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**ITEM NO. 32 – BILL NO. 2023-3 – ABEYANCE ITEM – FOR POSSIBLE ACTION –
AMENDS VARIOUS PROVISIONS OF LVMC CHAPTER 6.95 AND TITLE 19.12 TO
INCLUDE CANNABIS CONSUMPTION LOUNGES, AND REPEALS LVMC
CHAPTER 6.96 IN ITS ENTIRETY. PROPOSED BY: SETH T. FLOYD, ESQ.,
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40 **MAYOR GOODMAN**

41 And Item 32. Recommending Committee Bills Eligible For Adoption At This Meeting. Bill
42 No. 2023-3 - Abeyance Item - For possible action - Amends various provisions of the Las Vegas,
43 well, LVMC Chapter 6.95 and Title 19.12 to include cannabis consumption lounges, and repeals
44 LVMC Chapter 6.96 in its entirety. Proposed by: Seth Floyd, Esquire, Director of Community
45 Development. And so would you please read the bill?

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47 **JEFF DOROCAK**

48 You took care of that, Mayor. But Jeff Dorocak, Assistant City Attorney. And this is the First
49 Amendment of Bill No. 2023-3. If you like, I can set the table for the staff presentation ahead.

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51 **MAYOR GOODMAN**

52 I would like that, please.

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54 **JEFF DOROCAK**

55 All right. Well, in front of you is the City's cannabis team. From left to right, we have Deputy City
56 Attorney Jim Lewis. We have the Business Licensing Manager, Darcy Adelbai-Hurd, Deputy City
57 Attorney Crislove Igeleke, and Community Development Director, Seth Floyd. What we're going to
58 do is Crislove, who is the lead drafter, and myself are going to provide a high-level overview of the

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59 main provisions of the bill, especially for the public, who might just be getting caught up on what is
60 in the introduced bill, what is in the First Amendment to the bill, and then what we passed out today
61 as a proposed Second Amendment. So we'll hit those highlights together, Crislove and I. At that
62 point, we can turn it back over to the group in front of you for some immediate questions, but more
63 importantly they are prepared to give you some context and history, starting back with the City's
64 social use venues, then the State law developments, the Cannabis Compliance Board and its
65 regulations, and then all of the public outreach efforts done by our Community Development
66 Department.

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68 **MAYOR GOODMAN**

69 And then I will go ahead and open up public comment.

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71 **JEFF DOROCAK**

72 Sounds good. All right. So we'll go to the PowerPoint, and here we go. This bill deals with cannabis
73 consumption lounges, and there are two types — independent cannabis consumption lounges and
74 retail cannabis consumption lounges. The fundamental difference is a retail cannabis consumption
75 lounge is connected to an adult use cannabis retail store. An independent cannabis consumption
76 lounge is a standalone. And as you can see from the checkmarks, as we go forward, that particular
77 topic is in all of the bills, the introduced, the First Amendment, and the proposed Second Amendment
78 in front of you. As a general matter, we are creating the business licensing regulations in Chapter 6.95
79 for the consumption lounges. That is in all of the bills and the amendments in front of you. We've
80 established a \$10,000 origination charge for these consumption lounges and a semi-annual license fee
81 that will not exceed three percent of gross revenue semi-annually. That origination charge and semi-
82 annual license fee from introduction to today's proposed Second Amendment remains in there.
83 We have our first change with the next item based on public feedback, which was the social
84 equity applicants' origination charge was lowered to \$2,500 in the First Amendment, and that is
85 also in the Second, the proposed Second Amendment in front of you. Besides enacting the
86 business licensing regulations, we also have the general land use regulations for cannabis
87 consumption lounges, which will be in Chapter 19.12 of our Unified Development Code. And all

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88 of the cannabis consumption lounges will be subject to a special use permit requirement, which
89 will require them to come before City Council. And as you can see, we had that in the introduced
90 bill, and it stays with us through today's proposed Second Amendment. As part of those land use
91 regulations, we have some familiar unwaivable distance separations: 1,000 feet from schools, 300
92 feet from City parks, houses of worship, family/group care centers, public community rec
93 facilities, and a 1,500 feet non-restricted gaming distance separation. I should note on the general
94 business licensing regulations and the land use regulations we are comporting with State law,
95 and that's why we have those set up in the bill. I'll turn it over to Crislove now, who drafted
96 everything, and she will hit the next slide, to the people in the back, which deals with where we
97 have some major changes on amendments.

