Onsite Cannabis Consumption Workshop

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Presented by Office of Cannabis Management
Onsite Consumption in Sacramento

• No on-site consumption allowed, except

• Consumption may occur as part of a cannabis event at Cal Expo
Onsite Consumption: State Law

- Have to be a licensed cannabis retailer
- Even at an event, only a cannabis retailer can provide cannabis for onsite consumption
- Cannabis must be “finished”, meaning packaged as it was delivered to retailer
  - No restaurants that incorporate cannabis into the food on-site.
- Daily purchase limits apply
- No free samples
- Cannabis events that allow consumption are only allowed at county fairgrounds, district agricultural association premises, or at another venue expressly approved by a local jurisdiction
- No sales of alcohol or tobacco allowed
  - Appears that ABC licensees cannot currently hold cannabis events
Policy Arguments for Cannabis Consumption Areas:

• Equity
  • Renters/unhoused/visitors can’t smoke cannabis in public, in hotel rooms, or in many rental units
  • Potential permit opportunity for CORE participants

• Analogous to brewpubs
  • Place for adults to socialize
  • Place to consume cannabis away from minors at home

• Revenue
  • Create regional draw and cannabis tourism that will impact more than just cannabis economic sector
  • Could be additional tax revenue for City
Policy Arguments Against Cannabis Consumption Areas

- "Normalizes" cannabis use
  - Better for it to be out of the "shadows" since it’s legal, ok’d by voters and city council
  - If not regulated, then can result in encouraging underground consumption spaces with untested product because it’s the only place to go
- Work to present strong message against youth consumption and consumption by pregnant people, while allowing choice for adults
- Impaired driving concerns, no "breathalyzer" developed yet
  - Mandatory training for sellers/servers on sings of impairment?
  - Time limit
  - Offer discounted ride-share/public transit pass?
  - Social host laws?
  - These are similar to issues faced with businesses serving alcohol
Policy Arguments Against Cannabis Consumption Areas

• Encourages smoking/vaping
  • Could only allow edible- and drinkable-only consumption lounges/cafes
  • Require stringent air exchange and filtering for consumption rooms
• Encourages consumption of untested cannabis from underground marketplace (like bringing your own snacks to the movies)
  • Require consumption space to be attached to dispensary and only products purchased there can be consumed there
  • Require that all cannabis and product are in sealed packages from licensed businesses, if stand-alone consumption space?
Types of Consumption Areas: Lounges

- Smoking/vaping/edibles attached to storefront
- Edible-only consumption attached to storefront
- Edible-only Café (consume on site, no or limited to-go products)

- Permanent, brick and mortar
- State classifies as “retail”
- Local approval/permitting required
Types of Consumption Areas: Events

• Temporary (up to 4 consecutive days)
• Need licensed retailer at a permitted temporary event put on by a temporary event organizer
• Smoking/vaping indoors could be an issue
• Pre-designated locations or event by event designation by City Council
Types of Consumption Areas: Mobile Lounge

- “Party bus” (currently only in Colorado?)
  - Driver completely separated from people in the bus
  - Deals with impaired driving risk
  - Could lead to nuisance activity
Please provide your input!
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