

**CITY OF LONG BEACH  
MEDICAL CANNABIS TASK  
FORCE MINUTES**

**WEDNESDAY, MAY 13, 2015  
241 CEDAR AVENUE  
FIRST CONGREGATIONAL CHURCH  
SOCIAL HALL, 6:00 PM**

Charlyn Bender, Chair, District 8  
Marc Greenberg, Vice Chair, District 5  
Larry Bott, Member, District 1  
Tony Rivera, Member, District 1  
Adam Hijazi, Member, District 2  
Jack Smith, Member, District 2  
Sarah Sangmeister, Member, District 3  
Denise Mester, Member, District 3  
Joe Sopo, Member, District 4



Jan Ward, Member, District 4  
Floyd Curry, Member, District 5  
Nick Morrow, Member, District 6  
Greg Lefian, Member, District 6  
Larry King, Member, District 7  
Aaron Herzberg, Member, District 7  
Tunua Thrash-Ntuk, Member, District 8  
Kasia McDermott, Member, District 9  
Aaron Blackburn, Member, District 9

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**FINISHED AGENDA & MINUTES**

**CALL TO ORDER (6:08 PM)**

At 6:08 PM, Vice Chair Greenberg called the meeting to order.

**ROLL CALL (6:08 PM)**

**Members Present:** Bott, Hijazi, Smith, Sangmeister, Mester, Sopo, Ward, Thrash-Ntuk, Curry, Morrow, Lefian, King, McDermott and Greenberg

**Members Absent:** Rivera, Herzberg, Blackburn and Bender

Also present: Michael Mais, Assistant City Attorney; Mary McCormick, Facilitator; Jeff Winklepleck, Zoning Officer; Carolyn Hill, City Clerk Specialist; Matthew Ceballos, City Clerk Specialist.

**REGULAR AGENDA (6:09 PM)**

1. [15-0445](#) Recommendation to review Medical Cannabis Task Force Communication under the Ralph M. Brown Act.

Michael Mais, Assistant City Attorney, spoke.

Dean Grey spoke.

**A motion was made by Member Smith, seconded by Member Mester, to approve recommendation to receive and file. The motion carried by the following vote:**

**Yes:** 14 - Bott, Hijazi, Smith, Sangmeister, Mester, Sopo, Ward, Thrash-Ntuk, Curry, Morrow, Lefian, King, McDermott and Greenberg

**Absent:** 4 - Rivera, Herzberg, Blackburn and Bender

2. [15-0427](#)

Recommendation to approve the minutes for the Medical Cannabis Task Force meeting held Wednesday, April 29, 2015.

**A motion was made by Member Smith, seconded by Vice Chair Greenberg, to approve recommendation. The motion carried by the following vote:**

**Yes:** 13 - Bott, Hijazi, Smith, Sangmeister, Mester, Sopo, Ward, Curry, Morrow, Lefian, King, McDermott and Greenberg

**Abstain:** 1 - Thrash-Ntuk

**Absent:** 4 - Rivera, Herzberg, Blackburn and Bender

3. [15-0429](#)

Recommendation to receive and file presentation and discussion regarding the number and location of dispensaries: proper zoning, former operators, CUP conditions, wholesale purchases/sales, point system and advertising restrictions.

Jeff Winklepleck, Zoning Officer, provided a PowerPoint presentation.

Task Force Member Smith spoke.

Jeff Winklepleck, Zoning Officer, spoke.

Task Force Member McDermott spoke.

Jeff Winklepleck, Zoning Officer, spoke.

Vice Chair Greenberg spoke.

Michael Mais, Assistant City Attorney, spoke.

A dialogue ensued between Vice Chair Greenberg and Michael Mais,

Assistant City Attorney.

Jeff Winklepleck, Zoning Officer, continued with the presentation.

Task Force Member Smith spoke.

Jeff Winklepleck, Zoning Officer, spoke.

Michael Mais, Assistant City Attorney, spoke.

Vice Chair Greenberg spoke.

Jeff Winklepleck, Zoning Officer, spoke.

A dialogue ensued between Vice Chair Greenberg and Jeff Winklepleck, Zoning Officer.

Task Force Member King spoke.

Michael Mais, Assistant City Attorney, spoke.

A dialogue ensued between Task Force Member King and Michael Mais, Assistant City Attorney.

Task Force Member Lefian spoke.

Vice Chair Greenberg spoke.