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99 **MAYOR GOODMAN**

100 Thank you very much. Please, Ms. Crislove.

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102 **CRISLOVE IGELEKE**

103 Good morning, Madam Mayor and Council Members. Crislove Igeleke, Deputy City Attorney for
104 the record. I also wanted to give thanks to Val Steed, who was tremendous help in putting this
105 together. I know Darcy and Business Licensing also did a great deal of outreach to solicit some
106 information from the public as far as what we needed to change, and we also got a lot of feedback
107 from you all. So thank you as well. So the items that I'm going to cover are the things that we don't
108 see in the first introduced bill, but we've added over the course of time in the First and the Second
109 Amendment. So the first thing was the waivable distance separation. So we have 1,000-feet
110 distance separation between the lounges, and we initially allowed for a waiver for that. So that
111 waiver still stays in this final edition. So anyone who is seeking to be within a limit closer than
112 1,000 feet can come to Council to request that.

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114 **MAYOR GOODMAN**

115 And I would ask you to repeat that entire statement so it's extremely clear to those of you who
116 are not here.

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117 **CRISLOVE IGELEKE**

118 Absolutely.

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120 **MAYOR GOODMAN**

121 Thank you.

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123 **CRISLOVE IGELEKE**

124 So while there is a 1,000 foot separation, there is an option for anyone who is a license holder
125 that wants to be within that distance requirement to request a waiver from the City Council.

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127 **MAYOR GOODMAN**

128 Thank you.

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130 **CRISLOVE IGELEKE**

131 So that provides the opportunity for there to be a specific area where there are multiple license holders
132 for cannabis consumption lounges. And again, that's something that is up to the Council's discretion.

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134 **MAYOR GOODMAN**

135 Thank you.

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137 **CRISLOVE IGELEKE**

138 No problem. As part of that waiver, that First Amendment that we provided also includes
139 restricted areas where you cannot have that waiver granted, and that is only within Symphony
140 Park, the Medical District, as well as Resorts and Casino District. And I do have maps of those
141 areas if you guys need to look at that. That additional, or sorry, the next thing we added to the
142 First Amendment was a training plan. So this training plan will be provided to employees, and
143 we ask that licensees provide that in their application. And that will go then to Metro to provide
144 any recommendations, and it allows for their review. It doesn't require them to comply with
145 anything that's provided, but it's simply a recommendation for them to be able to use. The next

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146 item that we talked about in the first bill was the outdoor consumption. So initially, in that very
147 first draft that was introduced, there was no outdoor consumption allowed at all. We went back
148 and in the First Amendment allowed for outdoor consumption, and it included a requirement that
149 licensees had to obtain consent from any neighboring businesses. So in this Second Proposed
150 Amendment, what we did was remove that requirement. So now licensees do not have to go to
151 any neighboring businesses to get their consent to allow them to use outdoor consumption. The
152 two prongs that we have on the last two points are the two methods in which licensees can seek
153 that waiver if they want to have outdoor consumption. So if you want to have smoking or vaping,
154 that's going to be something that comes before the Council, and you all have to vote on that to
155 permit it. And if someone just wants to have outdoor edible consumption, so let's say any type of
156 food that's infused with cannabis, that will simply go to the Community Development Director.
157 And then I think Council you had, or sorry, Madam Mayor, you had asked that we kind of talk
158 about some of the distance separations in other jurisdictions. So our office did look into that. And
159 in Henderson, they have 5,280 feet distance separations for any cannabis establishments. As well
160 as in Phoenix they have that same amount, which ends up being a mile. But there are some
161 jurisdictions, like Seattle, San Diego, and specifically Denver, who do have the 1,000 foot
162 separation between all retail dispensaries as well.

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164 **MAYOR GOODMAN**

165 Thank you very much.

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167 **CRISLOVE IGELEKE**

168 No problem.

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170 **JIM LEWIS**

171 Madam Mayor, Council, Jim Lewis, your planning and land use lawyer. I think I just wanted to
172 highlight that waiver issue one more time for you and also the people behind us listening. This is
173 really important because it's my understanding that there are folks that might want to put together
174 what they're labeling like a New Amsterdam, and they're concerned that this 1,000 foot

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175 separation requirement will not permit them to do so. The truth of the matter is, and let me read it
176 to you from our proposed code. This is very important. It says the separation requirement may be
177 waived by the City Council in connection with a special use permit approval in appropriate
178 cases, including in areas in which the City Council might desire to encourage such
179 establishments to locate. So for those folks that might think that the 1,000 foot waiver would
180 preclude somebody coming to this Council with an interesting idea that you might want to
181 consider, it doesn't. We've got a waiver requirement here. They come forward. The waiver
182 actually doesn't cost any more money. It's part of a special use permit application. So they would
183 just come to you with this interesting proposal, and you would consider it. It might be
184 appropriate. It might not be. But the fact of the matter is the 1,000 foot distance separation
185 doesn't preclude these kinds of projects from coming to you.

