



# CANNABIS REGULATION

COMMISSION

June 30, 2022, 2:00 p.m. (877) 853 - 5257 | Meeting ID: 860-838-7310 #

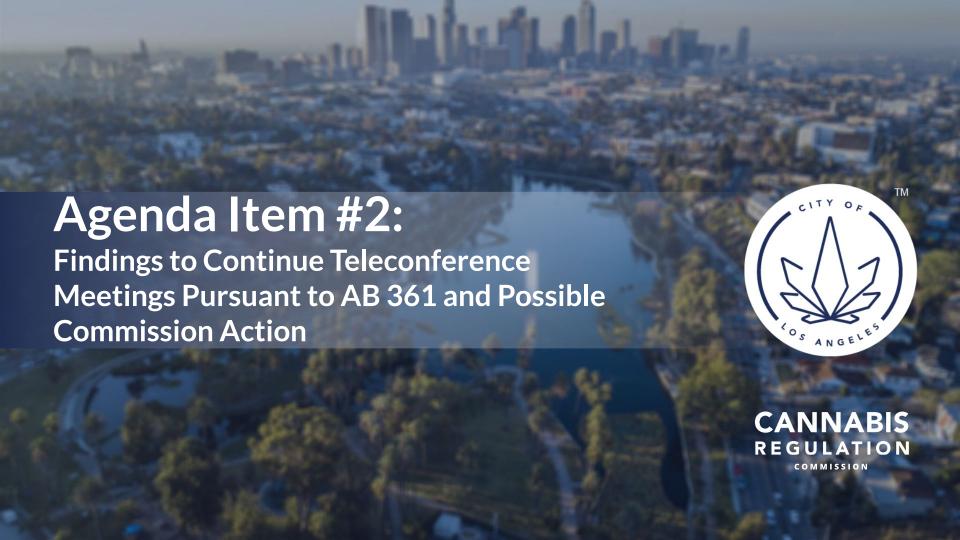


### Roll Call



# General Public Comment & Single / Multiple Agenda Item Comment







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#### **Enforcement Tools:**

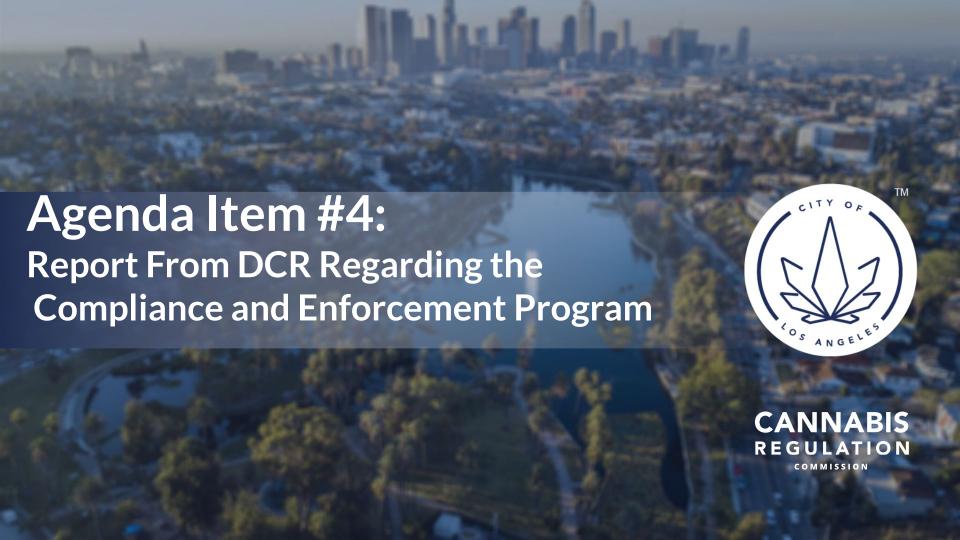
- Cease and Desist Letters
- Search Warrants
- Utility Disconnections (LAMC 104.15 (e))
- Padlock Ordinance (LAMC 104.15.1)

