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TO: Commissioner Fritz, Mayor Hales and Portland City Councilors  
FR: Portland's Cannabis Business Community  
DA: October 14, 2015  
RE: City licensing of retail cannabis businesses

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Dear Commissioner Fritz, Mayor Hales and City Commissioners,

We are small business owners, job providers and taxpayers in the city of Portland who are licensed and compliant with state regulation. While we generally support the City's proposed regulations for cannabis businesses, we are distressed and concerned about regulatory actions that city staff have put forward to govern the local licensing of our businesses. **We are asking the Council to help us work toward a fair and comprehensive resolution.**

Under the current proposal, many of our businesses could unfairly be forced to close because of arbitrary dates imposed by the rules. These rules seem inconsistent with the City's stated goals of developing a fair, transparent and reasonable licensing process, and they come as a surprise to many of us who participated on rulemaking committees, attended community meetings, and provided feedback to staff at other public meetings.

As business owners and community members, we support fair and reasonable time, place and manner regulations from the city. **But the unintended consequences of the staff's proposal could be devastating for our businesses, our employees and our families.** We have worked very hard to comply with all of the laws, rules and regulations in order to operate in a frequently changing legal and regulatory environment. Many of us have invested our life savings in order to enter into serve Portlanders in this new market.

It seems unfair that despite following all of the rules and regulations that were in place at the time we applied for licensing with the state, and despite having complied with every state licensing requirement, we could be denied the chance to operate in Portland because we are unable to secure a city license that did not even exist when we received our state licenses.

We ask you to consider our petition and work out a licensing process that is fair, transparent and reasonable, and ensures an orderly transition as Portland's retail cannabis market expands to include adult-use sales.

Sincerely,

27 licensed and compliant Portland dispensary owners and operators

## **Portland Dispensary Owners and Operators**

1. Michelle Barnes, Little Amsterdam Wellness Centers, SW Portland – 32 employees
2. Adrien Alvarez, Qi Company, LLC, North Portland – 10 employees
3. Ramin Ojani, Alberta Green House, NE Portland, 1 employee
4. Vincent Porpiglia, Sweet Leaf, SE Portland – 20 employees
5. Ben Contreras, Local Herb Collective, SE Portland, 20 employees
6. Adrienne Garcia, Pakalolo PDX, SE Portland – 5 employees
7. Phillip Chen, Puddletown Organics, SE Portland – 15 employees
8. Sandra Kahl-butler, One Draw Two, NE Portland – 8 employees
9. Paul Pedreira, Portland's Best Buds, North Portland – 5 employees
10. Eli Bilton, Attis Trading Company, NE, SE and NW Portland – 22 employees
11. Megan Marchetti, Oregon's Finest, NW and NE Portland – 40 employees
12. John Anderson, Herbalist Farmer, NE Portland – 7 employees
13. Jeremy Plumb, Farma, SE Portland – 17 employees
14. Aron Arel, Rose City Wellness, NW Portland – 11 employees
15. John Conley, MindRite, NW Portland – 12 employees
16. Clint Rogers, Greener Grasses, NE Portland – 4 employees
17. Meghan and Matt Walstatter, Pure Green, NE Portland – 14 employees
18. David Kline, Kline Cultivation, SW Portland – 1 employee
19. Margaret Sperry, Urban Pharmacy, NE Portland – 10 employees
20. Ryan Flegel, Slabtown, NW Portland – 5 employees
21. Christopher Olson, Rooted Northwest LLC, NE Portland – 2 employees
22. Rodney Smith, Portland Medicine Pot, NW Portland – 12 employees
23. Nick Isaac, Calyxes, SW Portland – 10 employees
24. John Bayes, Green Bodhi, SW Portland – 15 employees
25. Trevor Reed, Hi Casual Cannabis, SE Portland – 8 employees
26. Jeremy Pratt, Nectar, NE, SE and North Portland – 85 employees
27. Richard Reichard, Trigenx Research Group, NE and SE Portland

## **And these businesses who work with them**

1. Christopher Malott, Phyre Holdings, SW Portland – 12 employees
2. Jason Wasserman, Udoxi Scientific, SE Portland – 7 employees
3. Sally Alworth, Luminous Botanicals, North Portland – 2 employees
4. Dru Perez, D&L Securities, LLC, NE Portland – 4 employees
5. Todd Foster, Oregon Cannabis Insurance, NW Portland – 1 employee
6. Scott Kveton, Odava, Inc., SW Portland – 2 employees
7. Mark Swain, Canna Builders, LLC – 25 employees
8. Lisa Lewis, Custom Cannabis

Testimony of Lynnae Berg  
Portland Business Alliance  
Before Portland City Council  
Regarding Marijuana Dispensaries in the Central City  
October 14, 2015

Good morning, Mayor Hales and Commissioners.

My name is Lynnae Berg, Executive Director of Downtown Clean & Safe and the Vice President of Downtown Services at the Portland Business Alliance. I'm here to testify regarding the proposed amendment to lift the 1,000 ft. ban on marijuana dispensaries in Portland's central city.

The Downtown Clean & Safe District is a 213 block area of downtown and is one of the most successful business improvement districts in the nation. As you know, businesses within this area pay a fee to raise money that supplements publicly-financed services for neighborhood improvement, including cleaning, security, community justice services, and retail recruitment in the District. Unfortunately, there has been little, if any, outreach to any of the participating businesses within the District. We urge that you pull this amendment for further consideration to ensure that it is properly vetted by the many residents and businesses including retailers and hoteliers in the Clean & Safe District and in our broader central city.

We feel because of the nature of this industry, this proposal should be fully vetted by neighborhood associations, retailers, and other businesses in the central city before enacting a special rule that may adversely impact them.

Thank you for your consideration.