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**CANNABIS REGULATION COMMISSION  
REGULAR MEETING AGENDA  
THURSDAY, MARCH 21, 2024, 2:00 P.M.  
FIGUEROA PLAZA  
BUILDING AND SAFETY BOARD ROOM, 9<sup>TH</sup> FLOOR  
201 N. FIGUEROA ST, LOS ANGELES, CA 90012**

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## ROLL CALL

## GENERAL PUBLIC COMMENT

## SINGLE OR MULTIPLE AGENDA ITEM - PUBLIC COMMENT

### 1. COMMISSION BUSINESS

- [Advanced Calendar](#)
- Approval of Minutes – [February 15, 2024](#)
- Approval of proposed amendments ([redlined version](#)) to the Cannabis Regulation Commission Rules and Operating Procedures ([final revised draft](#))
- Commission Announcements and Updates
- Future Agenda Requests

### 2. REPORT FROM EXECUTIVE DIRECTOR, MICHELLE GARAKIAN

Executive Director Garakian will give an update on the number of licenses for each category within the City, the total cannabis business tax collected for 2023 and since 2018, and give a brief overview of the number of applications received in the August 2023 Public Convenience or Necessity (PCN) process, the upcoming Social Equity Program in-person class, and the dates and times for the upcoming Annual Licensing community meetings and Cannabis Regulation Commission meetings.

### 3. REPORT FROM THE LOS ANGELES POLICE DEPARTMENT

Report from the Los Angeles Police Department including a status update on enforcement activities for unlicensed Commercial Cannabis Activity, utility disconnections, search warrants, and padlocking.

### 4. REPORT FROM ROWE POLICY MEDIA

Report from the Department's consultant, Rowe Policy Media, regarding an on-going study to understand the impact of the City's progressive enforcement strategies on the market, individuals involved in unlicensed activity, and property owners permitting such activity. The study will include enforcement data analysis and a review of enforcement actions taken by city departments and other county and state agencies that oversee licensed and unlicensed commercial cannabis activity. Researchers are, inventorying and assessing the effectiveness of current enforcement tools, mapping interagency enforcement processes, stakeholder insights on barriers to legal market entry and perceptions of enforcement.

### 5. REPORT FROM DCR ON COMPLAINTS AND ENFORCEMENT INVESTIGATIONS

Report from the Department regarding the complaint portal's new features, its monitoring and management and all-time complaint portal data statics; implementation of the Department's progressive enforcement strategy, including the number of unresolved/open investigations, the time it takes to review a complaint, complete an investigation and the resources necessary and/or required to resolve an investigation.

### 6. REPORT FROM DCR ON THE EMBLEM PLACARD PROGRAM

Report from DCR on the process and progress for issuance of Emblem Placards by the Los Angeles County Department of Public Health to retailers, including a breakdown of Emblem Placards issued by Council District.