# LAPD Report: Unauthorized Commercial Cannabis Activity

#### 2022 Year to Date Enforcement Stats

- Currency Seized: \$2,485,143.75
- Cannabis Seized: 40,579.23 pounds
- Search Warrants Served: 127
- Investigations Conducted: 20
- Cannabis Related Arrests: 255
  - 125 Felony
  - 130 Misdemeanor
- Utility Disconnects: 89

- Padlock and Board Up locations: 9
- Cease and Desist Letters Issued: 103
- Unlicensed Cannabis Locations: 107
- Firearms Recovered:
  - 34 Handguns
  - o 5 Rifles
  - 1 Shotgun





#### Compliance and Enforcement Program

DCR Compliance and Enforcement Division (CED)

Mission: Achieve compliance through education, outreach and a progressive enforcement strategy.

- Workflows and Operational Procedures Underway
- Compliance coordination efforts with City, County and State agencies
  - Agencies: LAFD, LAPD, DWP, OoF, County DPH, LASan, DBS, CDTFA, DCC
- Complaint Portal enhancements
- Development of Accela Enforcement Module



#### Compliance and Enforcement

#### **Emblem Program**

- On June 29, 2022 the City Council adopted two ordinances (<u>CF 22-0516</u>) to:
  - Amend LAMC Section 104.23 which will establish the City's Storefront Retailer Emblem Program; and
  - Amend LAMC Section 31.00, to incorporate the relevant portions of Los Angeles County Code concerning the Storefront Retailer Emblem Program and inspections for commercial cannabis businesses.
  - Included and urgency clause; will become effective upon Mayor's signature and posting.
- The Program will be administered by the County of Los Angeles in partnership with DCR.
- The program will require retail cannabis businesses that have received all appropriate licenses, permits, or authorizations from the State and local governments to display a unique emblem on the Business Premises so that it is highly visible to the public from the exterior of the store.



#### Compliance and Enforcement

Organizational Structure & Staffing

Rocky Wiles

Compliance/Enforcement Unit Manager
Sr. Mgmt Analyst II
9171-2 000
Resolution 0501
C.F. 21-1083

Vacant
Compliance/Enforcement
Administrative Clerk
1358-0 000
Resolution 0501
C.F. 22-0600

New
Compliance
Sr. Mgmt Analyst I
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New

New Enforcement Management Analyst 9184-0 000 Resolution 0501 C.F. 21-1083 New Compliance

Management Analyst 9184-0 000

Resolution 0501

C.F. 21-1083

Special Investigator Personnel Department Special Investigator Personnel Department



## Agenda Item #4: END.





#### Administration - Vacancy Rate is 48.3%

- 30 of 58 authorized positions are filled:
  - Six employees have left in 2022
- DCR has interviewed for multiple vacancies over the past two months and made several job offers:
  - Eight job offers have been declined
  - Five job offers have been accepted
    - Two Office Trainees (Administrative Clerk + Accounting Clerk), Senior Administrative Clerk, and two Management Analysts
  - Six job offers are pending
    - Six Management Assistants
- The hiring activity may reduce the vacancy rate to between 29% 40%.



#### Licensing Program Updates

- Current licensing projects and system enhancements;
  - Legal Entity Record, Modification Request Record, Temporary Approval Applications, and Annual Applications.
  - E-payment processing.
  - Geographic Information System (GIS) Interface
- Abandonment of applications and the new refiling system and requirements;
- On-going Social Equity Individual Applicant (SEIA) eligibility verification request filing window.
  - Approximately, 350 SEIA eligibility verification requests have been submitted. Fee waivers are still available.
  - The deadline to submit SEIA eligibility verification requests is Monday, July 25, 2022 at 4:00 P.M. Pacific Time. Late requests will not be accepted.



## Agenda Item #5: END.

