela). If the SEIA contends that any of the provisions identified in this correction sheet comply with the Equity Share requirements in LAMC Section 104.20, please provide an explanation or example demonstrating compliance.

#### Section Summary

- Section A - Unconditional Ownership of Equity Share
- Section B - Profits, Dividends and Distributions
- Section C - Voting Rights and Control
- Section D - Successors
- Section E - Additional Equity Share Requirements and Miscellaneous

**Please note:** Please note: Equity Share documents or provisions may violate LAMC Section 104.20 even if not identified by DCR. Applicants must comply with all Equity Share requirements at all times. DCR reserves the right to reconsider Equity Share provisions or documents for compliance at any point and enforce compliance as required in LAMC Section 104.20.

# SPARK Session Breakout Room: Topic 1 Whiteboard

# SPARK Session Breakout Room: Application Processing

# Social Equity Program: Application Processing



## Priority Application Processing

Social Equity Applicants receive certain benefits related to application processing. When certain requirements are met, they are eligible for:

- Priority access to Retail and Delivery Licenses
- Priority License Application Processing
- Priority License Renewal Processing

License Type	License CAP	Are Applications Currently Being Accepted?	Application Processing Restrictions	Comments
Testing	No	No	No	Application processing will open on October 20, 2020 at 2:00 p.m.
Distribution	No	No	No	Application processing will open on October 20, 2020 at 2:00 p.m.
Non-Volatile Manufacturing	No	No	No	Application processing will open on October 20, 2020 at 2:00 p.m.
Volatile Manufacturing	Yes	No	No	
Cultivation	Yes	No	No	
Delivery	No	No	Yes. Limited to Social Equity Applicants until January 1, 2025 (Phase 3)	SEAs must be verified. SEAs may be verified under the original eligibility criteria or the expanded eligibility criteria. Application processing will open on October 20, 2020 at 2:00 p.m.
Retail	Yes	No	Yes. Limited to Social Equity Applicants until January 1, 2025 (Phase 3 Round 2)	Licenses are limited per CPA. To apply in a CPA that has reached Undue Concentration, eligibility must be verified pursuant to LAMC Sections. 104.20(b) and 104.06.1(c)(3) before submitting a PCN Request. A lottery will be administered to determine which eligible SEAs are selected to apply for a License in a CPA that has not reached Undue Concentration. SEAs must be verified pursuant to LAMC Sections 104.20(b) and 104.06.1(c)(3) before being determined eligible to participate in the lottery.



# SPARK Session Breakout Room: Topic 2 Whiteboard

# SPARK Session Breakout Room: Business, Licensing, and Compliance Assistance



# Social Equity Program Overview



## Business, Licensing, and Compliance Assistance

- The BLC program will provide Social Equity Applicants with programming and training in the areas of state and local licensing requirements, commercial cannabis regulations, general business development, cannabis-specific business development and workforce development.



# SPARK Session Breakout Room: Topic 3 Whiteboard

# SPARK Session Breakout Room: Fee Deferral Program and Fee Waiver Program

# Social Equity Program: Fee Deferral Program & Fee Waiver Program



In April 2021, City Council approved DCR's Rules and Regulations for the Fee Deferral and Fee Waiver Program.

## Fee Deferral Program

To date, DCR has made \$250,000 available to verified Social Equity Applicants through the Fee Deferral Program. Additional Fee Deferrals will be made available as resources allow.

## Fee Waiver Program

DCR will make an additional \$650,000 available for fee waivers. Fee waivers may be applied to Social Equity Application (SEIA) Eligibility Verification Fees for individuals who submit a complete eligibility verification application. More details are forthcoming.



# SPARK Session Breakout Room:

## Topic 4 Whiteboard

# SPARK Session Breakout Room: SEED Grant Program

# Social Equity Program: SEED Grant Program



The Financial Grant Program is now the **Social Equity Entrepreneur Development (SEED) Grant Program**.

