

RESOLUTION NUMBER R- 314394

DATE OF FINAL PASSAGE OCT 18 2022

A RESOLUTION OF THE COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF  
SAN DIEGO ADOPTING THE CANNABIS EQUITY  
ASSESSMENT REPORT.

WHEREAS, on November 8, 2016, California voters approved Proposition 64, known as the Control, Regulate, and Tax Adult Use of Marijuana Act (AUMA); and

WHEREAS, in its statement of purpose and intent, the AUMA calls for regulating cannabis in a way that reduces barriers to entry into the legal, regulated market; and

WHEREAS, the California Legislature recognized the need for cannabis equity grant funding and passed AB 97 to provide equity grant funds to local governments; and

WHEREAS, on March 15, 2021, the Governor of the State of California's Office of Business and Economic Development (GO-Biz) awarded grant funds to the City of San Diego to conduct a cannabis equity assessment; and

WHEREAS, this grant funding was used by the City to conduct a cannabis equity assessment to quantify the impact of cannabis prohibition or criminalization on communities of color in the City; and

WHEREAS, the City's Cannabis Business Division (CBD) compiled quantitative data from the City of San Diego Police Department, County of San Diego, US Census, San Diego Association of Governments (SANDAG), cannabis arrest data, cannabis conditional use permits, released a developed on-line survey and conducted one-on-one meetings to understand barriers to cannabis equity; and

WHEREAS, the City's CBD, in partnership with the Department of Race and Equity conducted nine community listening sessions to gather feedback from community groups and individuals disproportionately affected by the War on Drugs; and

WHEREAS, on July 8, 2022, the CBD published a draft Cannabis Equity Assessment Report (Report), which proposes the creation of an equitable cannabis program that addresses both the administrative and infrastructure barriers that create inequitable outcomes and the gaps in educational, technical, and financial resources caused by systemic racism that was exacerbated by cannabis criminalization; and

WHEREAS, the Report contains preliminary recommendations to build a structure for future prioritization analysis of potential policy, operations, and program implications to guide an implementation plan based on budgetary allocations; and

WHEREAS, the Report referenced twelve preliminary recommendations to develop a Cannabis Social Equity and Economic Development (SEED) program to focus on building inclusive services and support for individuals and communities negatively impacted by cannabis criminalization; and

WHEREAS, the primary purpose of the SEED program is to support and promote equitable ownership and employment opportunities in the legal cannabis industry; and

WHEREAS, the success of these recommendations rests on the ability of the City to implement them over time, with feedback from community members throughout the process, as well as the support of state and local stakeholders and legislators; and

WHEREAS, the Office of the City Attorney has drafted this resolution based on the information provided by City staff, including information provided by third parties and verified

by City staff, with the understanding that this information is complete, true, and accurate; NOW,  
THEREFORE,

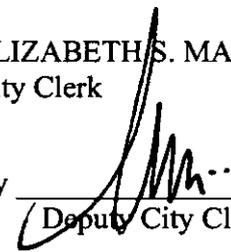
BE IT RESOLVED, by the City Council of the City of San Diego, that the Council  
adopts the City of San Diego's first Cannabis Equity Assessment Report.

APPROVED: MARA W. ELLIOTT, City Attorney

By     /s/ Noah J. Brazier      
Noah J. Brazier  
Deputy City Attorney

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09/07/2022  
Or. Dept: Planning Dept.  
Doc. No. 3080746

I certify that the foregoing Resolution was passed by the Council of the City of San Diego, at this  
meeting of     OCT 11 2022    .

ELIZABETH S. MALAND  
City Clerk  
By       
Deputy City Clerk

Approved:     10/18/22      
                    (date)

      
TODD GLORIA, Mayor

Vetoed:                       
                    (date)

                                      
TODD GLORIA, Mayor

Passed by the Council of The City of San Diego on OCT 11 2022, by the following vote:

Councilmembers	Yeas	Nays	Not Present	Recused
Joe LaCava	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
Jennifer Campbell	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
Stephen Whitburn	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
Monica Montgomery Steppe	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
Marni von Wilpert	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
Chris Cate	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
Raul A. Campillo	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
Vivian Moreno	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
Sean Elo-Rivera	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>

Date of final passage OCT 18 2022.

**(Please note: When a resolution is approved by the Mayor, the date of final passage is the date the approved resolution was returned to the Office of the City Clerk.)**

AUTHENTICATED BY:

TODD GLORIA  
Mayor of The City of San Diego, California.

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ELIZABETH S. MALAND  
City Clerk of The City of San Diego, California.

By Cennie Patterson, Deputy  
for Matthew Hidalgo

Office of the City Clerk, San Diego, California

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