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To: Mayor and Members of the City Council

From: Thomas B. Modica, City Manager 

Subject: **Cannabis Special Events Feasibility Study**

On August 6, 2024, the City Council requested the City Manager to work with the Office of Cannabis Oversight and all relevant departments to conduct a feasibility study on hosting temporary cannabis special events within City limits, including types of appropriate venues, and report back with a City Council presentation in 60 days.

On October 22, 2024, the Office of Cannabis Oversight presented an update to the City Council on the feasibility study. This update included the initial results of the community survey and roundtable discussions, research, community health impacts, internal policy discussions, and potential policy considerations. See Attachment A for a copy of this presentation.

This memorandum builds on the previous update to the City Council, providing the full feasibility study review. This comprehensive overview includes a summary of state regulations, examples of local regulations, analysis of community survey results, virtual roundtable discussions, potential public health impacts, summary of interdepartmental discussions, policy considerations, staff recommendations, and next steps.

The Office of Cannabis Oversight utilized the following lens to conduct the feasibility study: Cannabis is a legal and growing industry in California, and therefore, as regulators, we must not treat it any differently than regulating alcohol or tobacco. It is our responsibility to help destigmatize cannabis by providing education on what is legal as well as best practices in other jurisdictions.

State Regulations

The medical and adult-use commercial cannabis regulations established by the Department of Cannabis Control (DCC)¹ define temporary cannabis events as multi-day events, ranging from one to four days, where cannabis can be sold and consumed. Temporary cannabis events may only be attended by persons 21 years of age or older. Cannabis goods may only be sold by a licensed cannabis retailer (storefront or non-storefront) at a temporary cannabis event.

Temporary cannabis events are hosted by an event organizer or promoter who is responsible for coordinating all aspects of the event, including maintaining the event space and hiring security. The event organizer must obtain a Cannabis Event Organizer License and Temporary Cannabis Event License issued by the DCC, as well as be approval by the local jurisdiction where the event will be hosted. A temporary cannabis event may only be held at a county fair

¹ See, California Code of Regulations, Title 4, Division 19, Chapter 5, Sections 15600 – 15604.

event, district agricultural association event, or at another venue expressly approved by a local jurisdiction.

Restrictions

A temporary cannabis event license shall not be issued for premises that are licensed for the sale of tobacco or alcohol. In addition, consumption of tobacco or alcohol is prohibited on the licensed temporary cannabis event premises. Cannabis consumption at a temporary cannabis event must not be visible from any public place or non-age-restricted area. Smoking of cannabis goods cannot take place within 1,000 feet of a school, daycare center, or youth center while children are present, and where smoking tobacco is prohibited.

Temporary cannabis events are subject to daily sales limits for both medicinal and adult-use cannabis, as listed in Table A below. Customers cannot purchase more than the applicable adult-use or medicinal amount.

Table A: Daily Sales Limit Per Customer

	Daily Sales Limit Per Customer
Adult-Use	<ul style="list-style-type: none">• 28.5 grams of non-concentrated cannabis• 8 grams of cannabis concentrates• 6 immature cannabis plants
Medical	<ul style="list-style-type: none">• The amount documented on a valid physician’s recommendation or <ul style="list-style-type: none">• 8 ounces of medicinal cannabis in the form of dried mature flower• 12 immature cannabis plants

Licensed retailers may only conduct sales activities within a designated area at a temporary cannabis event. Mobile sales activities by way of wagon, car, or similar means are prohibited. All sales of cannabis goods at a temporary cannabis event must comply with the California Cannabis Track-and-Trace (CCTT) system, also known as METRC. License retailers are prohibited from giving out free cannabis goods, including samples or “tastes”, and cannabis accessories.

Local Regulations

City of Oakland

In July 2018, the City of Oakland amended their cannabis ordinance to permit cannabis special events in accordance with state regulations.² The number of permits for cannabis special events was limited to twelve per year per location, individual or entity, to prevent a specific location from becoming a “de facto dispensary” without undergoing the cannabis license

² [Oakland City Municipal Code § 5.80.030](#), and [Chapter 9.52](#).

application process. In October 2023, the Oakland cannabis ordinance was amended to remove the limit on the number of permits for a one-year pilot period to foster more opportunities for equity applicants to engage consumers. The limit of the number of permits is set to be reinstated on January 1, 2025.

Oakland has allowed cannabis special events to be hosted on city-owned property such as Frank H. Ogawa Plaza (city hall) and the Henry J. Kaiser Center for the Arts. The latter houses five indoor venues such as an arena, theatre, lounge, and two ballrooms, and one outdoor venue on Lake Merrit. Most recently, a prominent cannabis special event known as the Emerald Cup was hosted at the Henry J. Kaiser Center for the Arts on August 17 and 18, 2024. This was a two-day ticketed cannabis special event which included a music festival, competition, marketplace with on-site consumption, art gallery, and educational speaker sessions.

Event safety and security measures were supported by the Oakland Police Department including Community Ambassadors, and a private security company. The Oakland Police Department was present on-site and within the surrounding perimeters of the venue including sidewalks, parking lots and garages. Police vehicles and roaming officers followed mutually approved strategic planning procedures to respond to any concerns or incidents during the event.

City of Sacramento

In April 2018, the City of Sacramento passed a resolution authorizing the City Manager, or designee, to issue approvals and impose conditions for temporary cannabis events at Cal Expo. Under this resolution, temporary cannabis event approvals must adhere to the current special events application and review process which requires all local rules to be followed prior to the issuance of a special permit. Cal Expo is 350 acres in size with eighteen different venues/facilities that can host 1,000 to 10,000 attendees. The staff report for this resolution cited the following:

“The Cal Expo venue is staffed by more than 330 State police officers responsible for maintaining security and crowd control. No different from other large-scale events that take place at Cal Expo, staff does not anticipate any cannabis events to impact Sacramento Police Department or other City resources. Similar events have taken place in Santa Rosa without incident.”

In September 2023, the Office of Cannabis Management (OCM) presented a report to the Law and Legislation Committee to discuss the social consumption of cannabis at a designated consumption space operated by a permitted cannabis business or at a licensed cannabis special event. For the latter, staff recommended options to either continue to limit cannabis consumption events to Cal Expo or create a regulatory program (pilot or permanent) for cannabis consumption events at locations, apart from Cal Expo.

The rationale for the staff recommendation included following:

“Finally, since cannabis is legal in California, regulators should treat it no different than regulating alcohol or cigarettes by developing strict regulations, especially around youth access, while providing extensive public education on its health impacts.”

The report acknowledged the expressed interest from cannabis stakeholders to hold special events beyond Cal Expo. Stakeholders reported that hosting a cannabis consumption event at Cal Expo is expensive and not suitable in conjunction with other events due restrictions on age and visibility of cannabis sales and consumption. As a result, stakeholders have presented ideas for small-scale cannabis events such as wellness events, making the case for potential regional tourism and sales boost for cannabis businesses. Ultimately, the Law and Legislation Committee directed staff bring forward a framework for cannabis events outside of Cal Expo at a later date.

In July 2024, the California State Fair was hosted at Cal Expo and this year’s fair featured a “cannabis experience” including a cannabis exhibit, onsite sales, and consumption. The cannabis exhibit is an educational event showcasing the industry, history, and culture through infographics and interactive booth and product displays. It is important to note that the cannabis exhibit was previously featured at the 2022 and 2023 California State Fair, whereas the onsite cannabis sales and consumption was first introduced at the 2024 California State Fair. The cannabis consumption took place in a far and distinct area to preserve the family-friendly environment of the fair, protect public health and safety, and at the same time, create an immersive and enjoyable experience for consumers. Likewise, the California State Fair Code of Conduct was amended to include a section for the cannabis experience outlining expectations and acceptable behavior for participants. The integration of cannabis sales and consumption at the 2024 California State Fair was implemented in coordination with the cannabis event organizer (Embarc), Department of Cannabis Control, Cal Expo, Cal Expo Police Department, and City of Sacramento.

City and County of San Francisco

In February 2019, the City and County of San Francisco amended their police code to establish a pilot program and framework for the Office of Cannabis (OOC) to issue Cannabis Event Permits authorizing cannabis sales and consumption in connection with temporary events and provide a mechanism for the temporary waiver of the local regulations restricting smoking or cannabis consumption.³ This framework allows the OOC to impose any permit conditions conducive to public health and safety, mitigation of adverse community impacts, prevention of underage access to cannabis, and overall event safety. At the time of this code amendment, the pilot program was scheduled to expire on January 1, 2020, with the option to extend until December 31, 2021. The police code was amended in October 2021 to extend the pilot program period to December 31, 2023, and once more in December 2023, to extend the pilot program period to January 1, 2027.

³ [San Francisco Police Code § 1621.5.](#)

In December 2019, the Cannabis Event Permits framework was amended to add qualifications for retailers and equity criteria for cannabis event permit applicants. The retailer qualifications stipulate that only individuals or entities that hold a local Cannabis Business Permit, or an individual employed by a Cannabis Business Permit holder acting as an agent of that permit holder, may provide onsite sales of cannabis goods at the event, and only if said individuals and/or entities have been identified in the application for the Cannabis Event Permit. The equity criteria for cannabis event permits stipulates that an applicant must submit an Event Permit Equity Plan describing the actions it will take to support local equity goals. Potential actions include 1) ensuring that a minimum of 30 percent of all work hours expended in preparing and executing the event are performed by workers who meet at least three out of the six equity applicant criteria, 2) providing training and mentorship opportunities to workers who meet at least three out of the six equity applicant criteria, 3) ensuring that a substantial portion of cannabis-related products showcased and sold at the event are provided by businesses that are either local equity operators or equity businesses in other jurisdictions, and 4) donating cash, in-kind goods, services, and/or technical assistance to community organizations that serve equity goals.

As it stands, the Cannabis Event Permit pilot program is limited to 1) events previously held on a regular basis, 2) events in prior years having received a city-issued permit, and 3) events in prior years having significant unregulated cannabis sales or consumption, which by the OOC's determination could be reduced or eliminated by issuing a Cannabis Event Permit. Based on the pilot program criteria, eligible events previously held on a regular basis include the 420 Festival, How Weird Street Faire, Clusterfest, Outside Lands Music and Arts Festival, Folsom Street Fair, Hardly Strictly Bluegrass Festival, Carnaval, and Pride. Most recently, the Outside Lands Music and Arts Festival was held at Golden Gate Park on August 9 through August 11, 2024.

Long Beach Community Engagement

Online Survey

The intent of the survey was to obtain an understanding from different stakeholders of what they want (or do not want) related to cannabis special events. This includes types of events, potential policy considerations, and concerns. The survey also asked participants if they were interested in a roundtable discussion with the Office of Cannabis Oversight. The survey questions consisted of multiple-choice ("select all that apply") options as well as single-choice ("select one") options and write-in responses. The survey received 730 responses, with 155 respondents expressing interest in participating in a roundtable discussion.

The survey was announced by way of a [press release](#) on September 6, 2024, and posted on the City's Cannabis Special Events [webpage](#). The survey was made available in English, Spanish, Tagalog, and Khmer. A copy of the survey results is found in Attachment B.

When asked to select the stakeholder group that most accurately represents you and your interest in completing the survey, 82 percent of respondents identified as a Long Beach

resident. The remaining 18 percent of respondents identified as a member of business or community organization, cannabis business owner, non-cannabis business owner, employee at a cannabis business, special events organizer/promoter, or as “other”.

From the respondents who identified as a Long Beach resident, 47 percent selected “no” when asked if you are consumers of cannabis, 45 percent selected “yes”, and 8 percent selected “prefer not to answer”. Of the respondents who did not identify as a Long Beach resident, 51 percent selected “yes” when asked if you are consumers of cannabis, 38 percent selected “no”, and 11 percent selected “prefer not to answer”. When asked if you are interested in outdoor or indoor cannabis special events, of the respondents who identified as a Long Beach resident, 56 percent selected either “indoor”, “outdoor”, or “both” in comparison to 44 percent who selected “none”. Of the respondents who did not identify as a Long Beach resident, 65 percent selected either “indoor”, “outdoor”, or “both” while 35 percent selected “none”. When asked if you are interested in non-ticketed or ticketed cannabis special events, 57 percent of respondents who identified as Long Beach residents selected “non-ticketed”, “ticketed”, or “both”, whereas 43 percent selected “none”. And of the respondents who did not identify as Long Beach residents, 66 percent selected “non-ticketed”, “ticketed”, or “both” compared to 34 percent who selected “none”.

Survey participants were given the option to “select all that apply” when asked to identify the types of cannabis special events of interest to them. The top choice for this question was “music festivals with onsite consumption” with 389 selections, followed by “private events at business facility with onsite consumption” with 298 selections, and lastly, “none” with 285 selections. Similarly, survey participants were given the option to “select all that apply” when asked if they would be interested in the policy considerations listed if the City were to develop a cannabis special events ordinance. The top choice for this question was “prioritize cannabis special events permits for local cannabis businesses” with 304 selections, followed by “require large-scale events to partner with local cannabis businesses” with 280 selections, and lastly, “none” with 220 selections. When asked what concerns you have regarding cannabis special events, survey participants were given the option to “select all that apply”. The top choice for this question was “attendees driving under the influence of cannabis” with 420 selections, followed by “exposure to smoke” with 324 selections, and lastly, “security” with 313 selections.

At the conclusion of the survey, participants were asked if there was anything you would like to add as the City considers a potential cannabis special events ordinance. The written responses were generally consistent with the multiple-choice questions in terms of expressing support or opposition with allowing cannabis special events. Common themes for participants who expressed support included the prioritization of local business participation, opportunities to increase local tourism and economy, support legal industry, diminish illicit market and underground events, and allow cannabis consumption at events like alcohol. For participants who expressed opposition, common themes included concerns about health risks such as secondhand smoke and exposure to community (especially youth), concerns about driving under the influence and the City’s ability to adequately enforce given current staffing capacity, concerns about cannabis consumption being allowed at all City special events, and not allowing cannabis consumption since tobacco smoke is not allowed.

Virtual Roundtable Discussions

The intent of the virtual roundtable discussions was to delve into the online survey responses of each stakeholder group, solicit additional feedback, as well as to provide general education on what is allowed at cannabis events per state regulations and best practices in other jurisdictions. The Office of Cannabis Oversight conducted 10 virtual roundtable discussions with the following stakeholder groups: Long Beach Collective Association (LBCA), Coalition for a Smoke Free Long Beach, verified equity applicants, residents, cannabis business owners, cannabis business employees, non-cannabis business owners, business or community organizations, and special events organizers/promoters.

The feedback from the LBCA was centered on the opportunity for local cannabis retailers (dispensaries) to conduct sales of cannabis goods at cannabis special events, as opposed to retailers licensed outside of Long Beach. In addition, the LBCA asked whether there would be a cap on the size or number of cannabis special events per year as well as the number of retailers eligible to participate. Local retailer participation is crucial as the cannabis industry continues to experience market fragility coupled with competition from the illicit market and underground cannabis events, according to feedback from the LBCA.

The Coalition for a Smoke Free Long Beach expressed concerns on how cannabis special events could undermine the City's ordinance on smoking in public places. Likewise, the Coalition asked whether tobacco (vaping or smoking) would be allowed at cannabis special events. Secondhand smoke of cannabis or tobacco and impact on youth and public employees were another primary concern expressed by the Coalition. Lastly, the Coalition asked about the types of enforcement at special events and whether the City has assessed potential legal challenges or conducted a risk analysis.

The feedback from the verified equity applicant stakeholder group was focused on the application process and fees, and possible assistance available such as fee waivers and expedited application review. In addition, this stakeholder group asked if an equity component would be incorporated into the cannabis special events ordinance and whether the event organizer would be required to sponsor local equity businesses. Small-scale and educational events were another area of interest for the equity applicants as it could make way for participation from non-retail licensees.

The business and community organizations stakeholder group, along with the non-cannabis business owners, cannabis business owners, and cannabis business employees, shared similar feedback such as opportunities for local cannabis retailer participation and types of cannabis special events (other than music festivals with consumption). Moreover, these four stakeholder groups shared an interest in better understanding the overhead costs of hosting or participating in a cannabis special event including local and state fees. The question was asked whether the latter would deter participation from local cannabis businesses.

Feedback from special event organizer/promoter stakeholder group centered on the opportunity to host trade shows and business to business (B2B) events, as well as venue availability for 2025 and 2026. Equally, the group asked about the timeline of the cannabis special events ordinance and how it could affect booking availability. This stakeholder group also expressed the importance of collaborating with experienced cannabis event organizers/promoter to ensure event safety and compliance with state regulations. Based on previous experiences, this stakeholder group expressed concern with the sales of edibles due to likelihood of first-time users overconsuming.

Lastly, the resident stakeholder group expressed concerns on overall event and employee safety. This stakeholder group asked about the current noise and time restrictions for special events and whether the same would apply to cannabis special events. The ability to track cannabis sales between multiple vendors during an event was another area of concern for the resident stakeholder group.

Interdepartmental Discussions

The Office of Cannabis Oversight led a series of policy discussions with the following City Departments and Bureaus: Special Events & Filming, Financial Management, Business Services Bureau, Health & Human Services, Environmental Health Bureau and Community Health Bureau, Fire Department, and Police Department. These policy discussions were focused on large-scale cannabis special events with onsite consumption due to interdepartmental coordination needed to ensure event safety. Specific topics included responsibilities of City staff versus Department of Cannabis Control (DCC) staff during event day, alignment with existing special events process, best practices in other jurisdictions, staff safety concerns related to secondhand smoke and impairment, and health impacts to the community at large.

The interdepartmental team met with their respective counterparts in the City of Oakland, City of Sacramento, and City and County of San Francisco, to learn about their experiences in permitting cannabis special events. The feedback from these jurisdictions was consistent and shared common themes such as the need for early load-in to give inspection staff (City and DCC) sufficient time inspect vendor booths, equipment, and consumption area, require temporary structures and privacy fencing to separate consumption area from public view, and prohibit personal items like backpacks and containers, upon event entry. Furthermore, inspection staff were present throughout the event (either in uniform or plain clothes) and did not enter the consumption area unless there was a safety issue or medical emergency, according to the shared experiences of the three jurisdictions. The latter also noted no issues outside of the ordinary for the duration of the cannabis special event. Lastly, these jurisdictions shared insight on staff safety measures such as the option for on-site testing of personnel (in case of impairment due to secondhand smoke exposure) prior to leaving the event and operating a vehicle or other equipment.

Department of Cannabis Control

The interdepartmental team met with the DCC to better understand their licensing and inspecting responsibilities for cannabis special events. The DCC is responsible for ensuring “real-time compliance” of state regulations on event day such as inspecting distribution vehicles to verify that all cannabis goods are manifested (tracked) in METRC, as well as verifying that no alcohol or tobacco is being sold or consumed at the event. Any cannabis goods not manifested in METRC cannot be sold at the event. Packages of cannabis goods are inspected in the same fashion as a typical retail storefront inspection.

The DCC is also responsible for verifying the preapproved vendor list (i.e., new vendors cannot be added on event day). Depending on staffing capacity, the DCC will arrive a few hours before the event begins and stay for approximately two to four hours after the event begins. The DCC shared insight on how vendors utilize Point of Sale (POS) and Application Programming Interface (API) systems to track sales of cannabis goods for each customer to prevent overbuying and overconsumption. Furthermore, identification cards are scanned to verify age and create a customer profile to track sales. If a vendor is found to be non-compliant with the latter or other state regulations after the event begins, the DCC has the authority to cease sales of cannabis goods for the remainder of the event.

Potential Health Impacts

The Community Health Bureau conducted research and analysis on the potential public health impacts associated with permitting cannabis special events. The latter is likely to impact public health by increasing exposure to secondhand cannabis smoke and vapor for both patrons and employees. The implementation of such events would mean prolonged exposure than what currently takes place. Research has shown that rooms filled with cannabis smoke or vapor can pose health risks to individuals in those environments.