Task Force Member Smith spoke.

Mary McCormick, Facilitator, spoke.

Task Force Member Lefian spoke.

Mary McCormick, Facilitator, spoke.

Task Force Member Thrash-Ntuk spoke.

Mary McCormick, Facilitator, spoke.

A dialogue ensued between Task Force Member Thrash-Ntuk and Mary McCormick, Facilitator.

Task Force Member Sopo spoke.

Mary McCormick, Facilitator, spoke.

Task Force Member Smith spoke.

Task Force Member Sopo spoke.

Mary McCormick, Facilitator, spoke.

Vice Chair Greenberg spoke.

Mary McCormick, Facilitator, spoke.

Task Force Member Hijazi spoke.

Task Force Member Ward spoke.

Mary McCormick, Facilitator, spoke.

Task Force Member Ward spoke.

Task Force Member Sopo spoke.

Task Force Member Morrow spoke.

Task Force Member King spoke.

Mary McCormick, Facilitator, spoke.

A dialogue ensued between Task Force Member King and Mary McCormick, Facilitator.

Task Force Member Sopo spoke.

Task Force Member King spoke.

Mary McCormick, Facilitator, spoke.

Task Force Member King spoke.

Vice Chair Greenberg spoke.

Task Force Member King spoke.

Vice Chair Greenberg spoke.

Mary McCormick, Facilitator, spoke.

Vice Chair Greenberg spoke.

Mary McCormick, Facilitator, spoke.

A dialogue ensued between Vice Chair Greenberg and Mary McCormick, Facilitator.

Task Force Member Smith spoke.

Mary McCormick, Facilitator, spoke.

Vice Chair Greenberg spoke.

Mary McCormick, Facilitator, spoke.

Vice Chair Greenberg spoke.

Task Force Member Ward spoke.

Mary McCormick, Facilitator, spoke.

**Motion:** That at each meeting submit to the facilitator proposed tentative findings/suggestions to be categorized and brought back to the Medical Cannabis Task Force for review, discussion and voting at the end of the process.

Moved by Marc Greenberg, seconded by Jan Ward.

Task Force Member Thrash-Ntuk spoke.

Task Force Member Ward spoke.

Task Force Member Mester spoke.

Task Force Member Sangmeister spoke.

Task Force Member Ward spoke.

Task Force Member Mester spoke.

Task Force Member McDermott spoke.

Michael Mais, Assistant City Attorney, spoke.

Task Force Member Lefian spoke.

Michael Mais, Assistant City Attorney, spoke.

Mary McCormick, Facilitator, spoke.

Task Force Member Ward spoke.

Mary McCormick, Facilitator, spoke.

A dialogue ensued between Task Force Member Ward and Mary McCormick, Facilitator.

Task Force Member Smith spoke.

Task Force Member Thrash-Ntuk spoke.

Michael Mais, Assistant City Attorney, spoke.

Task Force Member Morrow spoke.

Mary McCormick, Facilitator, spoke.

Dean Grey spoke.

Gary Shelton spoke.

Diana Lejins spoke.

**A substitute motion was made by Member Mester, seconded by Member Smith, that during each topic discussion tentative recommendations be voted on at each meeting that would be considered at a later date. The motion carried by the following vote:**

**Yes:** 13 - Bott, Hijazi, Smith, Sangmeister, Mester, Sopo, Ward, Thrash-Ntuk, Curry, Morrow, Lefian, King and McDermott

**No:** 1 - Greenberg

**Absent:** 4 - Rivera, Herzberg, Blackburn and Bender

Jeff Winklepleck, Zoning Officer, spoke.

Task Force Member Lefian spoke.

Jeff Winklepleck, Zoning Officer, spoke.

A dialogue ensued between Task Force Member Lefian and Jeff Winklepleck, Zoning Officer.

Task Force Member King spoke.

Task Force Member Mester spoke.

Michael Mais, Assistant City Attorney, spoke.

Task Force Member Morrow spoke.

Task Force Member McDermott spoke.

Jeff Winklepleck, Zoning Officer, spoke.

A dialogue ensued between Task Force Member McDermott and Jeff Winklepleck, Zoning Officer.

Michael Mais, Assistant City Attorney, spoke.

Task Force Member McDermott spoke.

Michael Mais, Assistant City Attorney, spoke.

Task Force Member King spoke.

Vice Chair Greenberg spoke.

Michael Mais, Assistant City Attorney, spoke.