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187 **MAYOR GOODMAN**

188 On the same fee.
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190 **JIM LEWIS**

191 Yes.
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193 **MAYOR GOODMAN**

194 The same fee first fee.
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196 **JIM LEWIS**

197 Yes. So when you come in, so each applicant comes in. They have to apply for a special use
198 permit. That special use permit has a fee associated with it. The waiver has no additional cost. It
199 is part of the special use permit application fee.
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201 **MAYOR GOODMAN**

202 Okay. Thank you.

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SETH FLOYD

And thank you, Mayor. Seth Floyd, Director of Community Development for the record. So the last piece, now that Crislove and Jim have gone through the mechanics of the bill, Darcy and I wanted to give you kind of a couple of other points that you may want to consider, where we've been with this bill, you know, this isn't our first go-around with social use venues, and also the public outreach that we've done leading up to and getting us here today. So I'm going to turn it over to Darcy to go through that information because she led that project.

MAYOR GOODMAN

Good morning.

DARCY ADELBAI-HURD

Good morning, Mayor and Council, Darcy Adelbai-Hurd, Business Licensing Manager. Just to do a quick timeline of where we've been and how we got to where we are today. Twenty-nineteen, May 2019, we approved a social use venue before you with the Council, where we vetted for over I believe like a year and a half stakeholder meetings, and we put forth what our version of a consumption lounge. That got halted by the State. In June, the legislative session, they stopped the whole entire state from allowing consumption lounges. So we weren't able to enact that. They then said that the Cannabis Compliance Board had to draft regulations to then allow the local entities to do that. So we waited from 2019 until 2022, waiting for those regulations. When those regulations came forward, it was the summer of 2022. That's when we looked at what we had in our code and what the State allowed. A lot of what we had was still in that code, but they created the consumption lounges to be cannabis establishments. So we had them separated. What we had to do then is look at our code and repeal that section. Our social use venues were not cannabis establishments. We had a section of code that were. So our dispensaries, our retail stores, and our cultivations were establishments. We needed to move that over. So that's what this bill was trying to do, take all of the language that was already approved and move it over into that section and then stay within State law. That was in July/August when we started drafting that language.

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232 Then in September, we received a letter from the Cannabis Compliance Board, saying what
233 entities are going to opt in and opt out. We came before you on September 9th, and you, or we
234 had a deadline of September 9th to tell the State whether or not we were going to opt in or opt
235 out. September 7th, the Board, the Council decided to put it before a discussion item on
236 September 20th, and that's when we told the Compliance, the CCB that we were going to opt in.
237 And then in October, we decided to finish our draft and we did the business impact solicitation.
238 We opened up our solicitation on October 31st, and we kept it open until November 30th.
239 During that time, we started our stakeholder meetings, and we did our workshops. We did a
240 combined workshop with Clark County on November 10th. We did that during our Business
241 Expo at the World Market Center. We held a virtual workshop in the morning on
242 November 21st. We did an in-person workshop that afternoon, here at City Hall. And on
243 November 30th is when the CCB held their lottery, and that's when they said who got the golden
244 tickets for the consumption lounges.

245 Then we had another, we had a couple other meetings. On December 12th, we had a virtual
246 meeting with Ward 3 and some of the social equity applicants. And that was in the morning. And
247 then another one with the Community Director and the social equity applicants on that same day
248 in the afternoon. We introduced the draft ordinance. Also at those meetings we explained to
249 those applicants their opportunity to come to our Recommending Committee to put forth any
250 requests that they had for the draft language. We provided them with the draft that they had
251 because, at that point, our business impact had already closed. We introduced the bill on January
252 4th, and it was sent to the Recommending Committee on January 17th. And then it was held in
253 abeyance until January 30th. Then it moved out of Recommending on January 30th with the First
254 Amendment. It went to City Council on February 15th, and then it was held in abeyance until
255 today. But we did have another stakeholder meeting on February 22nd, which then prompted the
256 Second Amendment, which came before you today with some of the items that Crislove just
257 presented, with one additional note that we wanted to add. We did add one more amendment
258 that's not on the PowerPoint, and that was to lower the fees one more time for the social equity
259 applicants, down to \$1,500.