Comparative studies between tobacco and cannabis consumption methods reveal that cannabis can produce similar or higher levels of indoor pollution. One study found that smoking cannabis joints produced 3.5 times more particulate matter (PM_{2.5}) than smoking a Marlboro tobacco cigarette.⁴ Similar research shows that secondhand smoke from cannabis joints in an indoor environment resulted in PM_{2.5} levels 4.4 times higher than those from tobacco cigarettes. Furthermore, cannabis smoke contains higher concentrations of harmful chemicals like ammonia, hydrogen cyanide, and nitrogen dioxide than tobacco smoke.⁵

⁴ Ott WR, Wallace LA, Cheng KC, Hildemann LM. Measuring PM_{2.5} concentrations from secondhand tobacco vs. marijuana smoke in 9 rooms of a detached 2-story house. *Sci Total Environ.* 2022 Dec 15;852:158244. doi: 10.1016/j.scitotenv.2022.158244. 2 Moir D, Rickert WS, Levasseur G, Larose Y, Maertens R, White P, & Desjardins S. A comparison of mainstream and sidestream marijuana and tobacco cigarette smoke produced under two machine smoking conditions. *Chem Res Toxicol.* 2008 Feb;21(2):494502. doi: 10.1021/tx700275p.

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In a separate study, the effects of on-site cannabis consumption on PM2.5 levels in a cannabis retail space—where smoking was prohibited but vaporizing and dabbing were permitted—showed that the PM2.5 levels were 28 times higher when the business was open than when it was closed. Even vaporizing cannabis led to pollution levels comparable to those found in indoor spaces where smoking is allowed.⁶

Cannabis smoke has also been associated with adverse health effects. For instance, research has demonstrated that even brief exposure to cannabis smoke can impair vascular function for up to 90 minutes, potentially impacting heart health.⁷ UCSF researchers found that just one minute of cannabis smoke substantially impaired the function of the vascular endothelium for at least 90 minutes, longer than secondhand tobacco smoke, demonstrating the potential for adverse effects on heart health.⁸ Outdoor events may not fully mitigate exposure risks for workers, as evidenced by a study of law enforcement officers providing security at outdoor concerts. Cannabis was detected in the post-event urine of 34 percent of officers, and many reported symptoms such as red eyes, dry mouth, and headaches during the events. These findings underscore concerns about workplace exposure, particularly for women of reproductive age, given the known risks of secondhand smoke on fetal development.

In summary, the evidence suggests that secondhand cannabis smoke and vapor contribute to air pollution at levels similar to, or higher than, tobacco. Suggestions that exposure to secondhand cannabis smoke is safe are not supported by current research. As with tobacco smoke, engineering solutions like ventilation systems are insufficient to reduce indoor pollution to healthy levels, and comprehensive smoke-free policies remain the most effective strategy to protect public health.⁹

In addition to indoor air quality concerns, these new social environments for socially consuming cannabis are also likely to exacerbate drugged driving, already a major problem on our roadways. A recent study by the Insurance Institute for Highway Safety found a significant 6 percent increase in car crashes after adult-use legalization, with cannabis and alcohol co-use being particularly important.¹⁰ According to the US National Survey on Drug Use and Health, daily cannabis use outpaces daily drinking in the US. At that rate, 27-28 people in the United States die in drunk-driving car crashes every day, which is about one person every 52 minutes.

⁶ Murphy MB, Huang AS, Schick SF. PM2.5 Concentrations in a Cannabis Store with On-Site Consumption. *Environ Health Perspect*. 2021 Jun;129(6):67701. doi: 10.1289/EHP8689. Epub 2021 Jun 16. PMID: 34132612.

⁷ Banerjee S, Deacon A, Suter MA, Aagaard KM. Understanding the Placental Biology of Tobacco Smoke, Nicotine, and Marijuana (THC) Exposures During Pregnancy. *Clin Obstet Gynecol*. 2022 Jun 1;65(2):347-359.

⁸ Wang X, Derakhshandeh R, Liu J, Narayan S, Nabavizadeh P, Le S, Danforth OM, Pinnamaneni K, Rodriguez HJ, Luu E, Sievers RE, Schick SF, Glantz SA, Springer ML. One Minute of Marijuana Secondhand Smoke Exposure Substantially Impairs Vascular Endothelial Function. *J Am Heart Assoc*. 2016 Jul 27;5(8):e003858. doi: 10.1161/JAHA.116.003858.

⁹ Rotering TL, Lempert LK, Glantz SA. Emerging Indoor Air Laws for Onsite Cannabis Consumption Businesses in the U.S. *Am J Prev Med*. 2021 Dec;61(6):e267-e278.

¹⁰ Farmer CM, Monfort SS, Woods AN. Changes in traffic crash rates after legalization of marijuana: results by crash severity. Insurance Institute for Highway Safety. June 2021

According to the National Institute on Drug Abuse and after alcohol, cannabis is the drug most often found in the blood of drivers involved in crashes.

Lastly, the availability and visibility of open cannabis consumption leads to a growing concern for Long Beach youth. Studies have examined relationships between cannabis dispensary density, advertising, and the health-related outcomes of youth. A recent longitudinal study of cannabis advertising and youth cannabis use found that higher average exposure to advertising was associated with higher average use and intentions to use.¹¹ Cannabis is the most used psychoactive substance among adolescents. In 2022, 30.7 percent of twelfth graders reported using cannabis in the past year, and 6.3 percent reported using cannabis daily in the past 30 days. The increased use is a public health concern, as cannabis can have significant impacts on teen health. A study earlier this year from Columbia University found teens who use cannabis recreationally are two to four times as likely to develop psychiatric disorders, such as depression and suicidality, than teens who do not use cannabis. Teens are also at risk for addiction or cannabis use disorder, where they try but cannot quit using cannabis. The availability, and exposure to pro-cannabis messages is directly associated with an increased intention to use cannabis and higher rates of use among 8th and 10th graders.¹²

Health Educational Efforts

The Health & Human Services Department plays a key role in overseeing cannabis education and drug-impaired driving prevention strategies, also known as Greenlight LB. Greenlight LB combines community education, systems, and behavior change strategies to reduce drug-impaired and distracted driving, implement youth cannabis prevention activities, and ensure adults can make responsible decisions related to cannabis. These efforts include partnerships with the Long Beach Unified School District (LBUSD) to provide vital information to school principals, offer presentations to parents and in-classroom workshops for students, and implement cannabis and tobacco diversion programs. Furthermore, the Department focuses on training youth leaders to educate their peers about the harms of cannabis use and disseminates information at community events to raise awareness.

The Department also manages the Responsible Cannabis Vendor Program, ensuring that cannabis industry workers are trained in responsible practices. The training program was developed to assist cannabis retail licensees in finding appropriate public health and compliance training for staff. The course topics include legal information, safety, and security, checking IDs, selling responsibility, and consumer and education. Likewise, the training program prepares owners, managers, and frontline staff to effectively and safely handle complex situations that may arise while selling cannabis in licensed stores. The latter is in addition to the Environmental Health Bureau's oversight of the Cannabis Retail Enforcement

¹¹ Whitehill, Jennifer M., Pamela J. Trangenstein, Marina C. Jenkins, David H. Jernigan, and Megan A. Moreno. "Exposure to cannabis marketing in social and traditional media and past-year use among adolescents in states with legal retail cannabis." *Journal of Adolescent Health* 66, no. 2 (2020): 247-254.

¹² Hust, S. J. T., Willoughby, J. F., Li, J., & Couto, L. (2020). Youth's Proximity to Marijuana Retailers and Advertisements: Factors Associated with Washington State Adolescents' Intentions to Use Marijuana. *Journal of Health Communication*, 25(7), 594–603. <https://doi.org/10.1080/10810730.2020.1825568>

Program to encourage responsible cannabis retailing and enforce laws prohibiting the sale or distribution of cannabis products to minors.

Policy Considerations

Alignment with Special Events Ordinance

Should the City Council decide to allow cannabis special events, staff recommends aligning the permit application process under the Office of Special Events & Filming. In other words, utilize the existing special event permit application process. Chapter 5.60 of the Long Beach Municipal Code (LBMC) defines a special event as any organized event including, but not limited to, large-scale events such as races, parades, marathons and sporting events, concerts, fairs, community events, and any organized assembly of 75 or more people on any public space, waterway, property, structure, or public right of way, owned or controlled by the City of Long Beach.

Exemption to Smoking in Public Places Ordinance

Chapter 8.68 of the LBMC currently stipulates exceptions for smoking in public places for filming and/or special events. In addition, when a special events permit is issued to an event organizer or promoter, it becomes a private activity. The activity can designate outdoor tobacco smoking area as part of their private venue if they choose. This same approach would be followed for a cannabis special event with onsite consumption.

Cannabis Ordinance Amendments

To authorize cannabis special events in the City, an amendment to Chapter 5.92 of the LBMC would be required to add a new operating conditions section for this cannabis activity. The latter would closely align with existing ordinances and best practices in other jurisdictions. Like the City and County of San Francisco's cannabis special event ordinance, the amendment to Chapter 5.92 would also require a temporary waiver to Chapter 8.68 of the LBMC for the duration of the cannabis special event with onsite consumption.

Potential Venues

In alignment with existing special events practices, staff does not recommend designating a single venue or site for cannabis special events due to varying factors like event type and size. For example, the Queen Mary is suitable for a large-scale cannabis music festival (with consumption) as it has a capacity of up to 35,000 people and far removed from residents and passersby. This location would require a full ship buyout to prevent non-cannabis events from being booked on the same day and safeguard the City's ability to comply with DCC regulations. Marina Green Park and Rainbow Lagoon event parks may be suitable for small to medium-scale cannabis events depending on the scope and set up. Shoreline Park can also accommodate small to medium-scale cannabis events, but it may not be suitable (depending

on type of event) due to proximity to the Aquarium of the Pacific which has a significant presence of children and youth.

The Long Beach Convention & Entertainment Center is suitable for cannabis trade shows and B2B events as it has various meeting spaces and exhibit halls. Indoor or outdoor cannabis consumption may be feasible at this location depending on the event space(s) reserved and/or other non-cannabis bookings. It is important to note that staff did not find specific examples of cannabis special events with indoor consumption in other jurisdictions. Various stakeholder groups suggested that indoor consumption is possible with the use of mobile air purification and filtration systems (to minimize the cannabis smoke), but its effectiveness varies as it is dependent on room volume or cubic feet of filtration needed per hour. Furthermore, these systems only clean or “scrub” the air, not surfaces like furniture or countertops.

Exclusivity of Local Cannabis Retailers

Considering the ongoing cannabis industry and market challenges, staff recommends limiting the sales of cannabis goods at special events to only cannabis retailers licensed in Long Beach. These challenges include the continual cash-based and private investor reliant nature of the industry due to lack of access to traditional banking services, as cannabis is still listed as a Schedule 1 controlled substance under the federal Controlled Substances Act. The capital-intensive nature of the industry coupled with supply chain constraints such as caps on licenses (especially retail) and prohibition of all cannabis license types in other cities and counties across the state, further impedes the ability for businesses to succeed. According to the most recent statistics from the DCC, out of 539 cities and counties in California, 46 percent allow at least one type of cannabis business, 54 percent do not allow any type of cannabis businesses, and 57 percent do not allow any retail cannabis businesses. These limitations on cannabis licensing opportunities throughout the state have contributed to challenging market conditions, and in worst cases, shuttering or sale of businesses.

With staff’s recommendation, the cannabis event organizer or promoter could be an outside entity (not local to Long Beach), but the vendors selected to conduct sales of cannabis goods at the special event must have a cannabis retail license in Long Beach. The latter is taking lessons learned from the California State Fair example regarding how the cannabis event organizer was also the sole entity allowed to conduct sales, and therefore, shut out local cannabis retailers. This exclusivity is intended to help support local cannabis retailers (including the forthcoming equity retailers) through new businesses opportunities and expand their consumer base to customers who may not otherwise purchase their cannabis goods in Long Beach.

The exclusivity of local cannabis retailers to conduct sales at cannabis special events will also safeguard the City’s ability to collect cannabis taxes as stipulated under Section 3.80.261 of the LBMC. Upon issuance of a business license, all cannabis businesses are required to report gross receipts and remit taxes on a quarterly basis. All sales of cannabis goods sold at special events shall be incorporated as part of the businesses’ quarterly gross receipts, should the City Council decide to allow cannabis special events.

Meet and Confer Process

An ordinance to permit cannabis special events would have an impact on City employee working conditions, due to the concern of potential staff exposure to secondhand cannabis smoke and impairment. Other concerns include staffing capacity to enforce against cannabis use outside the designated consumption areas like the surrounding perimeter and parking lots. Staff presence within the consumption area will be limited to avoid exposure to secondhand smoke. In alignment with existing special events protocols, staff will work with the event organizer or promoter to access security cameras to ensure situational awareness without having to be inside the consumption area. However, certain situations may be unavoidable such as a safety or medical emergency requiring staff to enter the consumption area. This may result in a longer close-out process with the cannabis event organizer or promoter to report and address incidents of staff exposure and impairment.

Limiting staff exposure to secondhand cannabis smoke stems from the concern of the potential liability of sending out an unknowingly impaired staff member to respond to an emergency. It is important to note that unpermitted cannabis consumption is a normal occurrence at existing non-cannabis special events such as music festivals and concerts. Therefore, the specific concern is the heightened level of consumption by event attendees and in turn, risk for staff exposure secondhand cannabis smoke.

As a result, before any Ordinance updates can be considered and approved by the City Council, the City has an obligation to notice all impacted employee associations prior to approval and implementation of cannabis special events ordinance, in accordance with Section 3505 of the California Government Code. The City would be further required to meet promptly, and in good faith, upon the request of any employee association to discuss foreseeable impacts from a cannabis special events ordinance. Various policies and procedures may be developed to address staff safety concerns based on research of best practices in other jurisdictions and existing special event regulations in the City.

Recommendations

Should Council choose to move forward with policy proposals regarding cannabis special events, based on the findings of this feasibility study, staff recommends the following additional requirements:

1. To foster new business opportunities and safeguard the City's ability to collect local cannabis taxes and enforce local regulations, any sales of cannabis and cannabis products at cannabis special events should only be conducted by a licensed Long Beach cannabis retailer, regardless of the event size or location.
2. To prevent any specific location from becoming a "de-facto dispensary", special event permits should be limited to six per year per individual, business entity, business owner, and event organizer or promoter. This limitation would apply to both licensed Long Beach cannabis storefront retailers and delivery-only retailers.

3. The City Manager, or designee, should be authorized to impose conditions on cannabis special event permits at their discretion to ensure overall event safety. This includes issuing permits only to event organizers or promoters with proven experience in hosting large-scale events with onsite consumption.
4. To address the risks associated with cannabis use and driving, cannabis event organizers should be responsible for promoting responsible cannabis use and safe alternatives to driving, such as ride-share options or designated drivers. This messaging should be posted in areas with high visibility at the cannabis special event.

Next Steps

If City Council chooses to agendaize an item to prepare an ordinance to allow cannabis special events in Long Beach, it is important to note that the meet and confer process with impacted labor groups begins only after the City Council directs staff to prepare and staff draft an ordinance. The meet and confer process must be successfully completed in order for a proposed ordinance to move forward. In other words, only after the meet and confer process has concluded can the Office of Cannabis Oversight submit an ordinance draft for City Council consideration.

If you have any questions, please contact Valencia Maria Romero, Manager of Cannabis Oversight/Assistant to the City Manager at (562) 570-5173 or valencia.romero@longbeach.gov.

ATTACHMENTS: A – OCTOBER 22, 2024, CITY COUNCIL PRESENTATION
B – COMMUNITY SURVEY RESULTS

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DEPARTMENT HEADS



Receive and File Report: Cannabis Special Events Feasibility Study

City Council Meeting – October 22, 2024

City Council Request

August 6, 2024

Recommendation to request City Manager to work with the Office of Cannabis Oversight and all relevant departments to conduct a feasibility study on hosting temporary cannabis special events within City limits, including types of appropriate venues, and report back with Council presentation in 60 days.

Cannabis is a legal and growing industry in California, and therefore, as regulators, we must not treat it any differently than regulating alcohol or tobacco. It is our responsibility to help destigmatize cannabis by providing education on what is legal as well as best practices in other jurisdictions.

Feasibility Study Framework

Research

State regulations and best practices in other jurisdictions

Internal Policy Discussions

Special Events & Filming, Business License, Fire, Police, Health & Human Services

Community Engagement

Online survey and roundtables discussions

City Council Update

Comprehensive Report

Internal Policy Team

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Focus Area: The internal policy discussions were focused on large-scale cannabis special events with onsite consumption due to interdepartmental coordination needed to ensure event safety.

Department of Cannabis Control Regulations

- Temporary cannabis events are defined as multi-day events, ranging from one to four days, where cannabis can be sold and consumed.
- Temporary cannabis events **may only be attended by persons 21 years of age or older.**
- Cannabis goods **may only be sold by a licensed cannabis retailer** (storefront or non-storefront) at a temporary cannabis event.

Department of Cannabis Control Regulations Cont'd

- Temporary cannabis events are hosted by an event organizer or promoter who is responsible for coordinating all aspects of the event, including maintaining the event space and hiring security.
- The event organizer must obtain a *Cannabis Event Organizer License* and *Temporary Cannabis Event License* issued by the Department of Cannabis Control, as well as approval by the local jurisdiction where the event will be hosted.
- Temporary cannabis events may only be held at a county fair event, district agricultural association event, or at another venue expressly approved by a local jurisdiction.

Department of Cannabis Control Regulations Cont'd

- A temporary cannabis event license shall not be issued for a premises that is licensed for the sale of tobacco or alcohol. In addition, **consumption of tobacco or alcohol is prohibited on the licensed temporary cannabis event premises.**
- Cannabis consumption at a temporary cannabis event must not be visible from any public place or non-age-restricted area.
- Smoking of cannabis goods cannot take place within 1,000 feet of a school, daycare center, or youth center while children are present, and where smoking tobacco is prohibited.

Department of Cannabis Control Regulations Cont'd

Temporary cannabis events are subject to daily sales limits for both medicinal and adult-use cannabis.

	Daily Sales Limit Per Customer
Adult-Use	<ul style="list-style-type: none">• 28.5 grams of non-concentrated cannabis• 8 grams of cannabis concentrates• 6 immature cannabis plants
Medical	<ul style="list-style-type: none">• The amount documented on a valid physician's recommendation or• 8 ounces of medicinal cannabis in the form of dried mature flower• 12 immature cannabis plants

Department of Cannabis Control Regulations Cont'd

- Licensed retailers may only conduct sales activities within a designated area at a temporary cannabis event.
- Mobile sales activities by way of wagon, car, or similar means are prohibited.
- All sales of cannabis goods at a temporary cannabis event must comply with the California Cannabis Track-and-Trace (CCTT) system, also known as METRC.
- License retailers are prohibited from giving out free cannabis goods, including samples or “tastes”, and cannabis accessories.

Intent

The intent of the survey was to obtain an understanding from different stakeholders of what they want (or don't want) of cannabis special events. This includes types of events, potential policy considerations, and concerns.

The survey also asked participants if they were interested in a roundtable discussion with the Office of Cannabis Oversight.

