



**WOODLAND HILLS-WARNER CENTER NEIGHBORHOOD COUNCIL
Community Impact Statement**

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To: Niall Huffman (niall.huffman@lacity.org)

Re: CPC-2017-2260-CA, ENV-2017-2261-EAF – Draft Commercial Cannabis Location Restriction Ordinance

The Woodland Hills-Warner Center Neighborhood Council (WHWC) respectfully submits the following Community Impact Statement:

While there is a diversity of opinion within the NC and the community in regard to commercial cannabis locations, we recognize that legalization as reflected by Proposition 64 and LA City Measure M is the current state of the law in California and Los Angeles. Despite strong concerns regarding over-proliferation and neighborhood impact, we appreciate the work that DCP staff have put into the draft proposal.. The following are the initial WHWC comments:

1. We strongly support the City’s efforts to coordinate with Los Angeles County and neighboring cities to create a coordinated approach for regulation, planning, enforcement, and monitoring PRIOR to licensing commercial operations and in order to minimize undo neighborhood impact on portions of Los Angeles City bordered by other cities or unincorporated communities.
2. The draft ordinance refers to a “Public Park” as a an open space maintained by a local/ regional government agency (page 2). We would ask that DCP add language where private open space (ie: community park) may also be subject to the proposed distance requirements - particularly if the park/open space’s private construction and operation was mandated by the city and is reasonably expected to be used as a public space. This is of particular importance in large footprint developments such as those proposed in Warner Center where a private company may be creating and maintaining a de facto public open space to comply with specific plan requirements.
3. We ask that the Planning Department, Planning Commission and other affected agencies submit an analysis of impacts and proposed adjustments to the planning process within two years after the issuance of the first license under the new ordinance.

Thank you for your consideration. Please feel free to contact us with any questions.

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