A dialogue ensued between Vice Chair Greenberg and Michael Mais, Assistant City Attorney.

Task Force Member Sangmeister spoke.

Michael Mais, Assistant City Attorney, spoke.

A dialogue ensued between Task Force Member Sangmeister and Michael Mais, Assistant City Attorney.

Mary McCormick, Facilitator, spoke.

Task Force Member Smith spoke.

Jeff Winklepleck, Zoning Officer, spoke.

Task Force Member Lefian spoke.

Jeff Winklepleck, Zoning Officer, spoke.

Michael Mais, Assistant City Attorney, spoke.

Task Force Member Smith spoke.

Task Force Member Sopo spoke.

Task Force Member Smith spoke.

Task Force Member King spoke.

Task Force Member Thrash-Ntuk spoke.

Jeff Winklepleck, Zoning Officer, spoke.

Task Force Member Thrash-Ntuk spoke.

Michael Mais, Assistant City Attorney, spoke.

Task Force Member Thrash-Ntuk spoke.

Mary McCormick, Facilitator, spoke.

Task Force Member McDermott spoke.

Task Force Member Smith spoke.

Task Force Member Thrash-Ntuk spoke.

Mary McCormick, Facilitator, spoke.

Task Force Member Hijazi spoke.

Jeff Winklepleck, Zoning Officer, spoke.

Task Force Member Hijazi spoke.

Mary McCormick, Facilitator, spoke.

Task Force Member Hijazi spoke.

Mary McCormick, Facilitator, spoke.

Task Force Member Hijazi spoke.

Task Force Member King spoke.

Jeff Winklepleck, Zoning Officer, spoke.

Task Force Member Hijazi spoke.

Jeff Winklepleck, Zoning Officer, spoke.

Task Force Member Smith spoke.

Mary McCormick, Facilitator, spoke.

Jeff Winklepleck, Zoning Officer, spoke.

Task Force Member Bott spoke.

Vice Chair Greenberg spoke.

Michael Mais, Assistant City Attorney, spoke.

Task Force Member Hijazi spoke.

Mary McCormick, Facilitator, spoke.

Task Force Member Smith spoke.

Task Force Member Lefian spoke.

Vice Chair Greenberg spoke.

Jeff Winklepleck, Zoning Officer, spoke.

A dialogued ensued between Vice Chair Greenberg and Jeff Winklepleck, Zoning Officer.

Michael Mais, Assistant City Attorney, spoke.

Jeff Winklepleck, Zoning Officer, spoke.

Mary McCormick, Facilitator, spoke.

Task Force Member Sangmeister spoke.

Mary McCormick, Facilitator, spoke.

Task Force Member Smith spoke.

Mary McCormick, Facilitator, spoke.

Task Force Member Smith spoke.

A dialogue ensued between Task Force Member Smith and Mary McCormick, Facilitator.

Task Force Member Thrash-Ntuk spoke.

Task Force Member Smith spoke.

A dialogue ensued between Task Force Members Thrash-Ntuk and Smith.

Michael Mais, Assistant City Attorney, spoke.

Task Force Member Hijazi spoke.

Jeff Winklepleck, Zoning Officer, spoke.

Task Force Member Hijazi spoke.

Mary McCormick, Facilitator, spoke.

Task Force Member Hijazi spoke.

Task Force Member Smith spoke.

Vice Chair Greenberg spoke.

Michael Mais, Assistant City Attorney, spoke.

**A motion was made by Member Smith, seconded by Member Hijazi, that the list of recommendations received along with this Agenda Item be continued to the next meeting of May 27, 2015. The motion carried by the following vote:**

**Yes:** 14 - Bott, Hijazi, Smith, Sangmeister, Mester, Sopo, Ward, Thrash-Ntuk, Curry, Morrow, Lefian, King, McDermott and Greenberg

**Absent:** 4 - Rivera, Herzberg, Blackburn and Bender

Jeff Winklepleck, Zoning Officer, spoke.

A dialogue ensued between Task Force Member Hijazi and Jeff Winklepleck, Zoning Officer.

Task Force Member Smith spoke.

Vice Chair Greenberg spoke.

Jeff Winklepleck, Zoning Officer, spoke.

Mary McCormick, Facilitator, spoke.

Task Force Member Smith spoke.

Michael Mais, Assistant City Attorney, spoke.

Jeff Winklepleck, Zoning Officer, spoke.