Community Survey Results

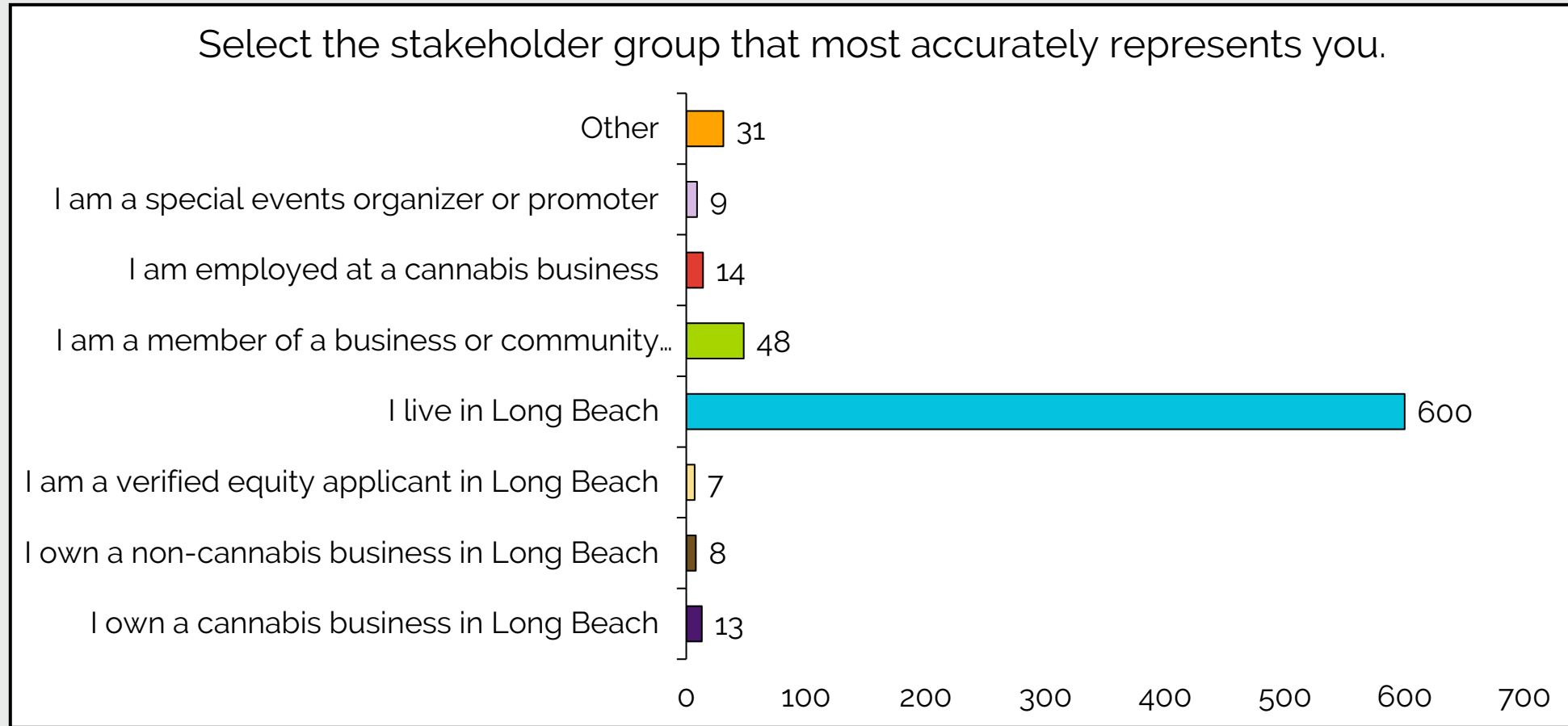
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Responses

155
Respondents
expressed interest in
participating in a
roundtable discussion

English Survey – Released on Sept. 6th and closed on Sept. 25th

Spanish, Tagalog, and Khmer Surveys – Released on Sept. 25th and closed on Oct. 16th

Community Survey Results Cont'd

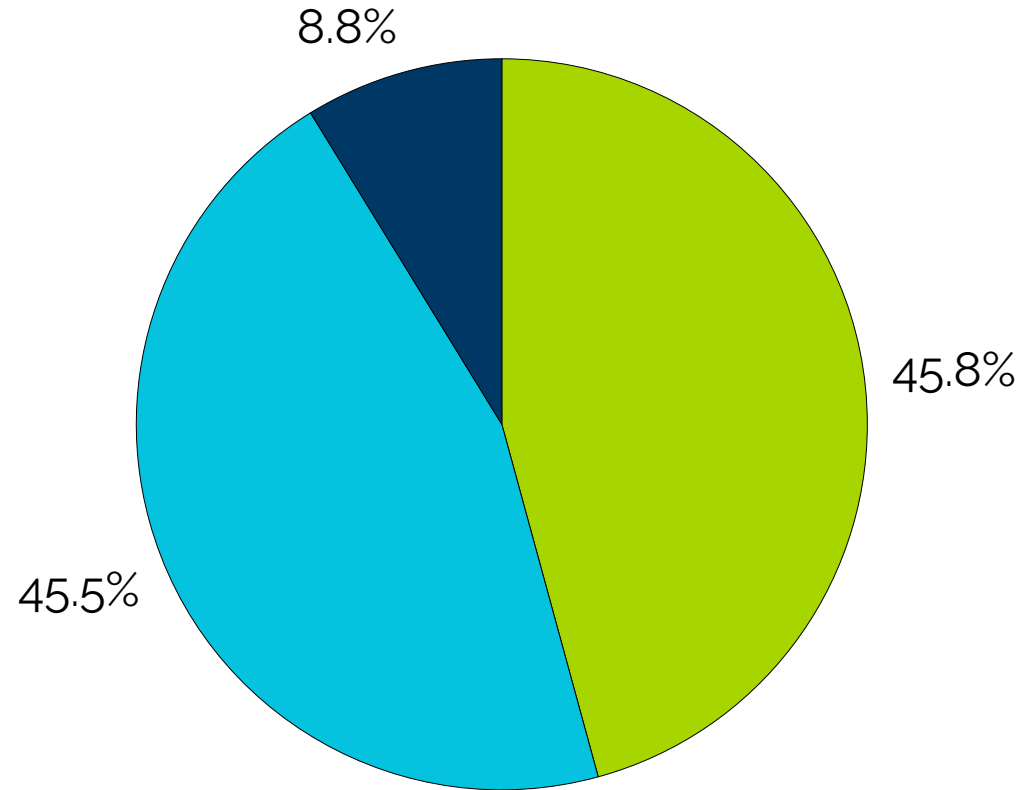


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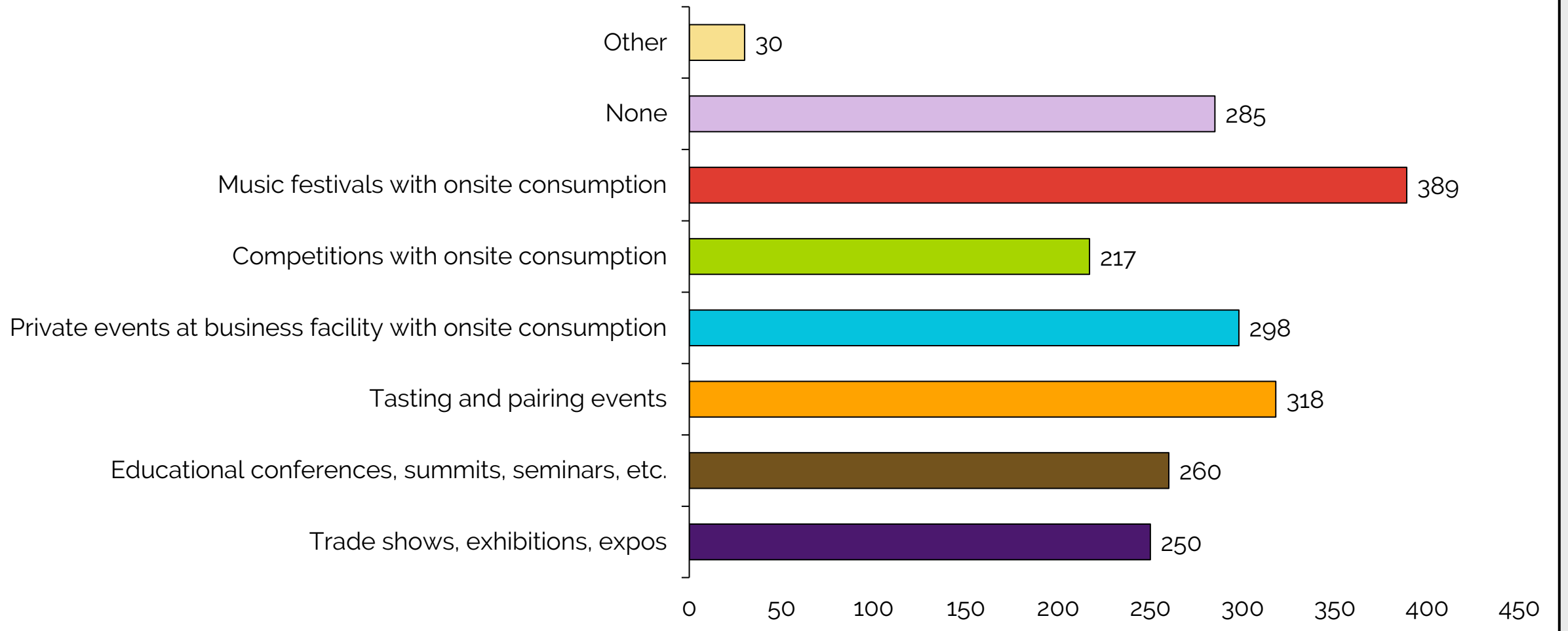
Are you a consumer of cannabis or cannabis products?



■ Yes ■ No ■ Prefer not to answer

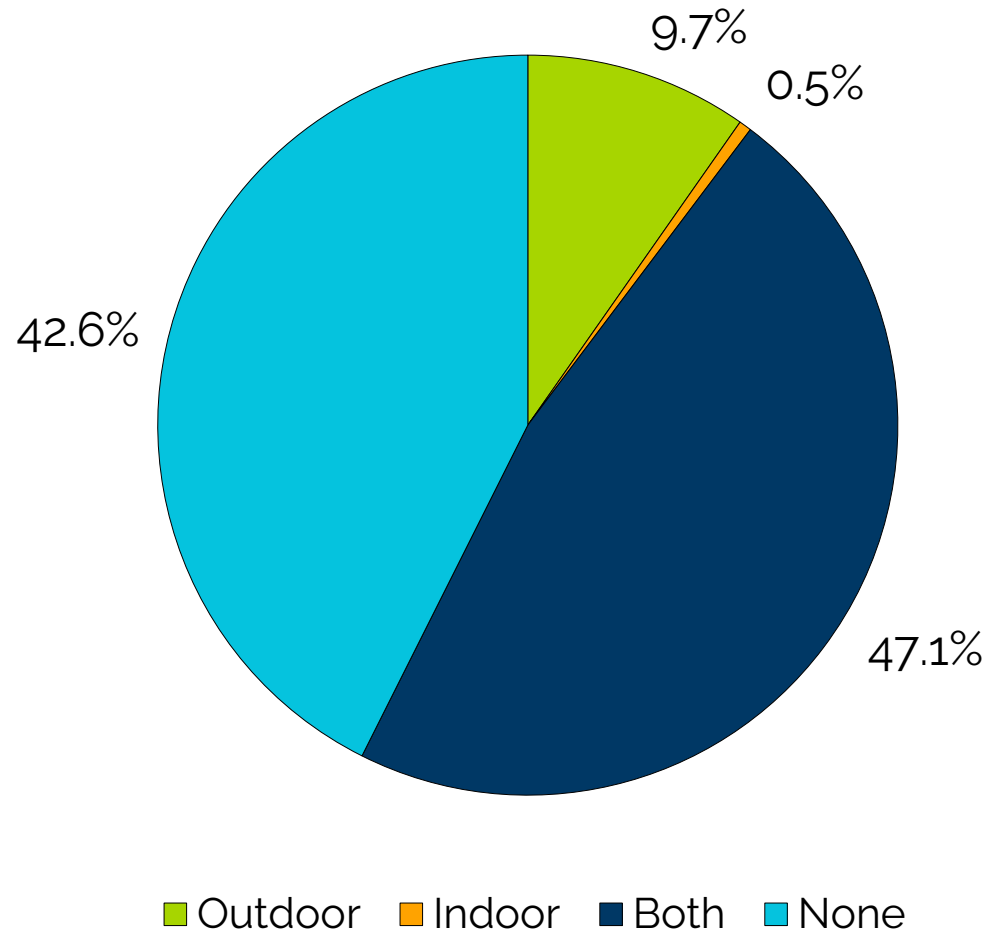
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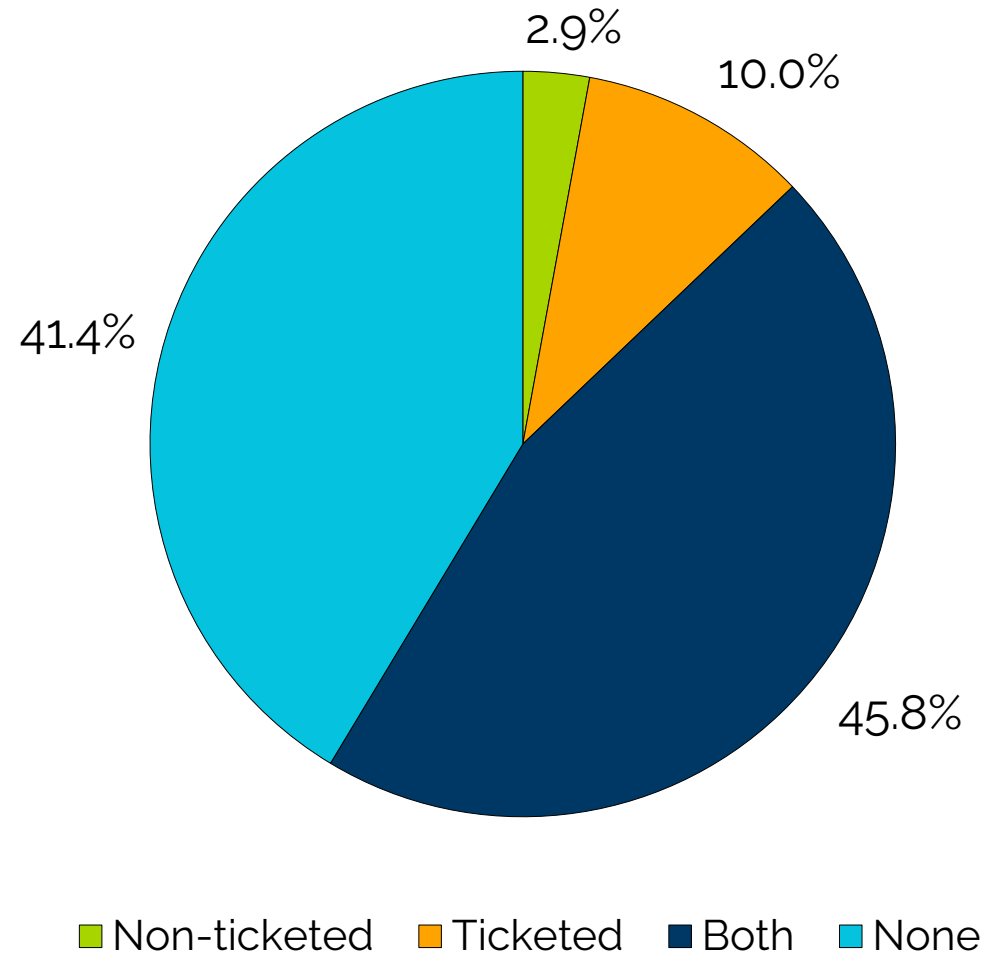
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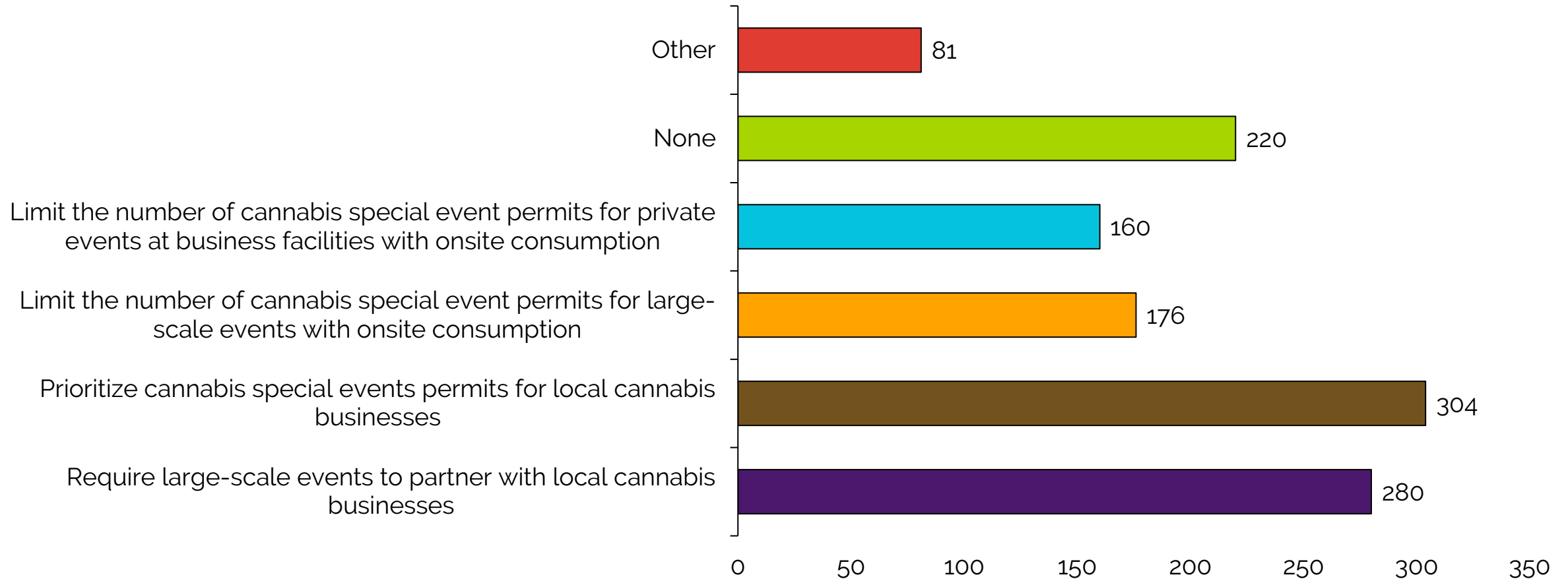
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Are you interested in non-ticketed or ticketed cannabis special events?



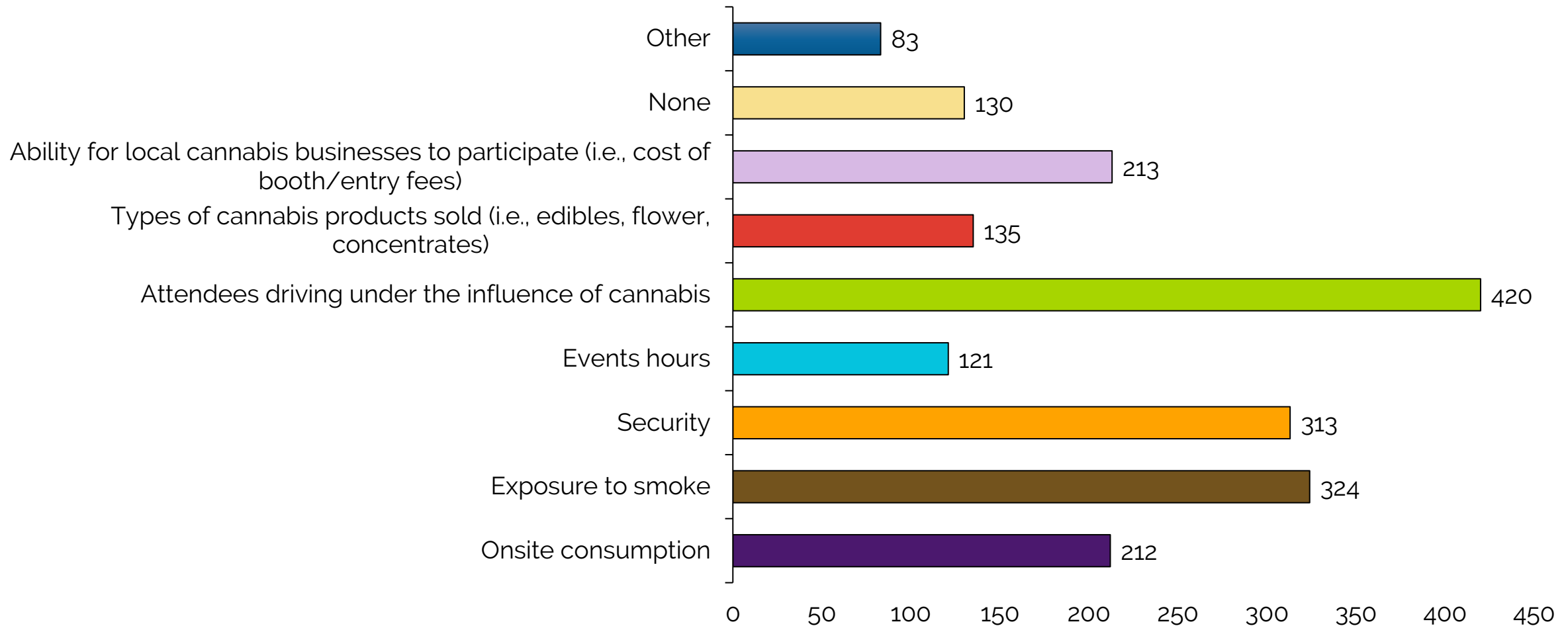
Community Survey Results Cont'd

If the City were to develop a cannabis special events ordinance, would you be interested in any of the following policy considerations?