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260 **MAYOR GOODMAN**

261 Could you repeat that loud and clear, please?

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263 **DARCY ADELBAI-HURD**

264 That is to lower the social equity applicant fees from \$2,500 to \$1,500. And that would be in the

265 Second Amendment. And so we are before you today to hopefully get a vote for this bill to pass.

266 Thank you.

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268 **MAYOR GOODMAN**

269 Thank you all. Very clear and helpful. What I'd like to do at this point is get the involvement and

270 comments, questions from Council and then open it up for public comment. And so if that would

271 work for you all and here we go. So any questions down there? Councilwoman Seaman, please.

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273 **COUNCILWOMAN SEAMAN**

274 I don't really have a question. I just want to thank you for all the work that you've done on this

275 and that you took the time to meet with the Chamber of Cannabis. And I want to remind people

276 that this was something that the State passed, and it was up to us to put the ordinance together.

277 And I think we all came together and really worked to make sure that we did the best job with

278 our colleagues. So thank you.

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280 **MAYOR GOODMAN**

281 Councilman Crear.

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283 **COUNCILMAN CREAR**

284 Thank you, Madam Mayor. I think it's really important to note and to reiterate the fact that the

285 City of Las Vegas was the first jurisdiction to approve social use venues a few years back. A

286 group of us, we even traveled to San Francisco, and while we were there, we toured a number of

287 social use venues, actually went in, kicked the tires, and saw what was going on. And we came

288 back from that trip and approved the social use venues, even though it was not very popular at

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289 the time and it didn't have State support and it didn't have a number of — you know, we didn't
290 have the crowds that we have today in our support of that. The City was a leader in that, because
291 I personally believe that it keeps honest people honest. If you look at it, I don't think that the
292 industry does a very good job of promoting the rules and regulations of it. I wish there was
293 something in here that talked about how they need to talk about what the rules are and maybe
294 even a posting of that or even an advertisement that says, look, you cannot just fly to Vegas, get
295 off the plane, and light up at McCarran, which I have personally seen happen. And I think that
296 people have a perception of what Las Vegas is about, which is great, but that's not the law.
297 And so, you know, I think that we've come a very long ways with this. And I'm not a fan right
298 now of the outdoor consumption. I think we need to have a better understanding of how the
299 indoor consumption is going to work before we start just approving outdoor consumption. There
300 are so many questions that have to be answered. And I think that it's not just a matter of, yes,
301 we're going to allow it. I mean, you have to take into consideration the neighborhood, the
302 businesses associated with it, the smell, all types of things that go into it. So it's just not as simple
303 as just saying we're going to approve outdoor consumption.
304 So I personally think that we should have at least a one-year moratorium once these get open in
305 order to evaluate it and then make the determination. But with the special use permit, I guess the
306 Council will make the determination if they will allow it or not. But I also want to reiterate the
307 fact that you, our team has done a yeoman's job of trying to follow the rules and regulations
308 established by the State legislature. And I truly applaud you all because you guys have had the
309 patience and reiteration. And I think that the public has been very much engaged and have had a
310 very strong voice in the whole process. So congratulations to you all and thank you.

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312 **MAYOR GOODMAN**

313 Thank you. Councilwoman Diaz and Councilwoman Palenske, comments too? You're okay.
314 Councilwoman Diaz.

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316 **COUNCILWOMAN DIAZ**

317 Thank you, Madam Mayor. And I know just as my colleague, Councilman Crear, has mentioned,

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318 this has been a work in progress for the City way before I arrived on the Council, and my
319 predecessor sitting out there is making sure we don't mess it up. So thank you former
320 Councilman Coffin for being here. I just want to say that again this is new territory and
321 uncharted territory for us as the City of Las Vegas. And the State gave everyone the ability to opt
322 in to have consumption lounges, and only four jurisdictions opted in, two of which are in
323 Southern Nevada, one of which is the City of Las Vegas. So I think that some of us have to
324 recognize the willingness of the City to delve into this space that other jurisdictions are not
325 wanting to touch yet. So we're being, again, another leader to make sure that we are affording our
326 tourists and people who want to go and consume marijuana a responsible way to do so. Not in
327 our parking lots, not in our hotel rooms, but somewhere else where it is allowed and that maybe
328 they want to do it in a communal setting, they want to do it with friends and families and people
329 that come with them. So we're totally on board.

