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Licensed marijuana business owners testify at Seattle council hearing

Washington CannaBusiness Association members look forward to local enforcement to support regulated marketplace

WASHINGTON – Today I-502 license holders, Seattle business owners and Washington CannaBusiness Association members John Branch and Ian Eisenberg are testifying at the Seattle City Council’s Finance and Culture Committee regarding proposed municipal regulations concerning a safe, quality-controlled and regulated marijuana marketplace.

The Washington CannaBusiness Association (WACA) generally supports the city’s proposed regulations and applauds Mayor Ed Murray, City Attorney Pete Holmes and City Councilmember Nick Licata for their leadership on this important work. WACA will focus on the following key priorities as they work with the City Council, the mayor and city attorney on the proposed local regulations:

- A safe, quality-controlled and regulated marketplace as established by the Legislature this year in the Cannabis Patient Protection Act
- Enforcement of all state and local regulations to support a successful regulated marketplace for the entire cannabis industry
- Clear local guidelines that reflect the spirit and direction of state regulations for I-502 license holders

“Clear local enforcement is a top priority for our membership as we work everyday to help support the success of the safe, quality-controlled and regulated marketplace created by state voters and supported by this year’s landmark bipartisan passage in Olympia of the Cannabis Patient Protection Act,” said WACA Executive Director Vicki Christophersen. “While the state is responsible for establishing rules and regulations for the marketplace, we cannot succeed without local leadership and enforcement. On behalf of our members, I thank Mayor Ed Murray, City Attorney Pete Holmes and City Councilmember Nick Licata for their leadership as we look forward to working with them as they craft Seattle regulations that reflect the spirit and direction of the Cannabis Patient Protection Act.”

About Washington CannaBusiness Association

Washington CannaBusiness Association solely represents Washington's licensed and regulated cannabis businesses and provides its members with general support and representation before regulatory agencies and the legislature. As an association of cannabis producers, processors and retailers who have gathered to promote the private cannabis industry created by Initiative 502 and our member companies, our mission is to advocate on behalf of our member companies in the legislative, regulatory, legal and public policy arenas.

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