

**CITY OF LOS ANGELES
CANNABIS SPECIAL COMMISSION
MEETING MINUTES
THURSDAY, NOVEMBER 18, 2021
VIA TELECONFERENCE**

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The meeting was called to order at 2:05 p.m. with Commissioners Mason, Mercado, Narro, and Villa virtually in attendance via Zoom.

Also attending the meeting via Zoom were Cat Packer, Executive Director; Pamela Tyus Smith, MBI Media Representative; Taylor Wagniere, Deputy City Attorney; Josie Trevizo, Commission Executive Assistant; and Osmara Valencia, Administrative Clerk.

GENERAL PUBLIC COMMENT AND SINGLE OR MULTIPLE AGENDA ITEM

General Public Comment and Single or Multiple Agenda Item were taken together. Several members of the public addressed the Commission telephonically.

ITEM NO. 1

COMMISSION BUSINESS

- **Advance Calendar:** There were no requests from the Commission.
- **Approval of Minutes:** Commissioner Villa moved to approve the minutes of November 10, 2021. The motion was seconded by Commissioner Mercado and the vote proceeded as follows:

Moved: Villa
Second: Mercado
Ayes: Mason, Narro
Vote: 4 – 0

MOTION PASSED

- **Commission Announcements and Updates:** There were no announcements or updates from the Commission.
- **Future Agenda Requests:** Commissioner Villa requested that there be an agenda item related to the department's budget at a future Commission meeting.

ITEM NO. 2

FINDING TO CONTINUE TELECONFERENCE MEETINGS PURSUANT TO AB 361

Commissioner Villa moved to approve the continuance of teleconference meetings in accordance with AB 361 Section 3(e)(3) that, while the state of emergency due to the COVID-19 pandemic, as originally proclaimed by the Governor on March 4, 2020, remains active and/or state or local officials have imposed or recommended measures to promote social distancing, this legislative body has reconsidered the circumstances of the state of emergency and that the state of emergency continues to directly impact the ability of the members to meet safely in person and/or state or local officials continue to impose or recommend measures to promote social distancing.

The motion was seconded by Commissioner Narro and the vote proceeded as follows:

Moved: Villa
Second: Narro
Ayes: Mason, Mercado
Vote: 4 – 0

MOTION PASSED

ITEM NO. 3

CONSIDERATION OF POLICY RECOMMENDATIONS IN COUNCIL FILE [21-1083](#); AND POSSIBLE COMMISSION ACTION AND/OR RECOMMENDATIONS

Cat Packer, Executive Director gave a summary of the report presented to the Commission on November 10, 2021 related to the department's policy recommendations in the [Motion](#) introduced by City Council on September 29, 2021 and [Transmittal Letter](#) by the Planning and Land Use Management (PLUM) Committee dated November 5,

2021; and policy recommendations and/or related budget requests related to the Department of Cannabis Regulation's [Report](#) dated October 29, 2021.

Further, Ms. Packer also summarized the DCR's subsequent supplemental report dated November 16, 2021 in response to the PLUM Transmittal Letter.

Commissioner Mason moved to support the Department's policy positions and proposed ordinance amendments contained in DCR's Report transmitted on October 29, 2021 and DCR Supplemental Report transmitted on November 16, 2021 and that this action be memorialized and forwarded to City Council.

Commissioner Villa seconded the motion and offered the following friendly amendment to be added before Vice President Mason's motion language:

"The Commission opposes the [motion](#) introduced on September 29, 2021, and the Planning and Land Use Management Committee [Transmittal](#) to Council dated November 5, 2021..."

Commissioner Narro moved to accept the amendment to the motion, Commissioner Mercado seconded the motion and the motion vote proceeded as follows:

Moved: Narro
Second: Mercado
Ayes: Mason, Villa
Vote: 4 – 0

MOTION PASSED

Commissioner Villa moved to approve the original motion with the following language added:

"The Commission opposes the [motion](#) introduced on September 29, 2021, and the Planning and Land Use Management Committee [Transmittal](#) to Council dated November 5, 2021 and supports the Department's policy positions and proposed ordinance amendments contained in DCR's Report transmitted on October 29, 2021 and DCR Supplemental Report transmitted on November 16, 2021 and that this action be memorialized and forwarded to City Council."

The motion was seconded by Commissioner Mercado and the vote proceeded as follows:

Moved: Villa
Second: Mercado
Ayes: Mason, Narro
Vote: 4 – 0

MOTION PASSED

**ITEM NO. 4
SPARK PROGRAM**

Cat Packer, Executive Director and Pamela Tyus Smith, MBI Media Representative reported on the status of DCR's interactive citywide outreach campaign, SPARK, administered in partnership with MBI Media. MBI Media provided a presentation regarding the SPARK Final Report and related findings.

There being no further business before the Cannabis Regulation Commission, the Commission Vice President adjourned the meeting at 3:05 p.m.



ROBERT ANN, President
Cannabis Regulation Commission



Josie Trevizo, Commission Executive Assistant
Cannabis Regulation Commission

ADOPTED
City of Los Angeles

December 9, 2021

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