Mary McCormick, Facilitator, spoke.

Task Force Member King spoke.

Task Force Member Smith spoke.

Task Force Member King spoke.

Jeff Winklepleck, Zoning Officer, spoke.

Task Force Member Hijazi spoke.

Michael Mais, Assistant City Attorney, spoke.

Task Force Member Lefian spoke.

Michael Mais, Assistant City Attorney, spoke.

Mary McCormick, Facilitator, spoke.

Task Force Member Hijazi spoke.

Diana Lejins spoke.

Michael Mais, Assistant City Attorney, spoke.

Diana Lejins spoke.

Jeff Winklwpleck, Zoning Officer, spoke.

Diana Lejins spoke.

**A motion was made by Member Hijazi, seconded by Member Smith, to direct staff to include maps adding additional commercial zones and buffers in adjacent cities that have schools and sensitive areas. The motion carried by the following vote:**

**Yes:** 14 - Bott, Hijazi, Smith, Sangmeister, Mester, Sopo, Ward, Thrash-Ntuk, Curry, Morrow, Lefian, King, McDermott and Greenberg

**Absent:** 4 - Rivera, Herzberg, Blackburn and Bender

**UNFINISHED BUSINESS (8:56 PM)**

4. [15-0322](#) Recommendation to approve the minutes, as amended, for the Medical Cannabis Task Force meeting held Wednesday, April 1, 2015.

**A motion was made by Member Smith, seconded by Member Bott, to approve recommendation. The motion carried by the following vote:**

**Yes:** 13 - Bott, Hijazi, Smith, Sangmeister, Mester, Sopo, Ward, Curry, Morrow, Lefian, King, McDermott and Greenberg

**Abstain:** 1 - Thrash-Ntuk

**Absent:** 4 - Rivera, Herzberg, Blackburn and Bender

5. [15-0380](#) Recommendation to approve the minutes for the Medical Cannabis Task Force meeting held Wednesday, April 15, 2015

**A motion was made by Member Smith, seconded by Member Sopo, to approve recommendation. The motion carried by the following vote:**

**Yes:** 13 - Bott, Hijazi, Smith, Sangmeister, Mester, Sopo, Ward, Curry, Morrow, Lefian, King, McDermott and Greenberg

**Abstain:** 1 - Thrash-Ntuk

**Absent:** 4 - Rivera, Herzberg, Blackburn and Bender

**NEW BUSINESS (8:57 PM)**

6. [15-0446](#) Recommendation to discuss proposed speakers, if any, to invite to a future meeting of the Medical Cannabis Task Force.

Mary McCormick, Facilitator, spoke.

Michael Mais, Assistant City Attorney, spoke.

Mary McCormick, Facilitator, spoke.

Task Force Member King spoke.

Task Force Member Smith spoke.

A dialogue ensued between Task Force Members King and Smith.

**A motion was made by Member Smith, seconded by Member Sangmeister, that the topics be switched for May 27, 2015 and June 3, 2015 meeting. The motion carried by the following vote:**

**Yes:** 13 - Hijazi, Smith, Sangmeister, Mester, Sopo, Ward, Curry, Morrow, Lefian, King, Thrash-Ntuk, McDermott and Greenberg

**Absent:** 5 - Bott, Rivera, Herzberg, Blackburn and Bender

Task Force Member Sangmeister spoke.

Task Force Member Smith spoke.

Task Force Member McDermott spoke.

Task Force Member Hijazi spoke.

Task Force Member Smith spoke.

Task Force Member Morrow spoke.

**A motion was made by Member King, seconded by Member Morrow, that Stephen Downing, Retired Deputy Chief, Los Angeles Police Department, be invited to speak at the June 3, 2015 meeting. The motion failed by the following vote:**

**Yes:** 7 - Hijazi, Thrash-Ntuk, Curry, Morrow, Lefian, King and McDermott

**No:** 7 - Bott, Smith, Sangmeister, Mester, Sopo, Ward and Greenberg

**Absent:** 4 - Rivera, Herzberg, Blackburn and Bender

Michael Mais, Assistant City Attorney, spoke.

Task Force Member Hijazi spoke.

Mary McCormick, Facilitator, spoke.

Task Force Member Smith spoke.

Mary McCormick, Facilitator, spoke.

Task Force Member Smith spoke.

Mary McCormick, Facilitator, spoke.

Task Force Member King spoke.