- In April 2021, the City of Los Angeles established the Social Equity Entrepreneur Development Grant Program (SEED) Grant Program).
- The SEED Grant Program utilizes funding from the Cannabis Equity Grant for Local Jurisdictions (CEG Grant) to provide financial assistance to verified Social Equity Individual Applicants.
- To date, the City of Los Angeles has dedicated **\$6 million** towards the SEED Grant Program through funds made available through 2019 and 2020 California CEG Grant awards.



# SPARK Session Breakout Room: Topic 5 Whiteboard



# SPARK Session Breakout Room: Pro Bono Legal Services

# Social Equity Program: Pro Bono Legal Services



The Los Angeles County Bar Association's Cannabis Section, in partnership with DCR, has created a Pro Bono Legal Assistance program which will operate through the Bar Association's Smart Law Referral Service for Social Equity Applicants. This referral service is available ONLY to Social Equity Applicants who applied in Phase 3 Retail Round 1 and were determined eligible for further processing. Depending on demand and availability, these services may be expanded to other applicants in the future.



# SPARK Session Breakout Room: Topic 6 Whiteboard

SPARK Session Breakout Rooms  
End.

# Social Equity Program: Poll Question



Please indicate which of the following topic areas would you like to receive more information about?  
(Select all that apply).

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Are you interested in participating in any of the following programs or services?

- Social Equity Program Priority Application Processing
- Business, Licensing, and Compliance Assistance
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- Financial Grant Program
- Pro Bono Legal Services
- Assistance with State Licensing and Compliance Requirements



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**Commercial Cannabis Application Processing in the City of Los Angeles**

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Application Type	Application Fee	Processing Fee	Processing Time
Seedling	\$100	\$100	10-15 Business Days
Small Scale	\$100	\$100	10-15 Business Days
Medium Scale	\$100	\$100	10-15 Business Days
Large Scale	\$100	\$100	10-15 Business Days
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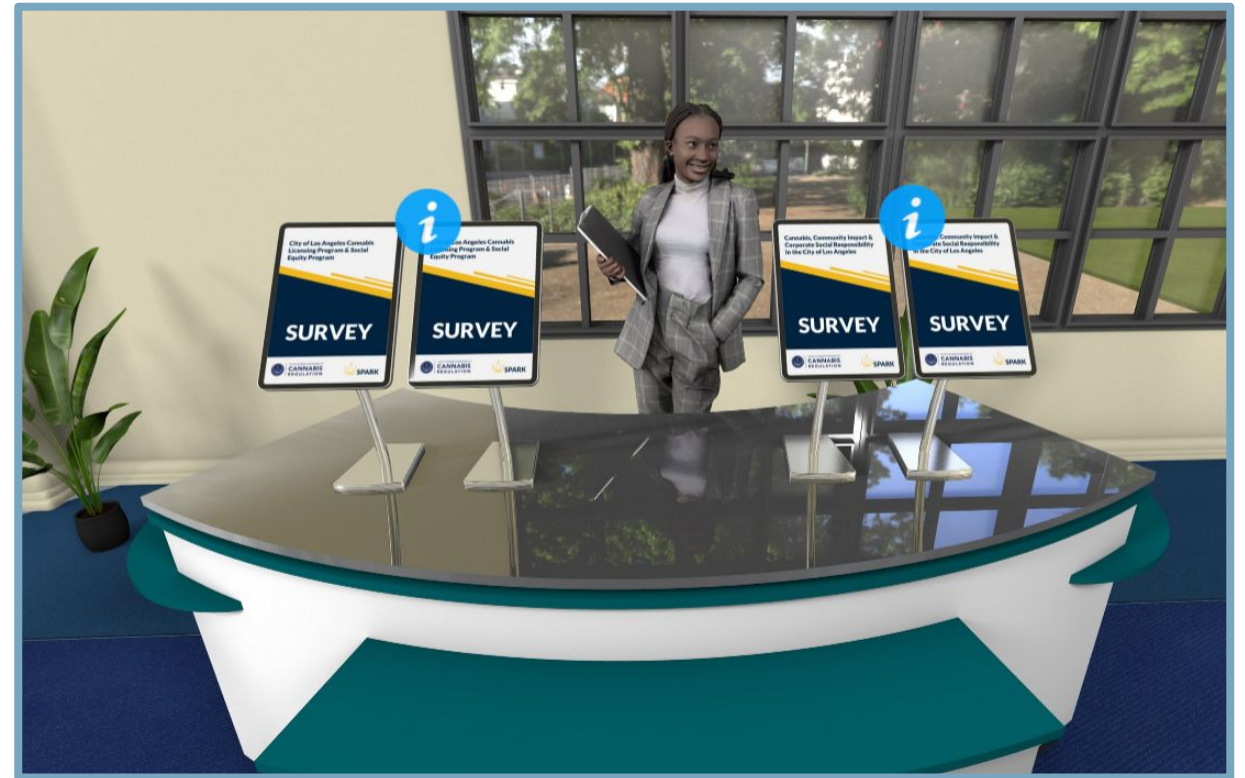
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## SPARK Surveys