330 The thing is we're hearing a lot of different opinions also, and I want the public to be aware not
331 everyone wants the Little Amsterdam in a certain space. And we have to be cognizant, and we
332 have to be respectful of spaces that already exist. I don't think anyone on this Council is opposed
333 to that concept potentially taking fold, but where that is going to happen is still a question that
334 we don't even know how to answer. So that will hopefully continue to evolve, the conversations
335 will be had, and we can all maybe get behind it. But that is still something that we don't know
336 how it's all going to unfold. I do want to say thank you to my colleagues for supporting the social
337 equity license component going to \$1,500. I really think that they're the folks that are going to
338 have a little bit more issues in setting up their establishment, and we're mirroring what the county
339 has. So really appreciative of that. And I think we're on the right track here. We do have to have
340 checks and balances initially. And just like any other space, when we get comfortable and we see
341 what it is all about, I'm sure we can come back and reevaluate and assess after we've had a
342 couple of years with consumption lounges under our belt and know how the community and the
343 adjacent business owners feel about them as well. So those are my comments, Madam Mayor.

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344 **MAYOR GOODMAN**

345 Thank you. Thank you. I'd like to get an explanation, if you would, about the cost of the
346 processing. And perhaps for Planning, I guess, Mr. Floyd if you would respond to that. How did
347 we arrive at that number? Why wasn't it \$2,000? Or why wasn't it \$1,000 or \$500? So please.

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349 **SETH FLOYD**

350 Yeah. Thank you, Mayor. Seth Floyd for the record. So all of our fees are designed to
351 approximate what we think the regulatory cost is going to be. So industries that have more rules
352 and are a heavier lift for our staff, obviously there's a cost to that because Darcy and our team
353 have real staff time involved in doing that. And this one in particular, there are number of
354 components of this that make it a heavier lift for our team. There are more regulatory
355 components. For example, Crislove didn't go into a whole lot of detail on this, but the training
356 plan is submitted to Metro. So we have to coordinate with Metro on the training plans. That takes
357 staff time. We have to evaluate the special use permits for the waiver. There are a number of
358 components that have to be reviewed as well. Because these are privileged licenses, there's an
359 extra level of review. There are background checks for the key employees and for the owners.
360 And so the fee kind of reflects that. It reflects that this requires a significant amount of staff time.
361 There's also a required review that we added in the Second Amendment. So staff is going to have
362 some time in putting those together, looking for calls for service, evaluating the status at that
363 time in a year of each of these establishments. So there is a staff component that goes into us
364 developing that fee. So that's how we arrived at the fee. We do recognize, as Councilwoman
365 Diaz said, we had these conversations with the stakeholders and also internally about trying to
366 lower that barrier to entry however for the social equity applicants to give them a shot.

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368 **MAYOR GOODMAN**

369 Thank you. I mean, it's really helpful as much as we can cover to inform the public. I want to ask
370 you, Mr. Lewis, if you'd speak to the issue the federal government has continued on with the
371 felony. It is a felony. Well, if you would make some comment as to that.

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JIM LEWIS

Certainly, Mayor. Thank you very much. Yeah, as, Mayor, you and the Council know, marijuana is still a Schedule 1 drug at the federal level. There has been — To make a long story short, there have been letters issued by the Department of Justice that indicate that the U.S. attorneys will not be pursuing marijuana-related crimes as long as certain conditions are met by states and local governments. Here in Nevada, that letter has been issued. And so we are free, this government is free, the state government is free to issue regulations on marijuana establishments and allow marijuana as long as we comply with the terms of the DOJ-issued letters. And that's where we're at with the federal government. I do, if you wouldn't mind, Mayor, I would like to put Councilman Crear's mind at ease with regard to outdoor smoking. There's no outdoor consumption unless they get a specific waiver from this Council. So you will get a chance to address outdoor smoking when it comes before you.

MAYOR GOODMAN

Thank you. I think that clarity is important. So if there are no other questions, comments, yes, I'm going to open public comment. We'll start with the cards. Yes, Councilwoman Brune.

COUNCILWOMAN BRUNE

Thank you. Just a clarifying question. We are requiring a review after the period of one year, correct?

SETH FLOYD

Yes. So Seth Floyd for the Mayor, I mean for the Councilwoman. So yes, we are — one thing that was added in the last version of the draft is we removed the neighbor consent requirement and instead added a one-year required review. That's something, as Jim will tell you, that the Planning Commission or Council often adds to application even if it's not in code. If they want to look at something or they're worried about the unintended consequences of those or the secondary effects, you can look at those after the year period. We're just putting it in the code so that it's required, and those applicants will be required to come back and have you review their operation and make sure

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everything is going okay. And just also to add to that, at that time, you would have three options under our zoning code. You can just approve the review and they move on business as usual. You can add conditions if there are issues with outdoor smoking or other things that can be mitigated with condition. You can add conditions, or you can revoke the special use permit at that time following the procedure in our code.