Community Survey Results Cont'd

What concerns do you have regarding cannabis special events?



Community Survey Results Cont'd

Preliminary Themes from Written Responses

Supportive

- Prioritize local business participation
- Opportunity to increase local tourism and economy, like other cities that allow cannabis special events
- Support legal industry and diminish illicit market and underground events
- Cannabis consumption should be allowed at events, like alcohol

Concerns

- Health risks such as secondhand smoke and exposure to community, especially youth
- Concerns about driving under the influence and ability to adequately enforce, based on current staffing capacity
- Tobacco smoke is not allowed, so cannabis smoke should not be allowed either
- Concerns about cannabis consumption being allowed at all special events

Intent

The intent of the roundtable discussions is to delve into the responses of each stakeholder group, solicit additional feedback, as well as to provide general education on what is allowed at cannabis events per state regulations and best practices.

Roundtable Discussions Cont'd

Completed

- Long Beach Collective Association (LBCA)
- Coalition for a Smoke Free Long Beach
- Verified Equity Applicants in Long Beach

Pending

- Residents
- Business owners
- Business or community organizations
- Special events organizers/promoters
- Employees working at a cannabis business

City of Oakland

2018 – Number of permits limited to 12 per year per location, individual or entity, to prevent a specific location from becoming a “de facto dispensary” without undergoing the cannabis license application process

2023 – Limit on the number of permits removed for a one-year pilot period to foster more opportunities for equity applicants to engage consumers. Limit of the number of permits is set to be reinstated on January 1, 2025

Locations – Frank H. Ogawa Plaza (city hall)
Henry J. Kaiser Center for the Arts

City of Oakland

Example – The Emerald Cup was hosted at the Henry J. Kaiser Center for the Arts on August 17 and 18, 2024. This was a 2-day ticketed cannabis special event which included a music festival, competition, marketplace with on-site consumption, art gallery, and educational speaker sessions.

Event safety and security measures were supported by the Oakland Police Department (ODP) including Community Ambassadors, and a private security company. ODP was present on-site and within the surrounding perimeters of the venue including sidewalks, parking lots and garages. Police vehicles and roaming officers followed mutually approved strategic planning procedures to respond to any concerns or incidents during the event.

City of Sacramento

2018 – Passed a resolution authorizing the City Manager, or designee, to issue approvals and impose conditions for temporary cannabis events. Temporary cannabis event approvals must adhere to the current special events application and review process which requires all local rules to be followed prior to the issuance of a special permit.

Location – Cal Expo is 350 acres in size with eighteen different venues and facilities that can host 1,000 to 10,000 attendees. Staffed by more than 330 State police officers responsible for maintaining security and crowd control.

City of Sacramento

Example – The 2024 California State Fair was hosted at Cal Expo and this year's fair featured a "cannabis experience" including a cannabis exhibit, onsite sales, and consumption. The cannabis exhibit is an educational event showcasing the industry, history, and culture through infographics and interactive booth and product displays.

The cannabis consumption took place in a far and distinct area to preserve the family-friendly environment of the fair, protect public health and safety, and at the same time, create an immersive and enjoyable experience for consumers.

The integration of cannabis sales and consumption at the 2024 State Fair was implemented in coordination with the cannabis event organizer (Embarc), Department of Cannabis Control, Cal Expo, Cal Expo Police Department, and City of Sacramento.

City and County of San Francisco

2018 – Established a pilot program and framework for the Office of Cannabis (OOC) to issue Cannabis Event Permits authorizing cannabis sales and consumption in connection with temporary events and provide a mechanism for the temporary waiver of the local regulations restricting smoking or cannabis consumption. This framework allows the OOC to impose any permit conditions conducive to public health and safety, mitigation of adverse community impacts, prevention of underage access to cannabis, and overall event safety.

City and County of San Francisco

2019 – The Cannabis Event Permits framework was amended to add qualifications for retailers and equity criteria for cannabis event permit applicants.

The retailer qualifications stipulate that only individuals or entities that hold a local Cannabis Business Permit, or an individual employed by a Cannabis Business Permit holder acting as an agent of that permit holder, may provide onsite sales of cannabis goods at the event, and only if said individuals and/or entities have been identified in the application for the Cannabis Event Permit.

The equity criteria for cannabis event permits stipulates that an applicant must submit an Event Permit Equity Plan describing the actions it will take to support local equity goals.

City and County of San Francisco

Pilot Program – The Cannabis Event Permit pilot program is limited to the following:

- Events previously held on a regular basis
- Events in prior years having received a city-issued permit
- Events in prior years having significant unregulated cannabis sales or consumption, which by determine of the OOC could be reduced or eliminated by issuing a Cannabis Event Permit

Eligible events previously held on a regular basis include the 420 Festival, How Weird Street Faire, Clusterfest, Outside Lands Music and Arts Festival, Folsom Street Fair, Hardly Strictly Bluegrass Festival, Carnaval, and Pride. Most recently, the Outside Lands Music and Arts Festival was held at Golden Gate Park on August 9, through August 11, 2024.

City of Long Beach – GreenlightLB

GreenlightLB combines community education, systems, and behavior change strategies to reduce drug-impaired and distracted driving, implement youth cannabis prevention activities, and ensure adults can make responsible decisions related to cannabis.

- **Education:** Provide in person and virtual workshops that cover a range of cannabis-related topics including impacts on healthy living, consuming legally and responsibly, and how to store safely away from kids and pets.
- **Prevention:** Specialized youth programs and workshops to reduce youth access to cannabis, and to train educators and parents on what they need to know about trends in cannabis use.
- **Outreach:** Greenlight hosts and participates in many local education activities to engage with Long Beach residents including health fairs and pop-ups.

City of Long Beach – GreenlightLB

Responsible Cannabis Vendor Program

The training program was developed to assist cannabis retail licensees in finding appropriate public health and compliance training for staff. It prepares owners, managers, and frontline staff to effectively and safely handle complex situations that may arise while selling cannabis in licensed stores.

The course topics include legal information, safety and security, checking IDs, selling responsibility, and consumer and education.

Community Health Impacts

Secondhand Smoke and Vapor Exposure

- Indoor cannabis events are likely to produce unhealthy levels of secondhand smoke and vapor exposure. Studies of indoor cannabis use show that cannabis smoke generates significantly higher levels of particulate matter (PM2.5) than tobacco smoke, posing serious risks to cardiovascular and respiratory health, particularly for vulnerable populations.

Outdoor Exposure Risks

- Outdoor events may not fully mitigate exposure risks for workers, as evidenced by a study of law enforcement officers providing security at outdoor concerts. Small amounts of cannabis were detected in the post-event urine of 34% of officers, and many reported symptoms such as red eyes, dry mouth, and headaches during the events.

Drugged Driving Risks

- A meta-analysis of studies concluded that cannabis doubled the risk of crash involvement, and data shows a significant increase in traffic accidents post-legalization. In Long Beach, residents are only allowed to consume cannabis at a private residence. Allowing events where consumption is permitted would likely increase the number of intoxicated users on the road.

Thirdhand smoke (THS)

- THS refers to the leftover contamination on surfaces and dust after smoking, which can linger and re-enter the air long after the smoking event ends. People can be exposed to THS by breathing it in, touching contaminated surfaces, or ingesting it through hand-to-mouth contact, leading to health risks such as respiratory and cardiovascular problems, partly due to harmful chemicals like ammonia and PAHs.
- Studies indicate that THS from cannabis use contains THC and contaminates indoor surfaces, like tables and chairs, even with ventilation. This suggests that people could be exposed to THC and other chemicals by touching these surfaces, even if they weren't present when cannabis was consumed. These findings highlight the importance of carefully considering how shared community spaces will be utilized for cannabis special events, as lingering contamination could pose health risks to future occupants.

Alignment with Special Events Process

A Special Event is any organized event including, but not limited to, large scale events such as races, parades, marathons and sporting events, concerts, fairs, community events, and any organized assembly of seventy-five (75) or more people on any public space, waterway, property, structure, or public right of way, owned or controlled by the City of Long Beach.

Tier 1

- Free open to the public, no setup, no alcohol.

Tier 2

- Open to the public, no ticket for entry, minimum setup or private nonprofit fundraising event.

Tier 3

- Ticketed, extensive venue setup with controlled access & exclusive use

Alignment with Special Events Process

Current Regulations – Chapter 8.68 of the LBMC (smoking in public places) currently stipulates exceptions for filming and/or special events. In addition, when a special events permit is issued to an event organizer or promoter, it becomes a private activity. The activity can designate outdoor tobacco smoking area as part of their private venue if they choose.

Potential Revisions – The same approach (as above) would be followed for a cannabis special event with onsite consumption. In addition, a cannabis event organizer or promoter would need to follow state cannabis regulations and local cannabis regulations stipulated under Chapter 5.92 of the LBMC.

Amendment to Chapter 5.92

To authorize cannabis special events in the City, an amendment to Chapter 5.92 of the LBMC (cannabis ordinance) would be required to add a new operating conditions section for this cannabis activity.

This amendment would also require a temporary waiver to Chapter 8.68 of the LBMC (smoking in public places) for the duration of the cannabis special event with onsite consumption.

Staff Safety Concerns

Safety concerns for staff working the special events include:

- Exposure to secondhand cannabis smoke
- Potential staff impairment and inability to operate a vehicle during and post-event

While various policies and procedures may be developed to limit this exposure, certain situations may arise where secondhand smoke is unavoidable. This includes emergency situations that require staff response in the designated cannabis consumption area.

Based on research of best practices in other jurisdictions and existing special event regulations in the City, staff is open to exploring solutions to address staff safety concerns such as exposure to secondhand cannabis smoke.

Meet and Confer Process

An ordinance to permit cannabis special events would have an impact on City employee working conditions, due to potential staff exposure to secondhand cannabis smoke.

As a result, before any Ordinance updates can be considered and approved by the City Council, the City has an obligation to notice all impacted employee associations prior to approval and implementation of cannabis special events ordinance, in accordance with Section 3505 of the California Government Code. The City would be further required to meet promptly, and in good faith, upon the request of any employee association to discuss foreseeable impacts from a cannabis special events ordinance.

Potential Policy Considerations

1. To safeguard the City's ability to collect local cannabis taxes and enforce local regulations, any sales of cannabis and cannabis products at cannabis special events may only be conducted by a licensed Long Beach cannabis retailers, regardless of the event size or location.
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3. The City Manager, or designee, shall be authorized to impose conditions on cannabis special event permits at their discretion to ensure overall event safety. This includes issuing permits only to event organizers or promoters with proven experience in hosting large-scale events with onsite consumption.

Next Steps

1. Staff plans to complete feasibility study and issue a comprehensive report within 45 days.
2. City Council could then direct staff to prepare an ordinance for cannabis special events.
3. The meet and confer process with impacted labor groups must be successfully completed, in order for a proposed policy to move forward.
4. Once the meet and confer process has concluded, then staff will bring back an ordinance draft for City Council consideration.



Thank you

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CANNABIS SPECIAL EVENTS SURVEY RESULTS

Total Responses
730

We want to hear from you!

The City of Long Beach, Office of Cannabis Oversight is conducting a feasibility study on permitting temporary cannabis special events in the City. A comprehensive report will be presented to the City Council with the feasibility study findings and proposed policy recommendations for permitting temporary cannabis special events.

We will be using the results of this survey in the report. All responses will remain anonymous.

Your input is an important and valued part of this process.

NOTE:

Section §15601 of the medicinal and adult-use commercial cannabis regulations established by the Department of Cannabis Control states the following:

(a) A temporary cannabis event license authorizes a licensed cannabis event organizer to hold a temporary cannabis event where the onsite sale and consumption of cannabis goods is authorized at the location indicated on the license during the dates indicated on the license.

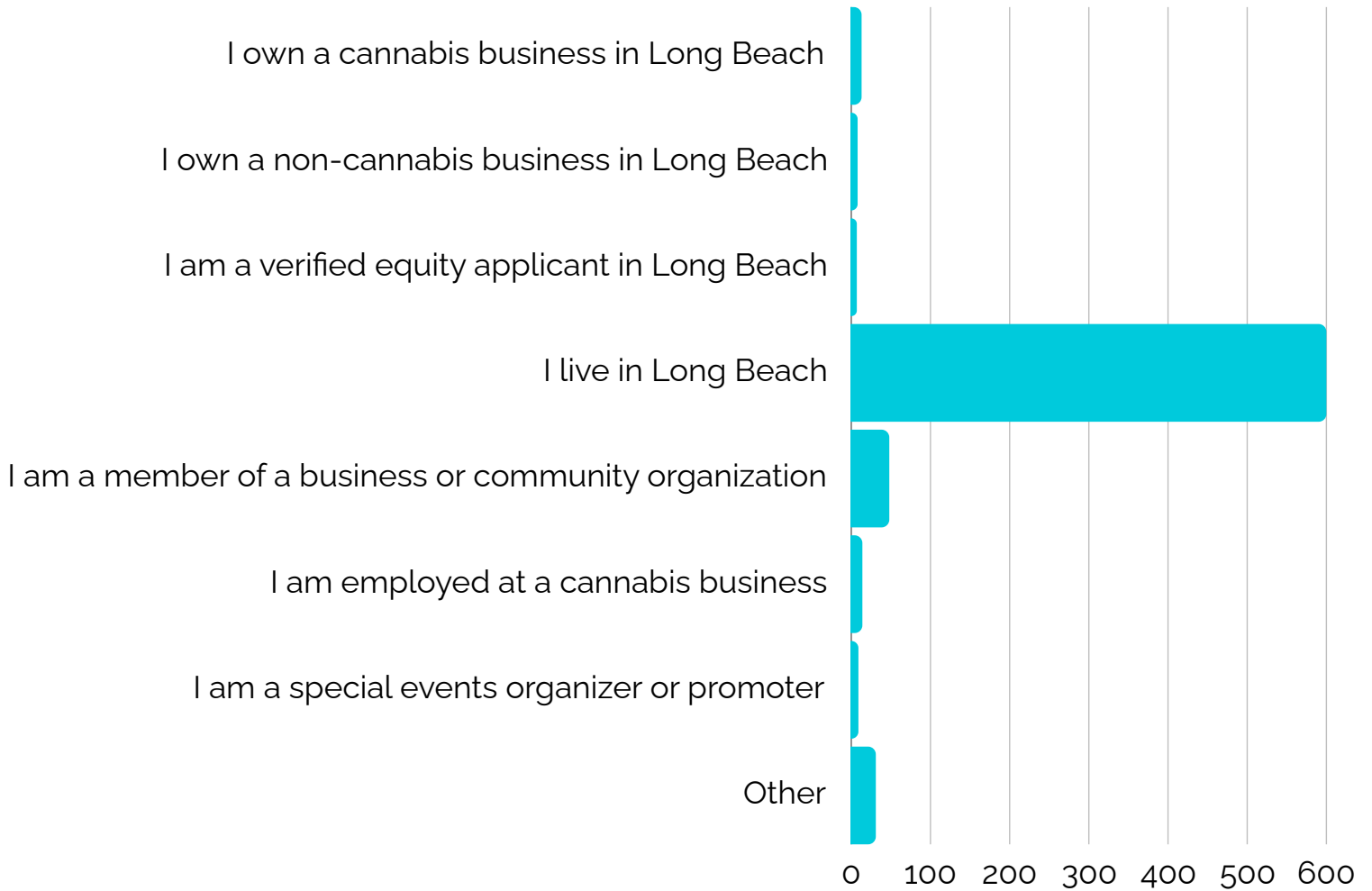
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(f) A temporary cannabis event license shall not be issued for a premises that is licensed for the sale of alcohol or tobacco.