**SPARK SURVEYS** are substantive surveys on specific topics DCR is seeking community feedback on including Licensing and Regulation, the Social Equity Program, Corporate Social Responsibility, and Community Impact.

These surveys will provide DCR with direct feedback from all participants on existing policies and programs and ways we can expand services and programs.



**SPARK SURVEYS** will be available through **June 30, 2021.**

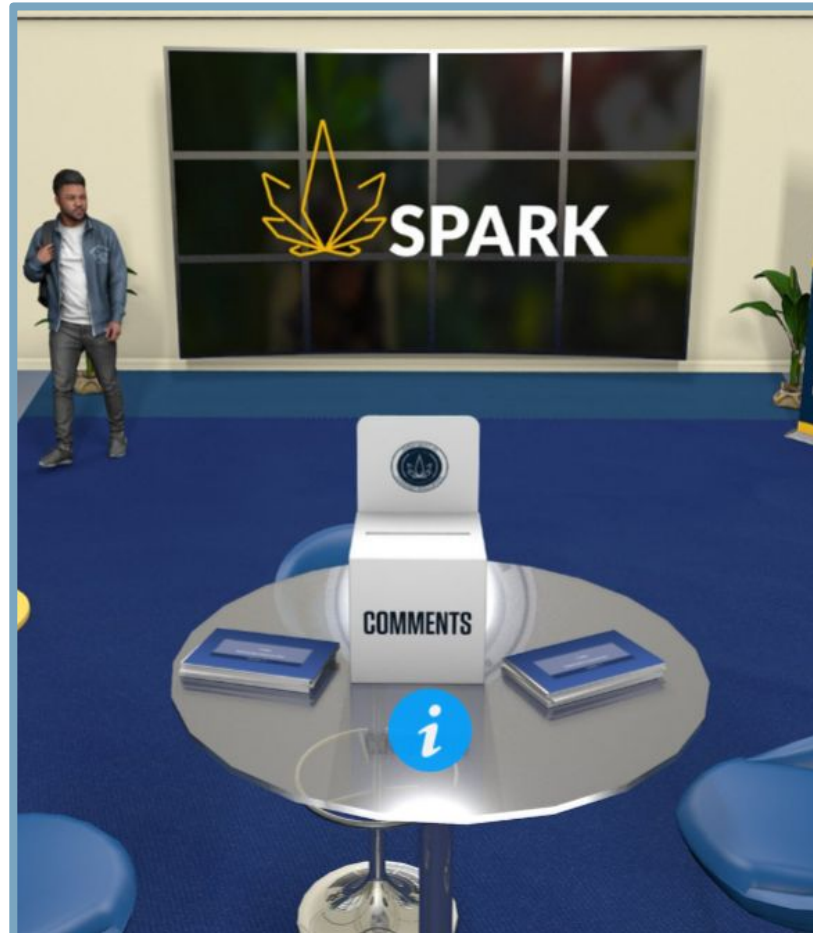


# Staying Connected to SPARK! SPARK Comment Box



The **SPARK COMMENT BOX** is a comment collection box that allows members of the community and stakeholders to submit feedback to DCR. Responses can be up to 250 words.

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# SPARK Session Breakout Rooms Session Share!

# Closing Remarks