Task Force Member Sopo spoke.

Task Force Member Smith spoke.

Task Force Member Hijazi spoke.

Mary McCormick, Facilitator, spoke.

Diana Lejins spoke.

**A motion was made by Vice Chair Greenberg, seconded by Member Smith, that Jim McDonnell, Sheriff, Los Angeles, be invited to speak at the June 3, 2015. The motion carried by the following vote:**

**Yes:** 13 - Bott, Hijazi, Smith, Sangmeister, Mester, Sopo, Ward, Thrash-Ntuk, Curry, Morrow, Lefian, McDermott and Greenberg

**No:** 1 - King

**Absent:** 4 - Rivera, Herzberg, Blackburn and Bender

Task Force Member Greenberg spoke.

Task Force Member Morrow spoke.

Mary McCormick, Facilitator, spoke.

Vice Chair Greenberg spoke.

Task Force Member King spoke.

Vice Chair Greenberg spoke.

Task Force Member Morrow spoke.

Task Force Member Ward spoke.

**A motion was made by Member Morrow, seconded by Member Lefian, that Stephen Downing, Retired, Deputy Chief, Los Angeles Police Department, be invited to speak at the June 3, 2015 meeting. The motion carried by the following vote:**

**Yes:** 9 - Hijazi, Mester, Sopo, Thrash-Ntuk, Curry, Morrow, Lefian, King and McDermott

**No:** 5 - Bott, Smith, Sangmeister, Ward and Greenberg

**Absent:** 4 - Rivera, Herzberg, Blackburn and Bender

**A motion was made by Member Hijazi, seconded by Member McDermott, that Doug Haubert, City Prosecutor, be invited to speak at the June 3, 2015 meeting. The motion carried by the following vote:**

**Yes:** 14 - Bott, Hijazi, Smith, Sangmeister, Mester, Sopo, Ward, Thrash-Ntuk, Curry, Morrow, Lefian, King, McDermott and Greenberg

**Absent:** 4 - Rivera, Herzberg, Blackburn and Bender

Mary McCormick, Facilitator, spoke.

Task Force Member Smith spoke.

Task Force Member Hijazi spoke.

Mary McCormick, Facilitator, spoke.

Michael Mais, Assistant City Attorney, spoke.

Task Force Member Sopo spoke.

Michael Mais, Assistant City Attorney, spoke.

Mary McCormick, Facilitator, spoke.

Task Force Member Hijazi spoke.

Mary McCormick, Facilitator, spoke.

Task Force Member Sopo spoke.

Michael Mais, Assistant City Attorney, spoke.

Task Force Member Morrow spoke.

Diana Lejins spoke.

**A motion was made by Member Morrow, seconded by Member Thrash-Ntuk, that Long Beach Police Chief Robert Luna, or his designee, be invited to speak at the May 27 and June 3, 2015 meeting to address Public Safety and Seed-to-Sale/Wholesale. The motion carried by the following vote:**

**Yes:** 14 - Bott, Hijazi, Smith, Sangmeister, Mester, Sopo, Ward, Thrash-Ntuk, Curry, Morrow, Lefian, King, McDermott and Greenberg

**Absent:** 4 - Rivera, Herzberg, Blackburn and Bender

[15-0466](#)

Recommendation to discuss proposed speakers, if any, to invite to a future meeting of the Medical Cannabis Task Force.

Mary McCormick, Facilitator, spoke.

Task Force Member Hijazi spoke.

Task Force Member King spoke.

Task Force Member Smith spoke.

Task Force Member Bott left the meeting

Task Force Member King spoke.

Task Force Member Smith spoke.

Mary McCormick, Facilitator, spoke.

**A motion was made by Member King, seconded by Member Lefian, that Matthew Pappas be invited to speak at June 17, 2015 meeting to address the Ordinance. The motion carried by the following vote:**

**Yes:** 13 - Hijazi, Smith, Sangmeister, Mester, Sopo, Ward, Thrash-Ntuk, Curry, Morrow, Lefian, King, McDermott and Greenberg

**Absent:** 5 - Bott, Rivera, Herzberg, Blackburn and Bender

**PUBLIC COMMENT (9:31 PM)**

Diana Lejins spoke.

**ADJOURNMENT (9:33 PM)**

At 9:33 PM, there being no objection, Task Force Member Smith moved, seconded by Task Force Member Hijazi, that the meeting be adjourned. Carried by unanimous vote.

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