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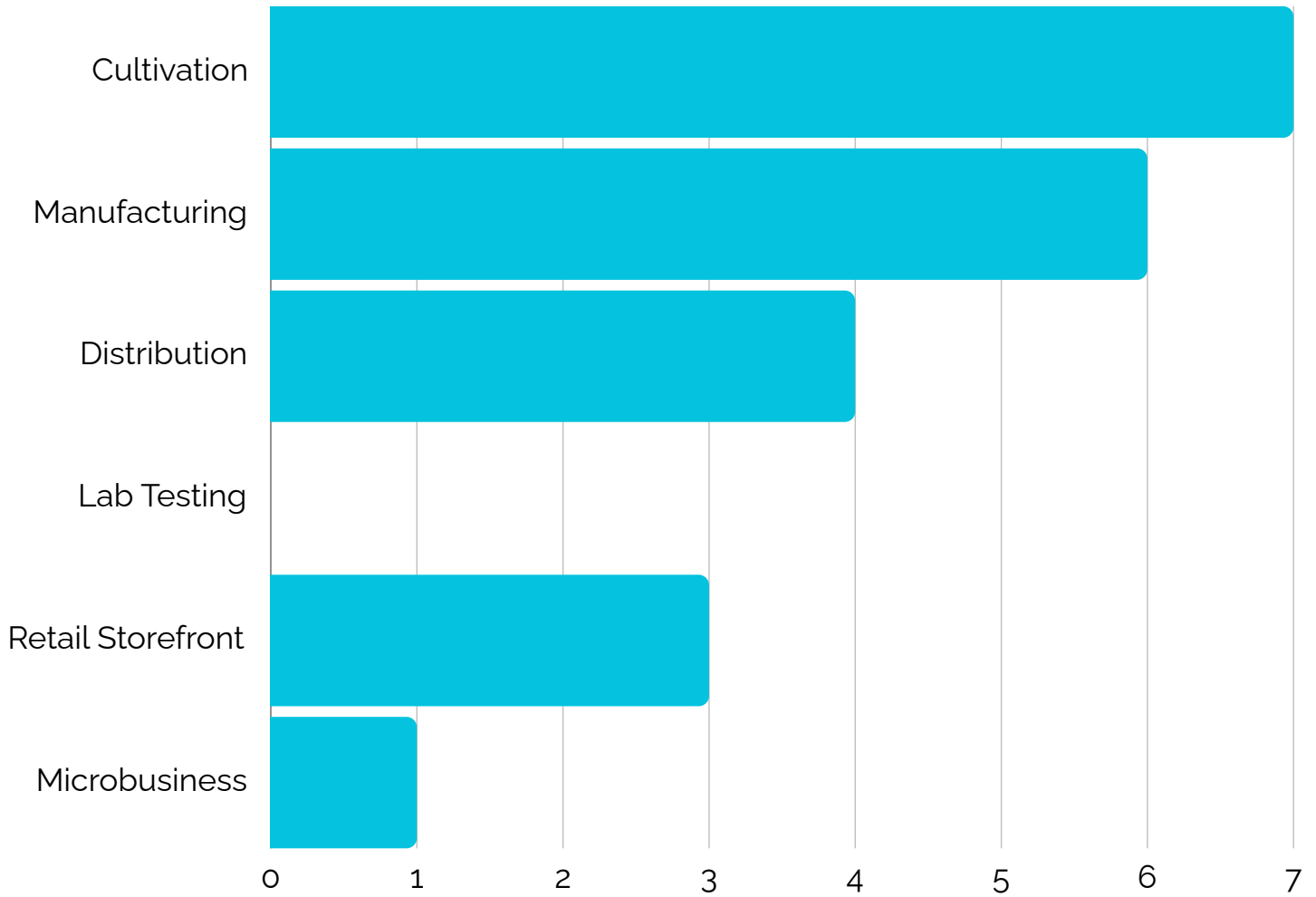
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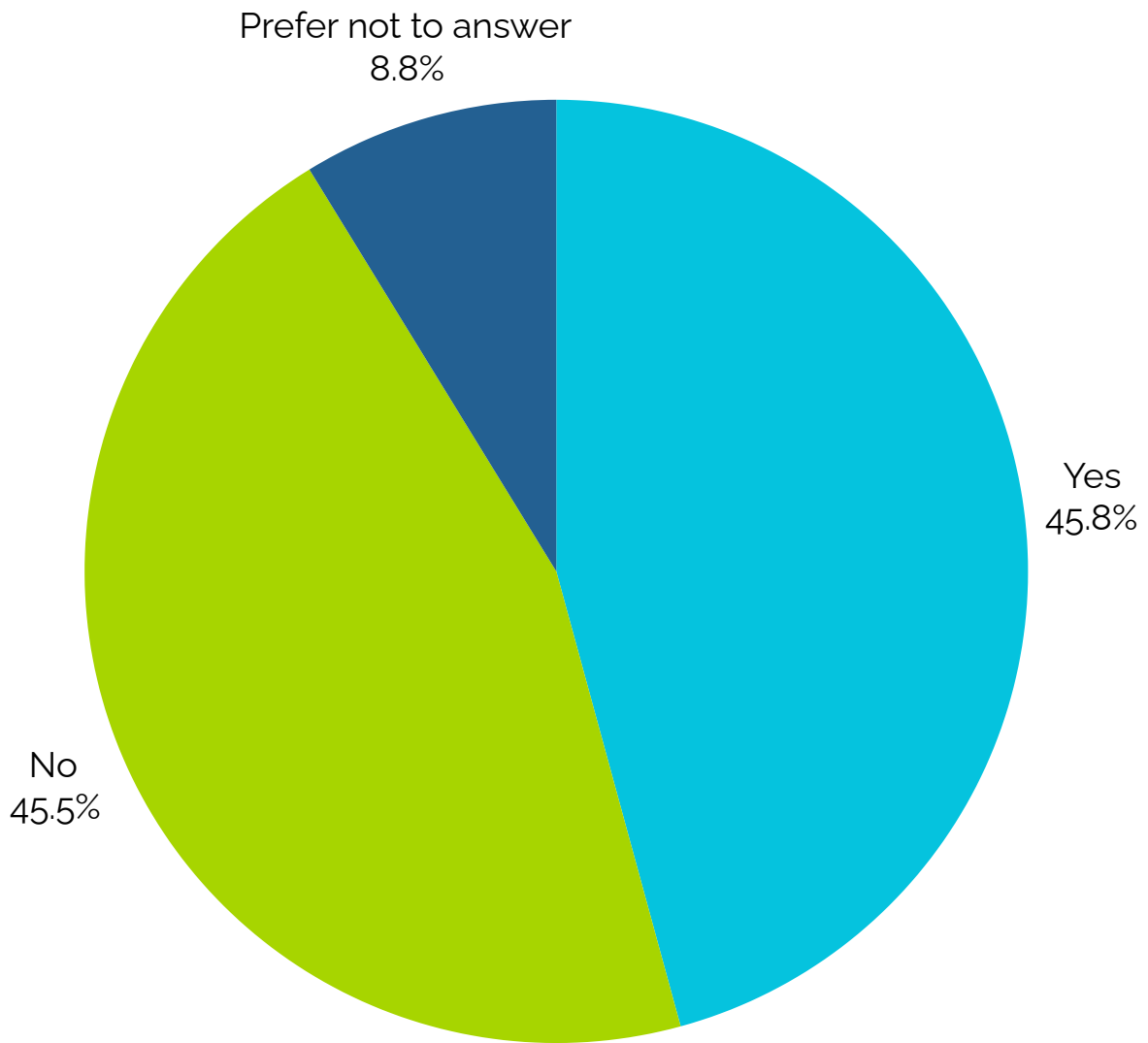
Question 2:

What type of cannabis business do you own in Long Beach?
Select all that apply.



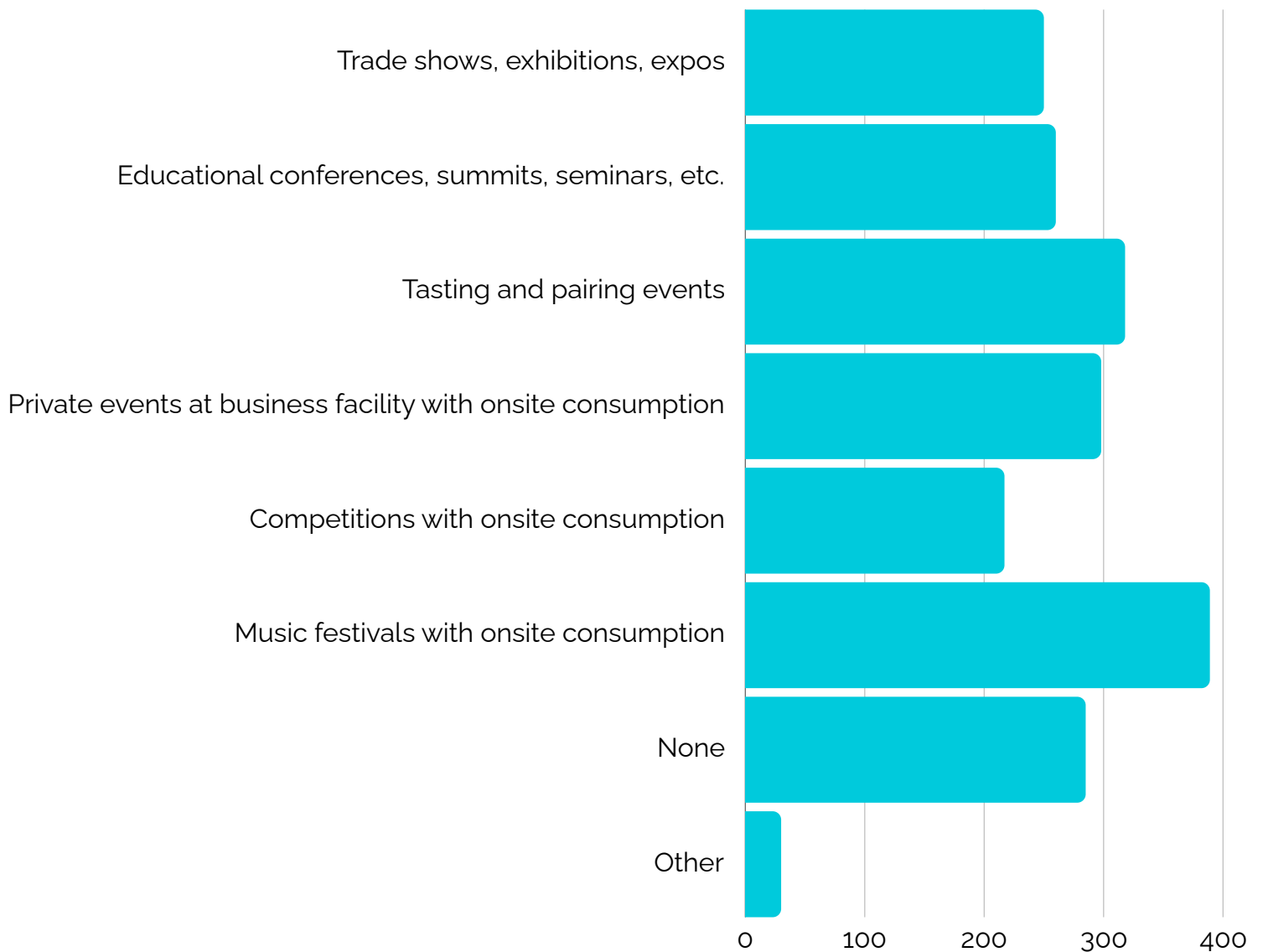
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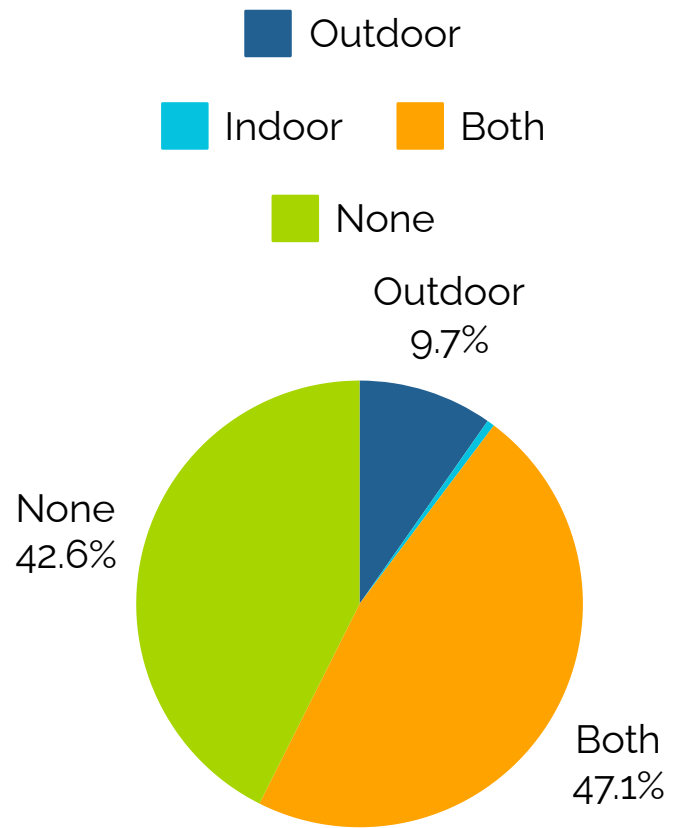
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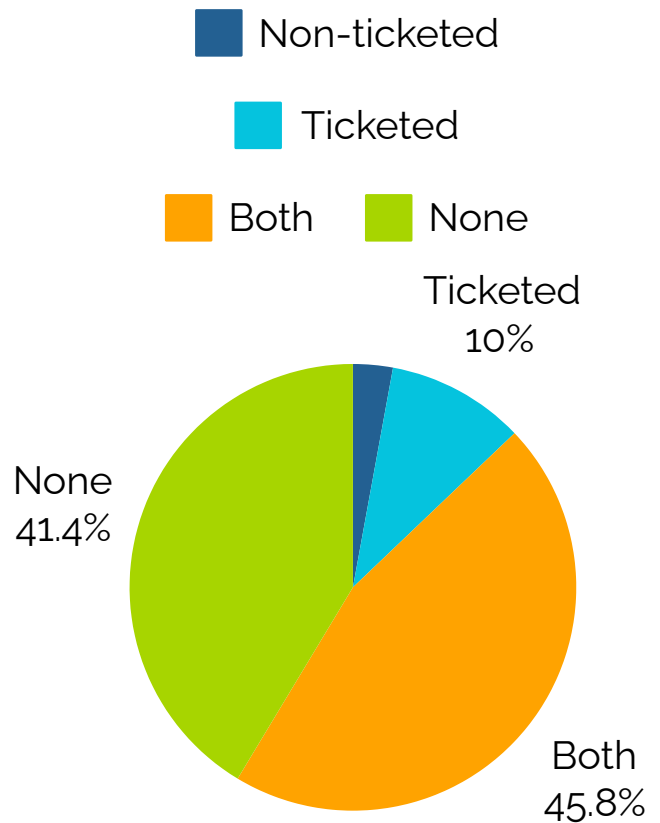
Question 5:

Are you interested in outdoor or indoor cannabis special events? Select one.



Question 6:

Are you interested in non-ticketed or ticketed cannabis special events? Select one.



Question 7:

If the City were to develop a cannabis special events ordinance, would you be interested in any of the following policy considerations? Select all that apply.

- Require large-scale events to partner with local cannabis businesses
- Prioritize cannabis special events permits for local cannabis businesses
- Limit the number of cannabis special event permits for large-scale events with onsite consumption
- Limit the number of cannabis special event permits for private events at business facilities with onsite consumption
- None
- Other



Question 8:

What concerns do you have regarding cannabis special events? Select all the apply.

- Onsite consumption
- Exposure to smoke
- Security
- Events hours
- Attendees driving under the influence of cannabis
- Types of cannabis products sold (i.e., edibles, flower, concentrates)
- Ability for local cannabis businesses to participate (i.e., cost of booth/entry fees)
- None
- Other



Question 9:

Is there anything else you would like to add as the City considers a potential cannabis special events ordinance?

- I prefer the City not establish a special events ordinance for cannabis
- No
- There are plenty of cities in California that host cannabis special events with little to no issues regarding security and consumption. I hope Long Beach can be one of those cities!
- It would be nice if there were both designated areas for marijuana & alcohol use at the same event.
- These is forward thinking and I am glad to see the city considering with a thoughtful approach.
- This is a great idea. Definitely should allow local cannabis businesses to participate in any cannabis related event .
- The City should also permitting cannabis consumption lounge permits exclusively for Social Equity applicants. Several cities (e.g., West Hollywood, Hawthorne, Palm Springs) already permit such businesses.
- N/a
- No
- Done correctly it could be good revenue for Long Beach. A positive outcome
- I'm worried that if they don't allow us to have legal events it will promote more black market events and consumption and sale of untested and unhealthy products. And by allowing events it will provide cultivators the ability for direct retail and help combat the monopoly of cannabis retail that is currently only the small handful of dispensaries like Havan. The current monopoly on retail is not fair for business and bad for the consumer ...
- Cannabis consumption should be allowed at any events that alcohol may be consumed and/or sold without limitation.
- N/A
- I think special events and Cannabis lounges would also add to allow LBC to enter into canna tourism. These attendees will also stay in hotels, eat in restaurants, etc.
- Similar to rules about liquor consumption, participants should be restricted from bringing their own cannabis to the event.
- No
- n/a
- No
- Please allow cannabis special events in the city.This will be in tax revenue and I fully support this.
- Don't red tape and fee us to a point that it is not feasible! We have our own security and paid for entertainment and we were made to pay so much in fees. Please for the love of Long Beach, do not do that! You will be doing the city a disservice. Allow Party on Pine to come back with love and support, please.
- Fully support cannabis events as long as it's equitable to local and smaller brands as well, the city could use the additional taxes.
- Ensuring a safe space for cannabis consumption, education and entertainment... straying from the 'norm' of 'smoke-fest' type events and setting the standard, creating a blueprint for other jurisdictions to follow.
- No
- Nope
- No
- Why is the city considering this.
- Only allow local LB cannabis stores to sell at the special events
- Partner with Uber or Lyft for discounted rides to and from the event even if it's only 5-10%
- No

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- Honorable members of the panel, I stand before you today to raise important concerns regarding the legalization and widespread use of cannabis. While much attention has been given to the potential benefits of cannabis for medical and recreational purposes, one crucial factor has been largely overlooked—those who suffer from cannabis allergies. Allowing the use of cannabis without considering the well-being of individuals with cannabis allergies is not only unfair but potentially harmful. For these individuals, even brief exposure can lead to serious reactions, ranging from respiratory issues to skin irritations, and in extreme cases, life-threatening conditions. We have banned the use of cigarettes and cigars in public spaces to protect public health, yet we are allowing cannabis, which poses similar risks, especially to those with allergies, to be freely used in many areas. While some argue that cannabis will inevitably face tighter restrictions in the future—much like tobacco did—this change could be many years away. In the meantime, we are placing vulnerable individuals in harm's way. Shouldn't we be proactive in safeguarding the rights and health of all members of society now, rather than waiting for years of damage to accumulate before taking action? In conclusion, I urge you to reconsider the unchecked allowance of cannabis use and advocate for regulations that take into account not only the rights of users but also the health and safety of those affected by its presence, particularly individuals with allergies. Let's strive for a balanced and inclusive approach that protects everyone. Thank you.
- Extra security
- No
- n/a
- <https://apple.news/A2iDpOz5hSzO23NkHPtkBxw>
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- Please educate the public on how the marijuana industry has changed (tripling THC levels and the neurological effects. Lots of studies on psychotic breaks). Provide education on addiction prevention, please don't create opportunities for these elements and people who benefit from victimizing the most vulnerable to be welcomed to harm people either by promoting the usage or by those using walking and driving our streets.
- The American Medical Association recently passed the following resolution attached in the link below "Advocacy for More Stringent Regulations/Restrictions on the Distribution of Cannabis"
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- https://mail.google.com/mail/u/0?ui=2&ik=68e8606686&attid=0.1&permmsgid=msg-a:r-5342926288830176896&th=1913d35cf4f91a81&view=att&disp=safe&realattid=f_lzodf8u00
- More educational information for the users
- The city needs to address the current vandalism and crime from drug dependent people in our communities and not add to it
- The smoking of cannabis in public places is out of control right now!! park where I walk smells of pot every day
- !
- Screen Participants with proper security measures
- Must have Security
- Cannabis users are not the problem with Long Beach and I believe a well organized event would go well. I believe that an organized line/pool like at other events with alcohol consumption for ride shares would be a great idea so that individuals don't consume and drive. If it is local, I believe the ease of public transportation via the train would be great.
- Should be allowed anywhere alcohol is served.
- Just ensuring attendees and organizers are respectful/considerate of the LB communities
- Ensuring participants are of age, encouraging events to give free or discounted tickets to designated drivers.

