

From: Titania Davis [mailto:tgf.projectcoordinator@gmail.com]
Sent: Tuesday, March 16, 2021 8:17 AM
Cc: Ernesta Wright <thegreenfoundation333@gmail.com>
Subject: Equity Campaign

-EXTERNAL-

Greetings,

[WE stand as ONE in LONG BEACH!](#)

On June 29th, Mayor Garcia publicly stated in a press conference, “**we have to be very deliberate in the way that we support Black members of our communities. The way we support communities and organizations on the ground.** *Physical and Mental Health Equity strategy.*”

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Thank you,

Titania Davis

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Our Mission: To gather Resources to Educate and Empower through Networks

Our Vision: To provide health awareness through evidence-based & cultural approaches to reduce the death rates in the African American communities with the support of care navigation.

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-----Original Message-----

From: LB Strong [mailto:lbstrong562@gmail.com]

Sent: Tuesday, March 16, 2021 1:04 PM

To: CityClerk <CityClerk@longbeach.gov>

Subject: 3/16/21 Sign up for public comment 5pm

-EXTERNAL-

As an approved equity applicant

I'm calling in support of:

storefront retail licenses exclusively for Social Equity applicants I want to Thank Council For:

Supporting the Cannabis Social Equity Program in 2018 Better access is important to me because:

I am one of the low-income individuals and community members most impacted by federal and state cannabis enforcement.

I need your help because:

Currently there are no retail storefront licenses available for Social Equity applicants. Without more retail space there can be no real equity or inclusion inside this industry.

Ezra

From: hardypsych@aol.com [mailto:hardypsych@aol.com]
Sent: Monday, March 15, 2021 3:55 PM
To: CityClerk <CityClerk@longbeach.gov>
Subject: Support Black Health Equity

-EXTERNAL-

I support the ongoing efforts of the City of Long Beach to continue to make every effort to redress the inequitable health treatment of Black and African American residents of the greater Long Beach Area. I am particularly thankful for the Black Mental Health and Substance Abuse funding that that has allowed Long Beach residents to receive Free mental health services over the past five months. Please keep up the funding. Our tax dollars are well spent on this program and others that are directly impacting our community and city. Thank you for making a real difference. Sandra M. Hardy

-----Original Message-----

From: Samantha Kohler [mailto:kohler.samantha92@gmail.com]

Sent: Tuesday, March 16, 2021 4:15 PM

To: CityClerk <CityClerk@longbeach.gov>

Subject: City Council - Agenda Item #14

-EXTERNAL-

My name is Samantha Kohler and I stand for the passing of item #14 to bring more fairness to the city's cannabis industry.

Catalyst Cannabis Co. gave me a job with benefits during a pandemic. I lost my restaurant marketing job that I went to school for at the beginning of the pandemic. Legal Cannabis was there to give me better opportunities from before

Samantha Kohler

Sent from my iPhone

From: Elliot Lewis [mailto:elliott.lewis.ceo@southcordholdings.com]
Sent: Tuesday, March 16, 2021 4:33 PM
To: CityClerk <CityClerk@longbeach.gov>
Subject: Agenda Item #14 Comment - March 16, 2021 City Council Meeting

-EXTERNAL-

Long Beach City Council:

My name is Elliot Lewis. First I want to say I am in strong support of this item. There is much needed diversity in the ownership of the current retail dispensaries in Long Beach. More widely, we would also like to broaden the conversation to be inclusive of job training, reentry programs, expungement clinics, and anything else that can uplift the community.

I want to give credit to LBC Triple C and other equity groups for championing this issue. Brandon Bolton and Edgar Cruz and many others deserve recognition for their tireless pursuit on this issue.

Catalyst is proud that we were and are the lone cannabis retail operators supporting more brick and mortar and have been the early wind at the back of these inspiring individuals. Al Austin and Stacy Mungo deserve full credit for having the courage to bring this issue to the front. Without them, the brick and mortar discussion would be stuck in committee for an inordinate amount of time. Moreover, I would like to say that some progressives have let themselves be led by the LBCA and other members of the cannabis industry down a path of inaction and stagnation. I hope this issue can be a unifying issue here in Long Beach and all City Council members can get behind it.

Catalyst proudly and boldly has and will continue to support this issue. I would've loved to speak on this item but I missed the cutoff. Hopefully the reading of this letter gives a portion of my sentiments.

Respectfully,

Elliot Lewis
CEO
Catalyst Cannabis Co.

From: Danielle Lopez [mailto:daniellemarie4749@gmail.com]
Sent: Tuesday, March 16, 2021 5:55 PM
To: CityClerk <CityClerk@longbeach.gov>
Subject: Coucil Meeting 03-15-2021 Agenda Item #14

-EXTERNAL-

Good evening,

My name is Danielle M. Lopez and I work for Catalyst Cannabis Co. and I am writing to urge Mayor Garcia and City Council to pass item #14 and increase the number of social equity cannabis store fronts in Long Beach and create more fairness and equality in the city's cannabis industry. Jobs can be provided, people who would have to sell weed in the black markets can now work with dignity, opportunity for union can be provided, food can now get on people's tables, and so much more can be done if this passes. This is an abundant and ever growing industry and there is plenty of wealth to go around.

From: TheGREENFoundation [mailto:thegfstaff@gmail.com]

Sent: Tuesday, March 16, 2021 10:28 AM

Subject: WE stand as ONE in LONG BEACH!

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Many members of the Black community have been impacted this past year due to the pandemic.

What is the city's goal to increase the volume of Black Equity in Long Beach?

Have a great day!

Alicia Needham, Community Engagement Advocate

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“early detection does save lives”

From: Thompson, Von [mailto:Von.Thompson@sen.ca.gov]
Sent: Tuesday, March 16, 2021 2:56 PM
To: Thompson, Von <Von.Thompson@sen.ca.gov>
Subject: Agenda Item 15

-EXTERNAL-

Hello,

The city's proposed recovery plan attempts to provide equality; however, equity is necessary in order to continue prioritizing the Black residents of Long Beach who have been severely impacted by the COVID-19 pandemic. I urge you to continue supporting the Black Health Equity Fund in the recovery plan to promote equity and sustainability of the efforts to reduce health disparities for Black residents of Long Beach.

A concerned resident,

Von C. Thompson

From: Tracey Wilkins [mailto:twilkins173@gmail.com]
Sent: Tuesday, March 16, 2021 3:23 PM
To: CityClerk <CityClerk@longbeach.gov>
Subject: We stand as ONE in Long Beach!

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Many communities of color have been greatly impacted by the pandemic this year. *What is the city's goal to increase the volume of Black Equity in Long Beach?*

Sincerely,

Tracey Wilkins