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**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.

A statement of the reasons of the proposed action as contemplated in the Petition is as follows:

This is an initiative designed to protect the City of Carson from the unwanted effects of commercial cannabis activity. In November 2016, California voters wisely approved the legalization of marijuana for recreational uses. However, in doing so, California voters also wisely left municipalities with the power to restrict commercial sales of marijuana in and regulate the cultivation of marijuana for personal use. While individuals now have the right to possess and use marijuana for recreational uses, we have the right to keep it from being sold on our streets and negatively impacting others.

In 2017, the Carson City Council unwisely approved an ordinance allowing for the establishment of marijuana businesses within the City of Carson.

Because marijuana remains illegal at the federal level, the commercial of cannabis cultivation, distribution, and sales have created major problems. Because of the large amount of cash that these businesses have on hand, marijuana businesses have become the targets for criminals.

Large concentrations of marijuana businesses in a small area have led to increased cases of public intoxication and a decline in business for neighboring small businesses that do not engage in marijuana sales. The City of Carson lacks the financial resources to account for the side effects of commercial cannabis activity. Moreover, our thriving businesses, both large and small, deserve protection from the negative side effects caused by marijuana businesses.

It is also known that cannabis plants, as they begin to flower

for a period of two months or more, produce a strong odor that is offensive to many people and detectable far beyond property boundaries if grown outdoors or if grown indoors without proper ventilation, odor control, and other safety measures. Several California cities have reported that cannabis cultivation has been linked to break-ins, burglaries, armed robberies, thefts, and attendant violence and injury, creating an increased risk to public safety. Unregulated cannabis cultivation is likely to generate these negative effects on the public health, safety, and welfare in the city, based on the experiences of other cities.

Absent clear regulation, cannabis cultivation in the city poses a potential threat to the public peace, health, and safety, and, unless the city takes action to regulate it, the secondary impacts described above are likely to occur. Thus, the City has a compelling interest in protecting the public health, safety, and welfare of its residents, visitors, and businesses, and in preserving the peace and quiet of the neighborhoods within the city, by regulating personal cannabis cultivation.

This initiative will prohibit all marijuana sales in the City of Carson. It will protect a law-abiding individual's right to use marijuana for medical purposes and recreational purposes while also keeping our streets safe and secure by prohibiting commercial cannabis activity. It will also ensure proper regulation of personal marijuana cultivation at residences in order to protect residents from illegal marijuana dispensary businesses and unsafe conditions.

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BALLOT TITLE

AN INITIATIVE MEASURE TO PROHIBIT ALL COMMERCIAL CANNABIS ACTIVITIES IN THE CITY OF CARSON, WITH A NARROW EXCEPTION FOR ONSITE TREATMENT AT MEDICAL FACILITIES SUCH AS HOSPITALS; AND, TO REGULATE PERSONAL CANNABIS CULTIVATION

SUMMARY

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.

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