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The citizen proposed measure prohibits all commercial cannabis activities in the City of Carson (with a narrow exception for onsite treatment at medical facilities such as hospitals) and regulates personal cannabis cultivation. A new Chapter 15 (Commercial Cannabis Uses and Activities Prohibited) is proposed for Article VI of the Carson Municipal Code, to provide for a broad prohibition on all commercial cannabis activities.

This includes banning the cultivation, possession, manufacturing, distribution, processing, storing, laboratory testing, packaging, labeling, transportation, delivery or sale (including retail, wholesale, and mobile dispensaries) of cannabis and cannabis products. The new Chapter 15 renders void (to the fullest extent allowed by law) all City of Carson commercial cannabis development agreements. The prohibition is accomplished by repealing and replacing Chapter 15 of Article VI of the Carson Municipal Code. The current Chapter 15 (Commercial Cannabis Operations Regulatory Program) was a result of Ordinance No. 17-1637 from 2017 which established a local commercial cannabis regulatory program to permit commercial cannabis cultivation, manufacturing, testing and distribution in the City, while also prohibiting retail sales.

A narrow exception to the otherwise comprehensive prohibition on commercial cannabis activities is allowed in the measure by permitting and regulating onsite medical cannabis treatment services at certain licensed medical facilities. This exception is provided by adding new Chapter 16 (Commercial Cannabis Activity for Medicinal Purposes) to Article VI of the Carson Municipal Code. The measure also provides for regulation of personal cannabis cultivation, by repealing and replacing Chapter 17 of Article VI of the Carson Municipal Code. The current Chapter 17 (Personal Cannabis Cultivation) was a result of Ordinance No. 17-1637 from 2017.

The new Chapter 17, like the existing Chapter 17, limits personal cannabis cultivation to six plants indoors; requires a permit to engage in personal cannabis cultivation; prohibits access to minors, visibility from public places, and odors; requires and provides for inspections; imposes electrical and lighting regulations; and, mandates various other regulations. The new Chapter 17, in contrast to the existing Chapter 17, mandates that permits for personal cannabis cultivation are valid for a term of one year rather than two years; sets a minimum annual permit fee of \$50; provides for landlord authority to prohibit personal cannabis cultivation by tenants; and, mandates that violation of Chapter 17 is punishable with a set penalty for first time offenders of one thousand dollars.

The measure expressly does not repeal City of Carson Ordinance No. 16-1599 (Measure KK) from 2016 which established local taxes on commercial cannabis activities and which was passed by the voters of the City of Carson.

Notice of Intent to Circulate Petition (California Elections Code § 9202) Notice is hereby given by the persons whose names appear hereon of their intention to circulate the Petition within the City of Carson for the purpose of repealing current Carson City Ordinance No. 17-1637 and enacting a new ordinance designed to protect our community from the harms caused by commercial cannabis activity while protecting the individual rights of law-abiding residents of Carson to recreational and medicinal marijuana.

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