



July 17, 2017

The Honorable Malia Cohen
Chair, San Francisco Board of Supervisors Budget and Finance Sub-Committee
1 Dr. Carlton B. Goodlett Place, Room 244
San Francisco, CA 94102

RE: File Number 170275, Establishing an Office of Cannabis and Extending the Term of the Cannabis State Legalization Task Force (Sheehy)

Dear Supervisor Cohen:

The San Francisco Chamber of Commerce, representing 2,500 businesses and their 200,000 employees, urges the Board of Supervisors Budget and Finance Sub-Committee to recommend that the Board of Supervisors approve file 170275, which establishes an Office of Cannabis and extends the term of the Cannabis State Legalization Task Force.

With the passing of Proposition 64 a multi-billion-dollar industry will come out of the shadows on January 1, 2018. Proposition 64 legalizes the adult use of cannabis by adults and creates a state regulatory and licensing system to govern the commercial cultivation, testing, distribution and sale of cannabis and the manufacturing of cannabis products.

The legalization of cannabis will be a complex process requiring coordination across countless departments and implementation of new regulations, both at the State and Local levels. The establishment of an Office of Cannabis will centralize responsibility and critical functions, ensuring that legalization proceeds as smoothly as possible.

The San Francisco Chamber of Commerce urges the Budget and Finance Sub-Committee to recommend that the Board of Supervisors adopt this legislation.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read 'Jim Lazarus'. The signature is fluid and cursive, with a long horizontal stroke extending to the right.

Jim Lazarus
Senior Vice President of Public Policy

cc: Clerk of the Board, to be distributed to all members of the Board of Supervisors, Mayor Lee