MAYOR GOODMAN

Okay. So at this point let's hear from the public. Let's hear first from Sarah Collins. And then we'll hear from Timothy Ado. And so, please, if you will, and if everyone that just presented, will you stay nearby in case we need a response. Are you Miss Collins? Please come forward and pick a mic and watch for the red light. And then let's have Mr. Timothy Ado I think it is. Pardon?

TIMOTHY ELI ADDO

Eli Addo

MAYOR GOODMAN

Eli Addo? Okay. I can't read the writing. Oh, there it is, two names. Got it. Please go ahead. And your light is not on. And we'll have everybody just get in line and we can move. And let's everybody stick to one minute, please.

SARAH COLLINS

Good morning, Mayor.

MAYOR GOODMAN

Good morning.

SARAH COLLINS

And good morning, Council Members. My name is Sarah Collins. I'm a co-owner of Main Street Peddlers Antique Mall. I'm opposed to cannabis lounges randomly placed in the Arts District

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430 mostly because of the effect these establishments will have on the rents we merchants and artists
431 pay. I understand that cannabis is big business, making big money, and I fear for the little guy. I
432 see a future where the Arts District will be the Arts District in name only. All of us merchants
433 and artists will be displaced as people with bigger pockets buy our establishments. We who don't
434 own our buildings are at the mercy of our landlords, and there's no hope for our leases when
435 cannabis big money come sniffing around Main Street. Outdoor consumption. Also I would like
436 to speak up for the millions of people who don't consume cannabis and who find the idea of pot
437 clouds offensive in the places that they shop.

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439 **MAYOR GOODMAN**

440 Thank you very much. That was a minute. Thank you. Thank you very much. Thank you for
441 coming down. Yes, sir. Please, your name, if you would, and then we'll start the clock.

442
443 **TIMOTHY ELI ADDO**

444 Greetings. Good morning, Madam Mayor and City Council. My name is Timothy Eli Addo. I am
445 — I was a social equity applicant who was not — I guess I wasn't, I didn't meet the lottery
446 requirement. I didn't win the lottery. I just wanted to — I'm here to basically — my, I guess my,
447 to raise awareness to not derail the purpose of how we started this industry to begin with. I know
448 there's a lot of people, Council members sitting today that were not present when this started, and
449 Madam Mayor you can attest to this, that when we started this whole vision was unfortunately
450 those that are advocating for the Amsterdam model have not been in the industry long enough to
451 know that the Amsterdam model has been a failing model, so we do not advocate for the
452 Amsterdam model to begin with. It was all about medical. So excluding the Medical District
453 from this conversation I think —

454
455 **MAYOR GOODMAN**

456 Thank you.

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457 **TIMOTHY ELI ADDO**

458 — it's extremely regressive to what we started. Thank you.

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460 **MAYOR GOODMAN**

461 Thank you. And if you want to get in line, because we're doing this only for a minute at this
462 point because if there are needs for a response, I want to hear from staff. We have Ms. Goines
463 and Mr. Rutledge and Ms. Lee and Mr. Cooks. So in any order, if you would, just be waiting.
464 And you can watch the monitor. And I ask you when you take the microphone, keep an eye on
465 the time. There will be a little beep to let you know you have 15 seconds left. So make sure to
466 say your name, and we will not charge you part of the timing on your name.

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468 **MAYOR GOODMAN**

469 Okay, ma'am. Hi.

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471 **A'ESHA GOINS**

472 Good morning. I'm A'asha Goins, Vice President of the NAACP. I'm concerned about the 1,000
473 square-foot distance separation. The idea sounds a lot like redlining, especially since it's the first
474 time persons who were most impacted by the war on drugs are being offered an opportunity to do
475 business in the cannabis industry. Nevada unlike other states has very few cannabis real estate
476 options because of the distance restrictions in the State law. The extra 1,000 feet distance separation
477 between lounges is a larger factor in choosing location. However, my largest concern is how will
478 the proposed waivers affect the impacted licensees. I'm not saying who will have a better chance at
479 receiving a waiver, but history has shown that anytime there is an exception made, the people with
480 the most influence or money are the ones benefiting. I realize the City has elected to give a steep
481 discount to the impacted licensees, but I want to remind the Council that discounts still mean they
482 will have some money — they will have to put out some money. Many of the social equity
483 licensees have had to be extremely creative with finding funds, including partnering with investors
484 with unrealistic expectations because there isn't any money available to the licensees. I'd like you to
485 imagine a front door to a new house and in the yard there is an old refrigerator —

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486 **MAYOR GOODMAN**

487 Thank you.

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489 **A'ESHA GOINS**

490 — broken washing machine and a dryer, a used toilet, and dead animals.