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- Are you kidding. I don't want any events in Long Beach to condone allowing any cannabis usage of any kind. What kind of example are we showing our young children and teens
- Just warn people like me in advance, so we can avoid it!
- I would prefer that it favor local businesses
- No make it happen
- No. But the fees are ridiculous.
- Second hand smoke controls and DUI checkpoints near events
- As a resident, Long Beach, I am completely against such events and think such events are detrimental to our city to our residence and will only cause problems
- no
- LBC should have consumption lounges the way beer has pubs
- The issue with marijuana that sets it apart from events including alcohol is that you can have a drink and not be drunk, but when you use cannabis product you are high at the time of consumption.
- STRONGLY OPPOSE MY TAX DOLLARS CONTRIBUTING TO THE PROMOTION OF CANNABIS USE. How about doing something radical, like repairing the copious potholes throughout the city's streets.
- I feel that cannabis special events are unnecessary and may encourage driving under the influence.
- Cannabis is not a safe or harmless drugs and should be outlawed.
- I am opposed to any event.
- I am concerned about the actions of those who are under the influence of cannabis at such events and surrounding areas.
- That shit stinks
- Clean the city up.
- N/a
- None
- No
- Are we really going to allow an intoxicating substance, that produces secondhand smoke, and harmful effects for our youth to be so widely consumed in public?
- I would like to know what additional security measures officials are considering for the events to ensure people are in a safe environment while under the influence of cannabis.
- Recognize how much money is generated by cannabis and cannabis sales, and recognize the science behind cannabis. Don't hide behind false conservatism. This is LONG BEACH, we should be making a name for ourselves in the world of cannabis events.
- No. It can easily be regulated.
- Keep fees for local businesses low!
- Events with alcohol already have most of the safeguards in place. Why not allow cannabis at these events?
- How to manage driving under the influence.
- no
- This type of special allowance simply is not necessary and does not support the broader good for our community.
- This is utterly wrong and should not be done.
- I do not see any advantage for the City to have such ordinance.
- I am mostly against the special events, the business on Pine has held several events and it was always an issue, closing the street, foot traffic, all which were issues for the neighborhood.
- Attendees driving under the influence of cannabis is number 1

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- Please focus on keeping everything from the vendors to the organizer, local. The proceeds should remain here, not just the tax revenue. Consider it a form of geographical affirmative action.
- Definitely worth looking into
- Just make sure you put some thought behind it, I'm not a fan of cannabis, but these events are similar to a beer or wine festival. It could help the industry out, just keep staff safety in mind. Try and avoid staff from having to walk into a room filled with smoke to do their jobs. And don't over burden these types of events with fees you wouldn't apply to a beer and wine festival. And last thing, we should limit we do per year.
- It seems unfair not to allow marijuana consumption, since alcohol consumption is allowed at these types of events. The smoke is a factor because it takes away consent from those in proximity. For this reason, I believe smoking of tobacco should also be reduced/enforced in public spaces and venues. All of that said, I believe these events are inevitable. My main concerns are driving because someone can seem fine with an edible if it hasn't kicked in yet, be allowed to drive, and then be driving high. I would also be very concerned about these events being in neighborhoods.
- NA
- Ensuring local cannabis businesses are prioritized for opportunities to plan/receive licenses for onsite consumption events.
- Avoid bringing in non LB Vendors or sponsors. Out of towners have little respect for community impact
- na
- N/A
- There is a growing body of scientific data that cannabis smoke is as harmful or worse (in terms of cardiovascular effects) than tobacco smoke. The same engineering constraints apply in closed - spaces - ASHRAE - the association of ventilation engineers clearly hold that it is not feasible to safely ventilate out indoor smoke. Outdoor events almost inevitably expose children and youth to cannabis smoking or odors and take us back in time before smoke-free air protections. They are contributing to renormalizing public smoking. On-site consumption lounges also renormalize smoking and inevitably expose workers. They are opposed by AHA, ALA, ACS and other organizations. In 2023 only 49 of CA 540 cities and counties allowed on-site consumption. 72 had ordinances explicitly banning temporary events, and others have non-codified policies. We strongly recommend that Long Beach not allow cannabis temporary events that involve consumption of cannabis. Temporary events involving sale should be at private indoor venues and also not involve on-site consumption. We established a careful limited licensing system to not drive up sales and consumption. Temporary events bypass the system creating additional points of sale and highly visible marketing in communities. Our research data with Kaiser, shows clearly that harmful use, including use during pregnancy and by teens (despite sales age limits) is proportional to the number of licensed retailers and distance to the nearest retailer. By adding additional points of sale in the form of temporary events you will only drive up consumption. The goal of cannabis legalization in Long Beach should be to stop incarcerating or arresting people for cannabis, to provide forms of legal access and to replace the illicit market. But it should not be to maximize sales or points of access. That additional tax revenue will only go to pay for more medical care for cannabis related harms. Cannabis is not an ordinary commodity. Note that 11% of young adults 19-30 are now using cannabis daily, a rate that has quadrupled since 1991. This reflects much higher rates of dependency. Cannabis related ER visits have risen dramatically including for cannabis induced psychosis primarily in youth, and also dramatically for older adults, many of whom are developing cannabis related cardiovascular disease (heart attacks and strokes). Cannabis being sold today in CA (flower) is 10 times stronger than 1970s cannabis. It is not in the public interest to make cannabis sales more ubiquitous. The cannabis industry is pressing for it, but as communities we need to put our children, youth and public health first. [Note: we - the Public Health Institute provide technical assistance around the state and nationally on this issue and have worked with partners in Long Beach, including local government, since early on in the legalization process]

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- don't allow any cannabis events, period.
- I would like the city to reduce the tax needed to purchase/sell cannabis products to make our local businesses competitive in the Los Angeles Cannabis market.
- We need to create this ordinance to help the cannabis industry to survive - we need more opportunities for cannabis companies to sell products at consumption events to compete against the black market who does these events all the time and without an ordinance or rules that they follow.
- I do not support this at all. I don't know why the city council seems obsessed lately with loosening all cannabis and alcohol regulations. I don't care if it brings more money to certain business owners, its a quality of life issue for those of us that live here.
- Please try to be ahead of the curve on this. Long Beach tends to be overly cautious in doing just about anything other cities with more active entertainment options have.
- we should allow cannabis consumption at events. Tap into another revenue source and make long beach a destination and leader in these type of events.
- Great idead to have thousands of high people get on our roads at the same time.
- We should not encourage it.
- There are enough people in Long Beach, residents and visitors, who do not have their wits about them due to mental illness, drug abuse and or alcohol abuse. Why add to this very serious problem? It isn't necessary.
- I wanted to share some feedback regarding the use of cannabis in small, enclosed spaces. I recently attended a club that prohibited any form of smoking due to the limited space, but despite this, the room was filled with smoke. As a result, I was exposed to secondhand cannabis and ended up feeling high, which made it unsafe for me to drive home. The experience left me feeling uncomfortable and concerned about the environment.
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- I believe the use of cannabis needs to be regulated more carefully, particularly in public or concert-like settings where not everyone may want to partake. It's important to consider the safety and comfort of all attendees.
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- Thank you for your time and consideration.
- The more cannabis is allowed at events, the people who prefer to smoke instead of drink will be able to do so at events, which is a LOT. I know if I can't smoke at an event, I force myself to drink. I would 1000000% rather be at an event with a bunch of high people than drunk people. Less alcohol consumption means less drunk driving, less sexual assault, less rowdy behavior and overall annoying behavior in public. Weed is the way.
- No
- None
- I think the most important items are ensuring that all vendors are fully licensed and that LB businesses are prioritized
- Enforcement of the black market prior to large-scale events .
- No
- Don't. Just because it's legal on the federal level doesn't make it right. A drug is a drug.
- no
- Come into the ER and see what partying with cannabis does to people. Imagine a hospital ward of young people having psychotic events... and all that can be done is to keep them safe from harming themselves, as there is no treatment. Rather than providing increased permission for cannabis use, should be considering how to limit cannabis use, and the extra funds needed to care for people having continued bad effects from cannabis use.
- No

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- should be illegal
- No
- None
- Make it happen
- Why do you want to make it so that its sold at the event.Should be folks just bring their own and enjoy themselves. Dont make it so commercisl.
- I think having on site sales and consumption is a great idea to bring in tax revenue and more tourist spending
- How is the city going to ensure the public is not negatively impacted by public cannabis consumption. Namely, attendees driving under the influence
- N/a
- na
- Not to pass it and I do not support it.
- There's no reason to make the streets even more unsafe with even more drivers who are under the influence of cannabis. We already have too many fatalities and injuries from motorists who speed, text and who are driving under the influence of cannabis, alcohol and opioids. Why do you want to overburden an already strained police department and put motorists, pedestrians, bicyclists and residents at risk? No cannabis at public events!
- This is a legal substance, regulate and have fun! We need to set a standard to make this a cannabis friendly city business friendly city and bring tourists to our great city.
- Yay!
- As someone who attends large events but is not a cannabis user, I am concerned about the smoke I will be exposed to and the smell.
- I think this ordinance would help the local economy thrive and support small businesses while making these activities safer for the community
- People under the influence of alcohol are more likely to be a danger than those under the influence of cannabis. Let the people enjoy themselves.
- No
- Cannabis should not be allowed to be smoked in public places. Unlike alcohol consumption which does not directly affect others, smoking cannabis DOES affect others with second hand smoke. I don't use cannabis but I should have the right to go to a concert and not be subjected to it through second hand smoke. Secondly, we do not have field testing capabilities to test drivers to see if they are driving under the influence of cannabis. I can not imagine, in any way, what our roads would be like if we increase the number of impaired drivers on them. It is a problem now with drunk drivers does the city really want to take on the responsibility of adding cannabis impaired drivers on the roads on mass numbers following a concert or event.
- As a Long Beach resident and tax payer, I am totally opposed to this idea.
- If tobacco is legal, weed should be too 2nd hand smoke is not an argument for this conversation since tobacco is allowed and worse for health DUI's are also not an argument since alcohol is allowed and is worse for health
- I am bothered by the smell and by the often obnoxious behavior of people who are high. Cannabis use should be restricted to private use — no public events.
- No
- No
- NO
- The City of Long Beach has been unable to enforce any of it's laws when it comes to cannabis and this would be one more that they would not be able to control with people only getting hurt and kill... Heath should be put before money and this idea is putting money before peoples health....

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- I find people driving drunk is far more destructive
- Marijuana is a gateway for other drugs. Why bring those type of individuals who use drugs to our community.
- Ensure that the general public doesn't have to deal with the smoke from the events.
- No
- NA
- No
- Exposure to second hand smoke can produce a failure of a mandatory safety test.
- None
- None
- Please do not allow
- Beer and alcohol is allowed at many social and private events. cannabis consumption should follow the same rules and restrictions.
- Make sure it benefits the community
- 21 year old or older to be admitted.
- N/A
- I do not consume, but I do think it should be allowed.
- This is a very bad idea. The city has a big enough problem with drinking and driving. This will only make it worse. Do not do this.
- No
- Don't be puritan like the east coast. They're losers
- Our household and the people we have met since moving to Long Beach, use cannabis responsibly. It's time to address that we exist and give us safe spaces to continue this interest we share in common.
- Long Beach is a leader in progress. Since moving here and seeing the way of life and the events it's literally the best city and we can be the first in the area to lead us into the cannabis forward thinking that will take us to new heights
- Absolutely against promotion of cannabis use and its portrayal as a harmless/healthy lifestyle
- None
- Think it's a terrible idea
- Preventing exposure to secondhand smoke (including vapes) is my main concern.
- No
- If you can drink in public, you should be able to smoke.
- Do not do this
- just make one
- What a bad idea.
- Keep it local as much as possible.
- I don't think this is a good idea for Long Beach. There are potential safety concerns.
- As long as cannabis events comply to age rules - 21 for all, 18 for medical - my only other serious concern is 2nd hand smoke.
- This would most definitely help bring the community together while also helping generate more fair taxes on the events
- Legalize it!
- This is truly ludicrous- I am fully against this.
- It's legal and should be allowed.
- No smoking of any kind would be the best policy.

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- Since cigarette smoking is prohibited at most, if not all, special events, I feel that smoking cannabis should be prohibited, as well. However, since alcohol is sold or available at most special events, I don't see why edibles, or something of that nature, should not be allowed.
- No
- Not to pass cannabis use at events
- There are numerous PSA signs around the city saying "drive even a little high, get a DUI" what is the city thinking? All participants at these events will be driving home HIGH!! We are retrograde in progress here. Does the city understand this?
- The cost for additional police and fire services, especially medical is going to be prohibitive For already overworked and understaffed place and firefighters it's just a really bad idea drinking and driving is already a problem. Why are we adding more fuel to the fire? It just seems dumb.
- No
- If you sell alcohol why not marijuana? People get way more out of control when drinking alcohol.
- People bring cannabis into events. Why not acknowledge it and allow local businesses to benefit? My only concern is people driving home, but that also applies to alcohol being served at events.
- Please don't bring us back to the 1980s where everything smells like smoke and people are getting second-hand exposure. I approve of the idea, but tight guardrails should be put in place if we're going to allow it in public spaces.
- No
- N/A
- No
- No
- no
- Taking is taking place anyway
- If we can purchase alcohol at events, mj should be no different. We all know it's far less dangerous.
- I think the freedom to enjoy and use cannabis has to be weighed against the health hazards that could result for large scale use in a confined area over a limited time.
- NO
- no
- No.
- .N/A
- I think making the cost of a potential license reasonable as I know the cannabis industry has been struggling in regards to finances. The taxes are already high enough on products so making it accessible for small cannabis businesses is definitely important to consider.

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- 1. Public Safety and Security Measures

- Ensure the ordinance includes detailed requirements for event organizers to implement safety protocols. This might include on-site security, designated consumption areas, and crowd control to prevent overconsumption or impaired driving.

- 2. Public Health Awareness

- Encourage event organizers to provide clear information on responsible cannabis use, possible effects, and where to seek medical attention if needed. This could also include partnerships with health organizations to offer education about cannabis consumption.

- 3. Community Impact and Mitigation

- Consider the potential impact on local communities, such as noise, traffic, and public nuisance concerns. The ordinance could require event organizers to develop plans that minimize disruption and address community feedback.

- 4. Environmental Considerations

- Require organizers to ensure cannabis consumption areas are properly managed to avoid littering and environmental degradation, such as discarded cannabis packaging or waste.

- 5. Permitting and Compliance

- Establish clear guidelines for event organizers on the permit process, including compliance with local, state, and federal regulations. This should include coordination with law enforcement and first responders to ensure public safety.

- 6. Age Verification and Restricted Access

The ordinance should ensure strict age verification processes at events to prevent underage consumption. Additionally, designate cannabis-use zones away from minors and family-friendly areas.

- 7. Economic and Tourism Benefits

- Highlight the potential positive economic impact of allowing cannabis at events, such as increased tourism and event revenues. It can position the city as a progressive destination for diverse events, benefiting local businesses.

- 8. Tax Revenue Allocation

- Consider including provisions for tax revenue from cannabis events to be allocated toward public health, safety initiatives, or local community projects to further benefit residents.

- 9. Event Diversity

- While music festivals may be a primary focus, the ordinance should allow flexibility for other cultural or educational events to include cannabis consumption, expanding the scope of its positive impact.

Addressing these points can help the city create a balanced ordinance that supports cannabis use while maintaining public health and safety, benefiting the broader community.

- No
- Allow cannabis at events, but in a smoking section only.
- Someone smoking/vapiing next to me at a concert is analogous to pouring a beer down my neck. My rental duplex at 435-437 Olive was devastated by the weed emporium on the corner of 4th and Olive; derelicts around the block meant not able to rent to families.
- This is different obviously but the eager embrace of the fast tax buck issadlyfamiliar. At the very least smoking/vaping should be banned 😞
- Most Special events impose upon the residents of Long Beach.
- No
- What will be the mechanism to ensure local small businesses and minority-owned businesses are actively supported through this ordinance?

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- Not at this time
- I would not attend them
- n/a
- I'm going to bring my weed to special events anyways
- Nothing
- no
- No
- Could there be a special area zoned off at events for the use of cannabis?
- No
- Special events attract crowds of people, most of whom arrive by private automobile. Unlike alcohol consumption, there is no measurable way to ensure that someone is not impaired if they have consumed cannabis, and allowing cannabis use at special events will only increase the number of drivers who are driving under the influence of cannabis.
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- Additionally, cannabis smoke should be prohibited at special events just the same as cigarette smoke is -- secondhand cannabis smoke can cause asthma attacks, as well as induce cannabis intoxication in people who did not themselves intend to smoke cannabis.
- There needs to be plenty of oversight and security during these event.
- I'm also concerned about people driving/biking under the influence after an event.
- What happens when a bunch of high drivers head home from an event. This does t sound safe at all. Will citizens be able to sue the events if they end up hurting someone leaving an event. Just like alcohol restrictions from bar tenders!
- N/A
- No
- Start as a pilot program
- nope
- 2 members of my immediate family have died from drug overdose, and it all started with cannabis use. Why would we consider - even for 1 minute - making it legal to use cannabis at public events?
- no
- Please restrict the use of cannabis vapors at events and other locations to minimize exposure to smoke and odor.
- No
- Lets do this!
- No
- Why did the City Council think this is a good idea? As I mentioned above there are already too many sanctioned entitlements contributing to bad behavior and fear of safety of our property and selves in our city. I happen to be a liberal but this is a stupid idea. Long Beach doesn't have to 'go along with other progressive cities' - I am so tired of the freedoms the rest of us have lost, like expecting our homes, property, and experiences in the city to be safe. Our city government is becoming so laughable and ineffective toward law-abiding residents, it is making me dislike where I live more and more.
- N/A
- I would prefer an edible and vape method over flower/smoke If this was permitted to go forward.
- city wide policies, regulations, and restrictions enforced so that everyone has clarity and security

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- If alcohol is allowed at event, then cannabis should also be allowed.
- No
- No
- We should do it
- I do think cannabis sales should be allowed at special events, even if I myself don't want to go to them. I'm not sure if that's clear from this survey
- N/A
- No
- No
- No
- No
- NO SMOKE AT ALL! Only edibles or in beverages or food.
- I am very opposed to cannabis at special events.
- .
- no
- No
- Please consider the message cannabis sends to children and youth and potential harmful impacts.
- This is not a good idea. It affects driving, behavior, etc.
- N/A
- If this passes, would like it to be reviewed annually of increases/ decreased crime rate, sexual assaults/roofied and drunk driving.
- not at this time
- Cannabis regulation should be the same as alcohol.
- I think cannabis use is less dangerous to the public than alcohol use when people get drunk and violent
- No
- .
- No
- No, but people will already be doing it, so.....
- No
- The public is not properly educated on the effect of cannabis on some people. For those with mental illness in their genes, cannabis use can bring it out. There are people that literally can't be taking in 2nd hand smoke. Wouldn't that be discrimination to not allow these people to attend an event? My other concern is young people attending and consuming an edible not knowing that's what it is. So I suppose it depends on the event and what type of cannabis is allowed, ages, etc.
- Will there be adequate police for checking for impaired drivers? There's not enough enforcement for impaired drivers currently!
- Please, please, please vote NO.
- DT has residents, it is not an entirely commercial area. You can't control where the odor goes, please don't subject us to this.
- Just as cigarette smoking is illegal and disgusting to be around, cannabis smoke should be treated the same. I have zero desire to get that blown in my face when trying to enjoy an event.
- N/A
- Maybe have a designated smoke area
- N/A

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- I have no ethical concerns with cannabis consumption. My only issue is smoking cannabis in public places because of exposure to smoke. Secondhand smoke from cannabis is problematic for several reasons. The most important for me is health concerns. Smoke of any kind is inherently harmful, and for people like me who have asthma, even more so. In addition, people in the surrounding area, even outside designated spaces, including minors, could be exposed to THC. The events cannot control the wind. Lastly, cannabis smoke has a very unpleasant smell. It makes me physically ill, to the point of gagging, even when it's at levels too low to trigger an asthma attack.
- Checking to ensure no minors are allowed at events and not allowing minors at Cali Vibes
- Once again I ask you to please consider other ways to make money for our city.
- My car has been hit while parked twice in the past year and I was told by police each time it was an impaired driver.
- No
- No.
- Cannabis used on site needs to be bought on site and the consumption monitored as with alcohol sales. Additionally the smoke from cannabis usage needs to be thought about. There are apartment buildings with families around these event centers. The long term effects of prolonged cannabis smoke effects for children needs to be considered.
- Bring them to the events
- No
- No
- Not safe for residents
- This is different than drinking, I can't get drunk sitting next to someone who drinks... but I can get high next to someone who chooses to smoke next to me. Not fair....
- No
- No
- The cannabis industry has done nothing for the city of Long Beach but send it further in decline. This once beautiful city is riddled with people who smoke cannabis whenever and wherever they want with no regard for other people.
- I would rather cannabis cafes be legalized so people who want to partake in a social atmosphere can do so in a closely controlled setting, while those who wish not to be exposed to it don't have to be exposed to it. If there were event permits I would want it only for events with an obvious cannabis tie-in. I think it could backfire on the city's image if people who would rather not be exposed to cannabis use have to endure it to attend a non-cannabis-related event or conference. Locally owned and run cannabis cafes and local suppliers would have more visitors and bring more revenue into the city through ongoing cafe operations than events. People at events can always still then attend the cafes.
- 18 or 21 ages plus at festivals where it would be slowed
- I will not partake unless the local community is involved and benefits from this motion
- None
- Completely against this.
- No alcohol allowed
- No
- If we allow alcohol consumption at events, I don't see how this is different—particularly if edibles are used and there is no secondhand smoke.
- I feel it's important to support Long Beach vendors. They're having a difficult time turning a profit with the current tax structure.

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- No
- Do not allow another activity that law enforcement cannot control. The current state of the LBPD does not permit them to control many current illegal activities or to respond in a timely manner to public safety concerns. Allowing another form of impaired driving or public intoxication will just be one more thing law enforcement cannot handle.
- I think cannabis use is equivalent to alcohol consumption at events. There would be less fighting involved with cannabis than there is with alcohol, so that's a big plus in my opinion.
- I want none of it in public!!
- I don't see the harm in allowing cannabis usage at events.
- People are already doing it anyway
- I don't care except I don't want someone else's second hand smoke at event or in adjacent neighborhood
- I believe cannabis should be allowed the same as alcohol. If someone is openly irresponsible with their consumption they should be asked to leave the same a drunk would. Safety and education is the most importantly step for growth.
- Anywhere you have alcohol, cannabis should be allowed.
- There will be an increase in car accidents, injuries, and fatalities in and around Long Beach and surrounding cities. The potency of the cannabis of today is NOT the same potency as the cannabis decades ago.
- Why does the city feel the need to encourage everyone to be a drug addict? Is there anyone rational representing this City anymore? Just say NO!! Is there actually an Office of Cannabis Oversight? Why is the City wasting scarce resources on this nonsense? STOP IT!!
- None
- You are creating environments where those who are made ill by the smell will be shut out of the events you reference. Is that equality? Is that consideration for all citizens? Let the smokers get high at home before they come out. People will be stoned while driving and the city will be complicit. Lawyers are salivating at this stupid idea and the city will pay tens of millions for its approval and participation in the traffic deaths and injuries caused by "high" people at a city approved smoke in.
- I do not have any issues when consumed at home, but when in public intoxication of alcohol, cannabis, or other controlled substances to excess becomes a public nuisance and should not be encouraged or allowed...
- Please don't approve this. It will expose people with allergies and sensitivities, and children to cannabis smoke.
- Please don't allow cannabis consumption at public events
- Please make this happen.
- No
- As an event professional, the liability is a nightmare. As an event guest, if it was a specifically targeted event, I would mind it less and make a choice on whether to attend or not. As a resident, I'm sick of being exposed to cannabis smoke in public spaces, drifting from neighbors porches, and trailing from the car in front of me while driving. I am not interested in having even more people driving under the influence with nothing being done.
- Cannabis is and can be fun, but when used responsibly and especially when there isn't a fear of being caught up being kicked out of events for it.
- Do not roll back health related ordinances which increase health issues for young and old. People can smoke in their private spaces..not public.
- It's a great idea
- California was one of the leading states fighting against tobacco smoke. I dont understand why you view exposure to cannabis smoke as less dangerous.
- Concern city is rolling back health laws just for profit with no recognition of the consequences
- Have you all lost your minds? Not \$1 of my tax money should go to this outrageous idea.

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- No
- I object to the approval of cannabis being sold at venues is because if I am PAYING to attend an event I don't want it spoiled by the smoke and smell of cannabis smoke.
- Nothing comes to mind immediately
- Why in a city that is struggling to deal with severe and chronic homelessness often resulting from substance abuse related to mental health issues would you choose to put people at increased exposure and risk? Oh that's right- money. This city needs to do better! You cannot control the exposure now at beaches, along sidewalks, etc. Enough - not everybody wants or needs to be high!!!
- We don't allow cigarette smoking, why do we allow cannabis smoking? For other types of cannabis that don't impact the experience for others, I look at cannabis consumption the same as I do alcohol.
- We don't allow smoking of cigarettes in public places anymore! Why would we allow public cannabis smoking?! Is this not a Secondhand smoke hazard as well?! I am disheartened and appalled my health is not considered. Not to mention the skunk smelling "aroma" we have to tolerate is far worse than any cigarette. I want and have a right to clean air to breathe. If someone wants to do this to themselves then do it in the privacy of your own home. Don't force it on others in public.
- Please consider emphasizing strict enforcement of existing laws to deter organized crime activity at such events and from attendees driving under the influence.
- N
- Limits on cannabis consumption
- Even though cannabis is legal, it should be regulated like liquor. ID required. Definitive penalties for driving under the influence
- This events ordinance should be careful efficient and not limit the potential of the city drawing in revenue and offering more freedom.
- No
- Long Beach proclaims to be a smoke-free city. Why are we even considering this?
- This is a really bad idea.
- This is not a road we, as a city, want to go down. What happened to being a smoke-free city?
- Prioritize local cannabis businesses, not chain cannabis business.
- If cannabis were permitted at events, it would raise even more of a concern with people driving under the influence. I would not feel comfortable going to events where this is permitted as I would not want to breath in the smoke and I would be concerned with those driving afterwards. We already have issues with people being irresponsible and drinking and driving, why add more to the mix.
- I am allergic to cannabis and would enjoy more of the events around the city if I didn't have to inhale second hand smoke.
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- No
- Isn't this contrary to the smoking laws/ordinances?I am not against cannabis use.I just don't want to be exposed to it when I am trying to enjoy an event. It triggers asthma attacks and has other health impacts that must be considered.
- Long Beach is known as a ghetto town. Gangs drugs trash homeless schizophrenics Hit and run _why don't we try and make the city a nice place instead of a bunch of junkies and drug addicts driving all over with inadequate police protection.
- None
- Weed consumption should be the least of everyone's worries. Alcohol poses more of a danger.

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- If smoking cigarettes is not allowed at functions why would smoking cannabis be allowed? Were trying to discourage drug use, not promote it! I feel it's a poor idea !!!
- I don't like the smell of it.
- It's almost impossible to police, as it's easy to purchase now that it's legal, and people will use before going into the event (and during) but I'm not a fan. We don't need to encourage it any more than it already is, because I don't think it's been a good thing as far as overall safety.
- Cannabis much safer than alcohol events
- No
- Disruption, nuisance to the neighborhoods near these events
- I don't smoke or consume cannabis in any form. Not my thing. But I absolutely believe people should have the right to choose to consume cannabis just as they do beer, wine, or other alcohol. In fact, from what I can tell, it's safer.
- It already exists at all major events. People bring in vapes and joints and you see it everywhere... constantly. May as well make sales off the product and legalize the use.
- Please do it. Be the pioneer.
- No
- Please don't allow for the recreational use of this drug on a large scale in our city. There are so many ways the city can spend their time and money to make this a better place for everybody, why implement mass drug use as a factor in city organized events? Local law enforcement is struggling to stay afloat with the many challenges of modern day society and our city cannot afford the consequences of large scale marijuana/ cannabis events. Dispensaries have taken over our family's neighborhoods, cannabis use growing in children that attend these events that later segway them into a life of other drug use, and with all the issues plaguing our city (crime, affordable housing, homelessness, etc), we do not need to have droves of people high on cannabis anywhere in our city.
- N/a
- Cannabis should be treated in the same way as alcohol at any public or private event.
- I respect those that consume cannabis, however, I cannot stand the smell of it.
- Non-cannabis consumers should be able to attend events in Lon Beach without being exposed to and/or inhaling second hand cannabis smoke.
- Please allow
- You cant even tackle the homeless problem first now you want to legalize cannabis at events? Who's to control teenagers at these events? We all know security at these events is bullshit and are 3rd party hires.
- Minors and their exposure to cannabis
- I am strongly opposed to a cannabis special events ordinance and urge the Mayor and City Council to prioritize the safety of Long Beach families nearby who will have to deal with all of the cannabis users driving under the influence as they drive away after these cannabis events.
- I do not want to be exposed to second hand marijuana smoke
- The times are changing, the city can get with it and benefit or be left behind. Are you a Netflix or a Blockbuster?
- no
- Public safety, too many accidents in Long t Beach already, we don't need to encourage cannabis at events, not fair for those who don't smoke to be exposed to smoke.
- No
- Not really

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- I'd like to understand why a non secure program like forms was used by our government to collect information? Data protection should be a higher priority than worrying about when and how often you can let people smoke. By requesting my email you are collecting PII.
- I think it will help local cannabis businesses, which is good for the city.
- Cannabis is a product that has proven its usefulness in treating conditions like PTSD and anxiety in adults. More education on this resource can help the legal industry gain a much-needed edge over the illegal operations that continue to undermine law-abiding businesses. The state must do more to crack down on these wanton growers, many of whom are in violation of other regulations related to immigration and property taxes, among others. We were told the high tax on cannabis would be used to benefit society but so far it's just a burden on law-abiding citizens and dispensaries who are adversely effected by illegal grow operations conducted by illegal immigrants. When is CALIFORNIA going to wise up and stop penalizing American citizens in favor of those who hate this country? And I'm not a Trump supporter, but I have problems with illegal immigration as it's directly harmed my family and our ability to work in chosen fields dominated by those who refuse to become citizens since it's economically beneficial to them to work in fields that cater to illegal immigrants.
- With a general no smoking ordinance already in place indoors ... it makes no sense to allow people to fire 🔥 up inside ... Outdoor gatherings, ie music festivals etc is completely acceptable to me.
- We need more education on the dangers of driving while high on cannabis and more education for youth regarding cannabis use.
- If alcohol is permitted at events, so should cannabis. No smoking ban on, should apply to cannabis.
- Cannabis is MUCH SAFER THAN ALCOHOL and yields way less dangerous effects to all that consume!
- Second hand smoke is real!
- Please aim to reduce all cannabis use.
- I would love to speak to the office of cannabis oversight regarding this matter and other matters regarding cannabis and the current state of the market with licensed operators and how events could greatly benefit those that are struggling.
- As everyone knows, people will use cannabis in public regardless of legality. Rather than continue to contribute to the stigmatization of use (which in turn contributes to its taboo/illicit appeal, and thus abuse), I think Long Beach should lead the way in destigmatizing cannabis in the same way that alcohol is destigmatized. I'm sure plenty of others will say this, too, but alcohol is considerably more fraught as a public substance--it more quickly and easily leads to violence, disruption, and of course intoxicated driving. While the latter is true of cannabis, I can say that having been to concerts and festivals for decades, I've very, very rarely seen cannabis use cause any problems--and I say this as someone who uses cannabis maybe five times a year, vs drinking alcohol fairly regularly.
- It encourages non users to begin using cannabis
- NA
- Very concerned with the potential for attendees to drive under the influence
- Cannabis smoke should never be around children!
- Don't allow it. Drug use should not be made public. Long Beach already stinks with garbage, urine and feces from the homeless. And every lower class area smells like a dispensary. This is a retarded idea
- Cannabis is no safer than alcohol and different. Cannabis permits should be similar to large scale public events that serve alcohol with similar safety nets.

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- Such an ordinance would further sanction drug use in public spaces, resulting in an increase in social disturbances among the crowd, driving while under the influence and access to minors, to name a few. The local authorities would be unable to monitor compliance with the new ordinance or deal with the consequences.
- No
- Unfortunately, events like these don't end well.
- No
- Don't let it happen, compromising our total values and city reputation for wholesome familytogetherness!!
- I can't think of anything.
- Impact on neighborhoods
- If people are not allowed to smoke combustible tobacco in public buildings and events there is no reason why the same rules shouldn't apply to cannabis. This is a silly debate.
- No
- No
- I think it is a bad idea, taking things in the wrong direction!
- Second hand smoke is a big concern.
- (I am a professional event planner)
- Concerns for youth being exposed to smoke or access to Cannabis
- We have countless festivals that are alcohol-focused. Every music festival/concert in the city sells alcohol. I believe that alcohol is far more dangerous to consume, then drive. However, whether it be alcohol or cannabis, people are going to drive regardless, which is an unfortunate reality. It is the individual's responsibility to have transportation to and from the venue whether they are consuming cannabis or alcohol for the event. I do think that indoor events NEED to have proper ventilation, considering non smokers like myself do not want to get second-hand high and have to drive home after an event. If there is a way to have a standard for this to avoid indoor venues from being "hotboxed" (term for entrapping smoke in a small area, making everyone in the room inhale the smoke), I could definitely get behind it. I think that people should be able to at least vape/take edibles like another person can go buy their 5th beer of the night. Maybe if it's regulated to only allow vape/edibles to be sold at indoor venues, it could work out. Also, I think it would be awesome if we make it mandatory that cannabis at venues and events are from local businesses. This could help continue LB's economic prosperity.
- I understand that this is a difficult decision that is quite rough to navigate. I trust that the leaders of LB will make an informed decision on this matter. Thank you for reading my take :)
- Intox levels much higher and less controlled than alcohol. Very concerning. Seems quite risky.
- N/a
- Drifting smoke is bothersome and unhealthy. You can have a cup of beer at an event and its consumption does not affect the people next to you. Smoking cannabis does. It drifts and impacts everyone near by. What message does this send about the health of our community
- People attending City sponsored events should not be subjected to inhaling second hand smoke from cannabis consumption. Just because cannabis is legal now doesn't mean that people have the right to smoke it anywhere they want to, especially because of potential impairment and health related issues for non-consumers . Alcohol is legal in Long Beach but you can't drink it while operating a motor vehicle. You can't smoke cannabis near childcare centers but it could be allowed at a City sponsored event where children might be present. The City should consider the ramifications of unintended consequences that may occur as a result of authorizing this potential ordinance.

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- I want to help! I love cannabis and it has saved my life on more than one occasion! More people need to understand the truth about this God Given Natural Herbal Miracle!
- Keep an open mind around this discussion, and educate those involved about the facts about cannabis; especially cannabis vs. alcohol.
- Consider where in the city these events will be held and the amount of traffic it may cause the city
- No
- No
- Na
- No
- nah
- No safe for kids and ppl who don't smoke or do drugs won't feel safe around those people, why can't we just have fun without getting high?
- Out of consideration for non smokers we might want to have designated smoking areas for consumption. Other than that there is no reason Cannabis should be deemed more dangerous or intoxicating than alcohol - which is downright encouraged at all types of events. Thank you!
- No
- I want to participate
- N/a
- None at the moment.
- I think it's a great idea
- Allow it it is legal!!
- While I don't partake, I don't see this as any different than alcohol and I think it should be regulated as such.
- No
- People should smoke it at home not in public events where non smokers have to put up with the smell and the consequences of people being high. It is not a good idea and I dont agree. Concerts and public events are to be enjoy not to be dealing with this kind of issues
- Not exposure to smoke but exposure to smell. By the way I'm a senior citizen.
- Is the city going to be liable for any harm that comes from accidents caused by someone driving under the influence or accidental overdose. I don't think that allowing cannabis use at public events is a good idea. The city is just asking for more problems
- It would be a great source of revenue and marketing for the city.
- THE CITY SHOULD ALLOW CANNABIS USE AT ALL MUSIC EVENTS. WHY NOT..... LETS FACE IT CANNABIS SMOKE IS FAR LESS DANGEROUS THAN SMOG THAT COMES OUT OF ALL THESE CARS DRIVING AROUND.
- No
- no
- Permits granting cannabis use at any public event should not be approved.
- Keep price in mind, require the events to include informative events about responsible consumption and more actual community outreach
- If the event is all about cannabis, I don't care. People can do what they want. But if the event is some other cultural or art event and people can go there for another reason, then the smoking should be limited to one area.
- Is there a city that has statistics on permits similar to what Long Beach is seeking to do?
- I think it's a great idea and should be moved forward
- Security and enforcement guidelines

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- It would be much safer for the city to host these events instead of the community having to go underground and do these events in private, which is what's currently happening it makes it feel more unsafe than it should considering this legal. The city should make it as easy as filing for a yard sale permit. Especially if The event is sponsored by a cannabis company or dispensary.
- I would like to add that the city should prioritize event licensing opportunities for equity recipients within the city's equity program. We have yet to see meaningful progress in overcoming the barriers that exist within the cannabis space, largely due to the lack of opportunities and the failure of previous initiatives. Prioritizing these opportunities for equity recipients would be a crucial step in addressing these ongoing challenges and fostering more inclusive growth within the industry.
- NA
- What about regular citizens?
- I think cannabis use at public events is a lot safer than alcohol use. People are nicer and less violent after consuming cannabis than they are after consuming alcohol. Cannabis also is reported to wear off faster than alcohol, so I'm not as concerned about those citizens driving home then I am about people who drink and drive. Alcohol is a neurotoxin and a carcinogen. Cannabis is neither. Therefore, I think cannabis is safer than alcohol, and if alcohol is legal at these events, then cannabis should certainly be legal at these events.
- Please consider the unintended consequences of this.
- People are already using at events now so might as well let them. I would prefer people not smoke if other options are available. Outdoors not that big a deal.
- I believe Cannabis and Alcohol should have the same ordinances.
- None
- Cannabis should not be allowed at concerts
- If smoking tobacco is restricted so should cannabis.
- na
- To be thoughtful on the branding and marketing because there is a negative stigma on people that consume cannabis.
- For the sake of public clarity and in the interest of overcoming the tendency toward moral panic, any policy that the City develops concerning the permitting of cannabis sales and recreational use ought to reflect, to the greatest extent possible, existing policy concerning the same with respect to alcohol.
- In a world where we're trying to outlaw tobacco smoking, it seems like you are trying to encourage Marijuana smoking... WHY? Smoking is extremely unhealthy and the secondhand smoke from Marijuana is just as bad and probably WORSE. What about driving under the influence? Do we have enough Police Officers to check for DUIs at these events? Who is paying for them? What happens if there is a DUI that injures or kills someone? Will they sue the city for encouraging and permitting these events?
- Get the suggestions listed by health care industry implemented before you start promoting more Cannabis events. Limit THC levels, limit both medical and recreational THC to 21 years old. Enforce the existing laws (no black market, test all cannabis for banned pesticides)
- No
- This is absurd. When was the last time someone was cited for smoking weed anywhere?
- The city should focus on prioritizing event licensing opportunities for equity recipients in the equity program. The lack of progress in removing barriers in the cannabis space is largely due to limited opportunities and ineffective initiatives. Prioritizing equity businesses for event licenses would help overcome these hurdles.

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- The city should make it a priority to provide event licensing opportunities to equity recipients within the equity program. The barriers in the cannabis industry persist because of a lack of opportunity and initiatives that have fallen short. Focusing on this would help to overcome some of these longstanding challenges.
- We should definitely try this out. Long Beach is ready!
- Sounds like a nightmare to regulate
- N/a
- Make this illegal.
- Safety
- I would recommend that the city prioritize event licensing for equity recipients as part of its equity program. We have not seen substantial progress in addressing the challenges in the cannabis space, and this is largely due to the lack of opportunities and previous initiatives that did not deliver. Giving priority to equity recipients would help alleviate some of these challenges.
- Do it!
- No
- A lot of cannabis is already used at events, especially music festivals. The City might as well regulate and benefit from it
- Attendees at these special events will most definitely find ways to bring their own cannabis products through security, as well as other possibly illegal substances, how would the ordinance handle consumption followed by influenced negative behaviors of these attendees? Security should be a main focus as well
- LBPD needs beefing up before you consider a "policy" decision on the City "hosting" these types of events to the general public. Whether individual business owners want to accept said liability, is their business.
- I think we should talk about the drinking situations in Long Beach I haven't met many problematic cannabis users
- I would encourage the city to prioritize event licensing for equity recipients as part of its cannabis equity program. There's been little success in breaking down the barriers in this space due to limited opportunities and failed past initiatives. Prioritizing licensing for equity recipients would provide much-needed momentum for the industry.
- Make it legal!!
- This is a recipe for disaster.
- I believe the city should focus on prioritizing event licensing opportunities specifically for equity recipients within its equity program. The lack of progress in overcoming barriers in the cannabis industry, due to limited opportunities and unsuccessful initiatives, remains a significant issue. Prioritizing these licenses would provide much-needed support to equity businesses.
- Cannabis consumers are a sort of "Special Interest Group", and I feel that the City supports so many groups who have a particular interest (gun owners, comic book fans, the LGBT community, Halloween fanatics, Hair and Makeup enthusiasts) it should have the same consideration for Cannabis Consumers.
- No
- Don't do it. You are ruining long beach.
- no
- Is this purely to increase city revenue?
- nope, do it already pls
- A bar that is made for cannabis consumption
- N/a
- Maybe sections for usage, like smoke areas.