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492 **MAYOR GOODMAN**

493 Thank you so much. Thank you. Good morning.

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495 **SCOTT RUTLEDGE**

496 Good morning. Scott Rutledge for the record, R-U-T-L-E-D-G-E. First, I just want to thank the
497 Mayor and Council for the time you put into this and your staff. Having worked on the social use
498 venue ordinance going back to 2018, I know how much time and thought has been put into this
499 by the staff. And so seriously, kudos to all of you. I also wanted to say thank you for continuing
500 to allow for public feedback over the last few weeks. I know I've spoken with a number of the
501 stakeholders that did not have a chance to participate because they did not know when they were
502 going to get the licenses till after those initial round of public meetings. So we appreciate that.
503 We are in an experimental phase here, and so I can appreciate the one-year review, especially for
504 the outdoor smoking. I know there are some mixed feelings about that. But I have been to some
505 of these venues in West Hollywood, where they do allow it, and I've talked to business licensing
506 there and they have found ways to mitigate that. Certainly we'll be available to answer any
507 additional questions to all of you if you have more thoughts about this after today. Thank you.

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509 **MAYOR GOODMAN**

510 Thank you, Mr. Rutledge.

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512 **CHANDLER COOKS**

513 Good morning.

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514 **MAYOR GOODMAN**

515 Good morning.

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517 **CHANDLER COOKS**

518 My name is Chandler Cooks. My comments today are in advocacy of the social equity applicants
519 who have been awarded a cannabis consumption lounge license, myself included. As we've all
520 witnessed, the Nevada cannabis industry is rapidly growing, and it's imperative that this Council
521 ensures that each social equity applicant has equitable access to the opportunities this industry
522 provides. A serious issue with the drafted language is that it was not in collaboration with the
523 actual licensees. Over the past two weeks, myself and other social equity applicants have been
524 scrambling to understand these inaccessible regulations. I ask that you give privilege to social
525 equity applicants when it comes to opening and operating. This can help create a more equitable
526 industry. Allow me to provide some steps I believe can be taken to assure this industry is
527 accessible to social equity applicants. Offer social equity applicants first right of refusal on real
528 estate. Ease the barriers to entry by significantly lowering the fees on social equity applicants,
529 and consider creating a pool of funds accessible to social equity applicants. Thank you.

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531 **MAYOR GOODMAN**

532 Thank you. Mr. Cooks, if you'd wait one second. Crislove, could I have you come back up and
533 respond about the classes? I want everybody who is in this grouping of applicants to hear and
534 maybe Darcy — Well, everybody can come up and have a comment. But I just want to be
535 assured that everybody knows your willingness to help and monitor and do it. So please.

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537 **CRISLOVE IGELEKE**

538 Absolutely. Crislove Igeleke, Deputy City Attorney for the record. There was a class that we did
539 help the cannabis consumption lounge prospective owners with early on. This was prior to
540 drafting the ordinance. A'esha Goins, who was over that program, had reached out to our office
541 about having someone come out and just kind of explain the general steps for becoming a
542 business owner. And that was a class that I did present on at their location in the Historic

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Westside. That was, as I noted, prior to the ordinance being drafted. So we really were only able to provide feedback as far as what it looks like to get a license, what the special use permit is about. But I know Darcy has done several outreaches since then, so she can kind of speak to that point.

DARCY ADELBAI-HURD

Yes. And yesterday when we met Mr. Cooks, we did offer him and to his students, who are also awardees of the social equity licenses, to reach out and we are more than happy to offer step-by-step instruction on to get licensed in the city of Las Vegas.

MAYOR GOODMAN

And how would you like those who are interested and part of that particular applicant group to reach you to ask? Is it through an email? Do you want to give them a phone number? What is —

DARCY ADELBAI-HURD

Yeah, We can — For the licensing, you can send us an email at license@lasvegasnevada.gov.

MAYOR GOODMAN

license@lasvegasnevada.gov.

DARCY ADELBAI-HURD

license@lasvegasnevada.gov. And we will set up time. We can do one-on-one, or we can set up a big session with everybody at one time.

MAYOR GOODMAN

Thank you. And?

CRISLOVE IGELEKE

And I also have business cards on me for anyone that's available today and would be glad to sit

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572 down or walk through, you know, what the legal terms mean.

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574 **MAYOR GOODMAN**

575 In our Legal Department?

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577 **CRISLOVE IGELEKE**

578 Absolutely. The Legal team is all on board to help with that as well.

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580 **MAYOR GOODMAN**

581 So this is really an exciting and forward step I think for the city and certainly open arms and

582 helping, but saying this is a first step. And so we want to get up. We want to get operative. And

583 boy, Councilman Crear nailed it and everybody else, we know what a great staff we have. So thank

584 you. And Mr. Cooks, thank you very much.