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- The city has the opportunity to create a new economic niche that would help cultivate business and tourism for cannabis like other local cities such as LA and Hollywood have done with on site cannabis consumption
- SHOULD NOT BE ALLOWED
- Keep smoke out of public streets and sidewalks and restaurants.
- Lower the pot tax.
- Make it happen
- Bout time
- Is there really a need for this? LA has tons of these types of events. Is Long Beach a good place to raise a family and start a career, or is it party central?
- I don't see how it's worse than alcohol consumption at events- where it's consistently permitted
- No
- You can do itttt
- Go for the weed!
- The City should consider the additional liability costs and risk for allowing these events to take place. The second hand smoke exposure to event attendees and event workers is a public health risk.
- No
- Are there legitimate tests for cannabis impairment? I am most concerned about impaired driving after events.
- These people will be under the influence of a drug, they will endanger others if they drive a vehicle & also pollute the air with their drug, which if is a whole room smoking can get by standees high by just breathing that garbage in.
- DUI for cannabis users
- Any large outdoor music event already has everybody consuming, might as well make it legal and allow local businesses to sell there.
- Strong and bad odor being forced on everyone nearby.
- No
- NA
- I really think that anything that affects a persons ability to function at 100% (ie: drugs, Cannabis, alcohol) should be allowed to further its' distribution or sale!
- I have asthma and passing by any cannabis smoke irritates my breathing. Please do not approve any cannabis use at any events
- No
- As a city we should not be promoting the use of any type of marijuana.
- Do not allow cannabis events. It is not a good thing to do
- Consumption should be permitted at all special events
- Don't allow it! Why are you encouraging drug usage? You have no clue how addictive this crap is!
- N/A
- No
- None
- No
- Opposed to this.
- If people can get wasted off their asses I should be able to enjoy a joint and lay in the sand at a festival lol
- It is my hope that the City can come away from this survey with a favorable consensus on holding Cannabis consumption events.
- Age limits at such events

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- We should make this easy so that special events like this want to come here, but we should have strict rules about underage consumption and we should work with police dept and event coordinators for enforcement of law and prevention of underage persons who could have harm come to them
- Cannabis consumption should not be limited to special events. It is time for LGB to allow consumption lounges. They already exist in SF, WeHo, and Palm Springs, to name a few.
- NO
- Not sure why this is needed in our city???
- I would love for our city to allow these events and bring in the additional revenue that we have seen in other cities who have done the same.
- I think this is a great idea. I look forward to seeing cannabis be more accessible and safe in our community.
- n/a
- If the situation can be properly and safely managed, I do think allowing cannabis use at events will boost attendance more often than not
- Let people be happy and the event producers decide what's best for their audience
- Please do not allow cannabis at special events. I will not attend any special events that allow the sale and/or use of cannabis.
- With all the already existing local businesses that are thriving. The city should allow social equity applicants should have first priority to licensing.
- I think this is a great step forward for the city.
- No
- I would hope the City would prioritize local/equity participants to host & produce the products for said events.
- No
- This is a TERRIBLE idea. There's no way on earth this will be limited to events. It will just encourage more walking around on the street smoking weed
- Yes - please do not allow such an ordinance to go any further. It is NOT a realistic type of option to promote at concerts, events, etc. that people are attending to share on-stage entertainment - it might enhance for some users of cannabis products - BUT might also detract and cause physical harm (smoke, over-enthusiastic partakers, etc.) - Please do not allow this ordinance to proceed any further in the "approval" stage.
- Seems like a good way to bring resources into the City, without having to worry about drunk behavior.
- I understand the city wants new means of revenue (which presumably such an ordinance would create), but please not at the cost of turning Long Beach into a purple haze.
- I've used marijuana as a medical tool for 59 years. That said, I don't think it's wise for any city to have on-site events where consumption is a given. Too many people don't understand how to properly use this medicine.
- Please be aware that people may want to attend events but will not be able due to the cannabis smoke. Many people have allergies to the smoke or it impacts them tremendously in a negative manner.
- no.
- Why in the world is our government promoting a drug that is known to lead to other addictions. I am tired of tax payer money being used to promote a drug, it can be used for more important issues. "NO" on cannabis special event.
- Please approve this ordinance.
- No
- This is a solution to a problem that doesn't exist. If this is permitted, it will actually create problems.
- not at this time

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- The sale of cannabis products at events could be considered the same way alcohol is sold and consumed at events and just like existing events that sell alcohol, have designated ride share locations for participants to utilize.
- Great opportunity to show off the City of Long Beach
- No
- It is already a challenge to move throughout the city without being exposed to cannabis smoke. There is no enforcement of rules that prohibit public consumption of cannabis. You can't contain cannabis smoke. It is contradictory to have a non-smoking philosophy for our community and to allow cannabis consumption at public events so people can make more profits. People who live here deserve to have a smoke-free environment.
- Events would be great. Many people don't drink and don't feel welcome at all of the various beer, wine, Oktoberfest, etc. events hosted throughout the city.
- I think that allowing LBC adults to have a choice of legal consumption at events will only increase Community cohesiveness and revenue.
- no
- Smoking cannabis or vaping or using a bong should not be permitted at any indoor or outdoor event considering cigarette smoking is not permitted, neither should cannabis smoking of any type be permitted.
- No
- No
- I support allowing cannabis at events in Long Beach as long as safety for all is prioritized, similar to alcohol consumption.
- please allow
- Should not be sold to underage users
- No
- People should be able to enjoy cannabis products in public the same way they do alcohol.
- Consider the harms of young people that see the advertising and how it contributes to the normalization of use. Our young people are struggling with high THC products and ease of availability. What safe guards will you put in place— especially in regards to driving under the influence.
- none
- I believe that cannabis smoking at public events will expose others to a "contact high" when that person doesn't use (I have experienced this). There is no way to avoid the smoke. For impressionable youth, this gives the impression of drugs (legal or not) being okay to consume, without giving any facts about drug use.
- The licensing should be made exclusive to social equity businesses since the city has yet to issue a single license to a social equity business.
- This would cause a number of problems seen and Unforeseen that the City of Long Beach or Long Beach Police Department would be able to enforce as other things when it comes to Cannabis.
- Why does the City believe we need to have these events? Let other cities do it, we already have enough druggies & drunks that are problematic without giving another excuse to use. The City will whore itself for money that's squandered on projects that are meaningless ie: synthetic soccer field @ El Dorado Park.....🤔🤔
- N/A
- No
- No
- Age limit of attendees

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- Against cannabis unless a person has cancer or something.
- No, thank you.
- Oppose the event
- I am not in support of any cannabis special events. This is will to more people driving under the influence. If these events take place in the future, the ordinance and permitting process should be very strict.
- I think it's a great idea
- Consumption and exposure of smoke should be prioritized when weighing risk to the community
- Never allow it police can't handle the work load they already have
- No
- I oppose cannabis events in our city. As a teacher of high school students I prefer that we not embrace or promote mind altering substances. Let's present healthy options for relaxation to our adults (role models) and our youth. we have enough drug and alcohol problems. We do not need our city to condone or promote it. Please think responsibly 🙏
- Let's not.
- When voters legalized the creation of cannabis stores, it was not with the idea that these businesses would be the place to host celebrations for open use. Cannabis retailers should remain specialized businesses to sell. Not to invite people in to consume.
- Did we vote to approve this? Liquor stores and Bars have separate licenses. Bartenders have to go through specialized trainings. Who are the people you play to let serve our community this cannabis? are they trained and licensed??? do they have the community's best interest at heart? Probably not.
- no
- N/A
- Consider applying similar guidelines to those used for on-site alcohol consumption
- As alcohol is available at outdoor events, I think Cannabis should also be available.
- .
- I really don't think this is a type of event the City of Long Beach should encourage or promote. While cannabis consumption is legal in California, it still has the ability to alter a person's behavior. We don't allow public intoxication due to alcohol consumption. Why would we allow public cannabis consumption which can lead to intoxication-like behavior? Also, the studies are not complete on the long-term effects of cannabis consumption. Until we know what those are, the City should not promote something which can potentially be harmful.
- Bad idea
- i support a special cannabis ordinance
- I think we should take advantage of this as a money-making opportunity for the city to use to tackle homelessness
- Don't we have enough issues with drugs? Why have an event that could have very negative consequences.
- Reduce the rapacious taxes on cannabis sales.
- Any regulation that enables alcohol at events should be reviewed for its relevance to cannabis. The rules, permits, and availability should be very similar.
- No
- I don't think we should have it. Enough with the tourism push, we need more and better jobs --- here.
- The City does not have a sufficient Police force to respond to the general needs of the public. IE: Broken on-line system to self-report incidents; not being able to respond to a hit and run scene when an excess of \$20K of car damages occurred, seemingly after the bars close along 2nd Street.

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- No kids at events
- Smoking and Vaping of cannabis is dangerous to the health of the user (event attendee) and second hand effects on other attendees (according to the federal government Centers for Disease Control, American Lung Assn., etc. Smoking/Vaping of cannabis at these special events should not be allowed. California State Cannabis rules must be followed (No tobacco or alcohol sales, no attendees under 21, etc.) Long Beach, by its Tobacco Control ordinance, proudly works to protect public health, especially for our youth, by not allowing smoking and vaping of tobacco and any weed products (i.e. cannabis). Protecting the health of the public of all ages (employees, visitors, residents, young people is of primary importance. Cannabis special events should be carefully limited to items that don't endanger public health.
- I do not advocate for cannabis sales or consumption in any way and would prefer it not be allowed on 2nd street, in shops in the shore, and anywhere else in long beach. It is an offensive and dangerous gateway drug for many harder substances and the outright sale of it should be illegal like it was for so long before the current laws changed!
- Event attendance must be restricted to age 21 and above. Consumption must not include smoking or vaping, because exposure to others is harmful. No alcohol or tobacco sales can be allowed. Consumption or use of alcohol or tobacco must be prohibited.
- Don't consider any cannabis event.
- N/A
- I would like any such events to be strictly regulated and to have significant security, as well as some way to prevent persons under the influence from driving motor vehicles after attending such events.
- Yes, stop this BS. The survey is horribly biased towards allowing this to happen. What a joke
- I am wholeheartedly against permitting Cannabis events in Long Beach. No event should be allowed at the beach or in any City Park or Recreation Area. No events at any Long Beach Schools, nor near Long Beach Schools. No events in regular grocery stores, cafes and restaurants that are family eating venues, no permits on any premise at PCH & Second ANY TIME. No events on boats and yachts or any water ferrying vessle. No sponsorship of any youth event by organizers. All tobacco control ordinance provisions should apply. Any event must pay, in advance, for its own fire, police, and hospital tax for overdose. In advance, all event owners/coordinators must pay in advance for any City legal fees associated with any event or post (related event, including those of participants.) If the venue is near a residence, school, or public facility, such as the beach, parks, tennis courts, it must be completely enclosed with air purifiers required. The permits are suspended completely 3 months prior and after the 2028 Olympics, because, can't be an Olympic hosting city that has any honor, with Cannibis as your new brand. Truly abysmal this is happening in Long Beach. Unforgivable really. City MUST complete an economic Risk Analysis prior to moving forward. The Health Department MUST complete a survey on Health Impacts similar to an Environmental Revies prior to a move forward. This survey is woefully incomplete regarding the city offices that should be involved in the assessment.
- Onsite consumption can ruin events for people who can't tolerate cannabis smoke.
- Great that you are doing a survey on this.

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- Cannabis should never have been legalized. Merely decriminalizing sale and consumption would have been enough for everyone to get their smoke on without also subjecting the rest of us to massive outdoor and print marketing and advertising of another substance harmful to public health. Our children do not need to see billboards normalizing consumption, and the city does not need to be coerced by the cannabis lobby into allowing public sale and consumption of their products. These folks are doing just fine with their dispensaries and home delivery. Please do not encourage cannabis consumption at city permitted events. I understand the city is mandated by Mayor Richardson to find any new sources of revenue to replace our waning oil income, but please, can we draw the line where public health is a factor?
- Nothing to add
- To promote the equity/social justice aspect that LB has considered in opening local cannabis businesses, I'd hope they'd give preference to local, black/brown owned business over larger corporations.
- would be amazing for Long Beach to lead the way with live cannabis events
- The city needs this! It would be an incredible way to stand out, drive tourism dollars and highlight what makes this community so special.
- no
- Let's get more large scale cannabis events going — it's time and there's demand!
- Bringing in music and food vendors would be awesome!
- I think it's great for our city to be at the forefront of changing the conversation and working to destigmatize cannabis in our community
- NO Parking IN residential Neighborhoods. This creates issues for residence being unable to park in front of their own homes
- Stronger support for cannabis business and consumption. Better education. Support for cannabis lounge where cannabis can be consumed (like bars for alcohol, but for cannabis).
- Advise surrounding areas in advance by a minimum of 2 weeks for potential odors from cannabis consumption on permitted premises for special events.
- What if youth are there?
- Cannabis smoke is everywhere these days. The City did a great job of taking tobacco smoke out of public places. We breathed clean air for a few years. Now we smell cannabis on the beach, in parks, walking down the street, etc. I don't ever want to smell either tobacco or cannabis smoke. Thank you!
- I am more worried about the exposure to smoke. Attending an event is not consent to be surrounded by carcinogens present in smoke. I think it is a strange double standard to start making exceptions for cannabis smoke during special events while the rules are pretty clear for second hand smoke from cigarettes.
- N/A
- Monitor the streets for possible drivers under the influence of cannabis which are located around the special event.
- N/A
- We have a serious drug problem in LB and we don't need to encourage further drug use even if it's for 'private' events. Keep all drugs, whether legal or illegal out of our beautiful city. Enough is enough!
- Cannabis should not be consumed at public spaces. I really concern about second affect to non-consumers/smokers, including the minors under 25. Though, someone smoke it at their home, but its smoke/smell really too strong, I can smell it from my room.
- Will there be resources available for distribution?
- I am broadly in favor of allowing cannabis at special events.
- None

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- Restricting youth access to cannabis from public spaces.
- I think we have many priorities in the city that need addressing other than cannabis special events. There are several communities for various reasons that do not need or want this ordinance.
- Please restrict this so there are events that don't permit it so those of that have medical issues can still enjoy events
- Cannabis consumers will be a respective crowd
- N/A
- No
- No
- They would be good.
- no
- I believe it would be an exciting event.
- N/a
- no
- No
- No
- ""
- No
- No
- No
- No
- I think there are many benefits that come with the consumption of cannabis compare to the negative effects of it.
- No
- No
- N/A
- No
- Makes me feel good
- Cannabis special events should not be allowed.
- Cannabis special events could draw massive crowds in a safe, controlled way and could be a new sector or life to the Long Beach area.
- No
- No
- No
- How would you properly ensure underaged students aren't at the special events, some Fake IDs are unfortunately very accurate these days.
- N/A
- Just wish that no such event occur.
- While voters and local residents have readily accepted (and even, perhaps) embraced the principle of cannabis consumption being legal for use by individuals, the fostering of sales by the city in any form is a bridge too far. Seems driven by desperation for revenue boosts to city coffers. No. Please no.
- no
- n/a

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- How will people attending be monitored after event to ensure no one is driving under the influence?
- I am concerned about the influence on kids. If Long Beach becomes famous for holding cannabis events, educated families will avoid moving into Long Beach. The money that the events brings might be good, but i don't think they will benefit the city in the long run.
- I believe it's very important that these events be secured and staff are trained to ensure minors are not provided with cannabis. It's also imperative that there be amply messaging about safe consumption and preventing impaired driving.
- No
- No
- The special interest cannabis retailers already have too much influence locally!
- Consider what this ordinance is teaching our children and youth! Please do not implement this ordinance.
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- No
- I don't understand the need for cannabis special events.
- DO NOT ALLOW THIS
- WHY? THIS IS NOT A COMMUNITY ACTIVITY . . . WHAT THE HELL ARE YOU PROMOTING? WHACKY WEED? WEED IS SECOND HAND SMOKE AND IS NOT HEALTHY FOR THE COMMUNITY.
- Really? You are knowingly and encouraging "events" for this to take place? Is someone going to be checking ID,s?
- Do not do this.
- Cannabis was placed legal for medicinal purposes, so why would we allow this at events?
- My husband and I hate the smell of cannabis and do not approve of its use. It affects our health and quality of life.
- The city is opening itself up to potential lawsuits.If someone leaves one of these events intoxicated, the victims can sue the city for allowing the event to occur. This kind of open liability is easy to avoid by not having such an event.
- I'm dumbfounded that this city would even consider this ordinance. This will lead to nothing but bad behavior and cause more problems for our already overtaxed police officers. What genius thought this one up? Let's enable and promote more people to walk/drive around our city under the influence. Great idea Long Beach!!!
- Why on earth would we need this!!!
- The majority of event licenses to be available to social equity applicants that are making progress with their current licenses in order to achieve success amongst the non-social equity licenses that already have years of reach, presence, and funding.
- Invest in public transit to and from events.
- Prohibit consumption outside their primary dwelling
- These is always some smoking at concerts and festivals, but why encourage all to participate? Some people, including children don't want to be bombarded with the smell.
- its hard to encourage those that smoke pot to take to the road and drive high.
- Concerned about the contents and quality of items offered.How would you control the content people offering items, "brownies" for example
- No city, including Long Beach, should have events that would allow cannabis to be smoked or consumed!
- N/a
- No

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- I would love for the city to offer Short term permits For special events/private events to small business owners.
- The city has no smoking policies. cannabis is no different.
- No
- Rules, enforcement & again think of the total community.
- No
- I voted against the legalization of marijuana twice. I have witnessed first-hand the negative effects of using cannabis, and I FIRMLY believe that marijuana IS a gateway drug.It certainly was for my now-deceased ex-husband who had graduated to smoking crack.
- These events should make donations to support green space projects, clean air initiatives, clean energy etc environmental justice programs
- No
- No
- No
- No, everything else seems to have been addressed.
- No
- This is long overdue for the city!
- Worry about enforcement for folks behind the wheel etc.
- Smoking is no longer allowed in public due to the effects of second hand smoke. Cannabis smoke is even worse, and could impact those with allergies, seniors, and children.
- No
- Special events make money, but please consider the cost to the community. If our peaceful enjoyment of our property is disrupted, it's not worth it.
- I'm confident that I can bring a lot to the table with my background and skill set.
- Yes please ... if smoking, kindly be mindful the smoke enters neighbors home. If smoking in front of your home, go inside. If smoking in backyard, (private I acknowledge) please get a fan to blow the smoke upwards or be disbursed. I am tired of smelling the weed in my home.
- Monitor those leaving the event to ensure not going to be driving high.
- Mandatory designated driver, or ride service.
- N/A
- This is a bad idea to promote events which directly impact children and people with breathing issues.Second-hand and third-hand smoke is real. Why does the city want to promote this when other agencies like DCFS forbid any type of smoke exposure for children?
- We don't need an event for cannabis, we need an event to get this out of the community.
- No
- If it is illegal to drive "buzzed" ie. after imbibing cannabis, why would it be appropriate to provide cannabis at an outdoor event that most people arrive by car? Also, what is the length of time from someone who has imbibed alcohol at an event to return to sobriety versus the length of effect that cannabis inhalation/edible consumption compare. Is this a wise idea?
- None
- Location of Events and Disabled and Handicap venues
- N/A

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- No
- This would be a great addition in enjoyment and education of cannabis for the city which has already grown the industry tremendously over the last 5 years.
- It's long overdue!
- Im a 21-year resident and Im a community educator that includes cannabis education. Consider smaller events at private event locations for weddings, birthdays, anniversaries, and other life milestone celebrations
- No
- Make sure first aid/medical support is available on site for special events
- Lower taxes
- It will bring awareness and also proper consumption
- We all want local events that allow sales AND consumption!
- N/A
- Cannabis city of long beach California
- Inform people of the hazards of using cannabis are unknown/danger for pregnant women.
- Making sure venue don't hike price for cannabis events, consider having tripe tents at events
- No
- No
- No
- I am really interested in helping making this happen as I want to create cannabis friendly events in Long Beach as I aim to focus on education in events that I host.
- N/A
- Please consider youth prevention and exposure to smoke for these families.
- You would have to be 21 years or older and have a valid ID. Security at the entry at all events.
- We need security at events
- This kind of event will normalize cannabis and is a bad influence to youth the same ways alcohol and smoking have done.
- No
- Shouldn't it be treated like alcohol at this point?

Question 10:

Are you interested in participating in a roundtable discussion with the Office of Cannabis Oversight?