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586 **CHANDLER COOKS**

587 Thank you.

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589 **CRISLOVE IGELEKE**

590 Thank you.

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592 **MAYOR GOODMAN**

593 Next, please.

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595 **RACHEL LEE**

596 Good morning. Am I able to put a slide here? I don't know how to do that.

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598 **MAYOR GOODMAN**

599 Do you want to pull the microphone down?

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600 **RACHEL LEE**

601 Sure.

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603 **MAYOR GOODMAN**

604 Perfect.

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606 **RACHEL LEE**

607 Thank you so much and good morning, Madam Mayor.

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609 **MAYOR GOODMAN**

610 Good morning.

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612 **RACHEL LEE**

613 Oh, thank you. So real quick because I have one minute.

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615 **MAYOR GOODMAN**

616 And your name, please.

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618 **RACHEL LEE**

619 My name is Rachel Lee, and my company is Sunflower Compassionate Company.

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621 **MAYOR GOODMAN**

622 Hold one sec, please. Ma'am?

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624 **RACHEL LEE**

625 Sure.

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627 **UNIDENTIFIED SPEAKER**

628 Shoot it up a little more.

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629 **MAYOR GOODMAN**

630 Shoot it up a little?

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632 **RACHEL LEE**

633 There?

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635 **MAYOR GOODMAN**

636 Is that good?

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638 **RACHEL LEE**

639 Okay.

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641 **MAYOR GOODMAN**

642 Okay. Go for it

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644 **RACHEL LEE**

645 Shortly after the – City meeting on February 26th, I was sent an article that read. The words that

646 stood out to me the most was so-called social equity applicant. I began to think about what took

647 place in my life that landed me in this position. So I wanted to share to anyone who were

648 thinking that this was some sort of made-up opportunity. Here lies the arrest record when I was

649 arrested in '94 of drug trafficking, and I never sold drugs in my life. Shortly after that arrest,

650 while I was attending high school to finish up my high school diploma, I went and applied for a

651 job and lost that job a couple of days after, four days after. The next location, I lost that job

652 another four days after. A company, a casino, started on the 19th, lost that on the 22nd. On the

653 17th I started a job, lost that on the 17th. I went away to California and stayed there for 12

654 months or more, looking to be a radiologist. And I completed that radiology course. After 12

655 months, I was called into the counseling office and told that I was not able to continue with my

656 state board exam. So that led me into addiction and depression and a whole bunch of other

657 things. I was also garnished. But the best thing of all of this is that I received a certification in the

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658 cannabis field, and I started a non-profit organization as well. I am with CEIC, and that
659 organization has helped me get to this point. I also wanted to mention —

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661 **MAYOR GOODMAN**

662 Thank you. Thank you. I wish and what I would suggest perhaps you just maybe you want to
663 submit what you've written so clearly there to the Clerk?

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665 **RACHEL LEE**

666 The Clerk?

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668 **MAYOR GOODMAN**

669 Right here. We can make a copy of it and give it back to you.

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671 **RACHEL LEE**

672 Sure. Thank you.

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674 **MAYOR GOODMAN**

675 But I'm not sure if you need your own private attorney or have it. But good for you and thank
676 you that you're helping others.

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678 **RACHEL LEE**

679 Thank you. I appreciate you. Thank you.

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681 **MAYOR GOODMAN**

682 We appreciate it. Thank you. Okay.

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683 **JENNIFER LAZOVICH**

684 Good morning.

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686 **MAYOR GOODMAN**

687 Good morning.

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689 **JENNIFER LAZOVICH**

690 Jennifer Lazovich, 1980 Festival Plaza Drive. I wanted to just thank the City for working on the
691 amendments that are, have been described in the proposed Second Amendment today. It
692 addressed some of the issues that were raised during the Recommending Committee, and we
693 appreciate the flexibility and the efforts to address some of those issues. And we support the
694 proposed Second Amendment. Thank you.

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696 **MAYOR GOODMAN**

697 Thank you very much. Okay. We have Mr. Padilla, Mr. Kasoff, Mr. Baranowski, and Cristina
698 Ulman. So be please be ready to come up. Thank you very much.

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700 **BRI PADILLA**

701 Good morning.

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703 **MAYOR GOODMAN**

704 Good morning.

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706 **BRIANNA PADILLA**

707 My name is Brianna Padilla, Bri Padilla, B-R-I P-A-D-I-L-L-A. I serve as the Executive Director
708 for the Chamber of Cannabis. I'm a Nevada resident of more than 13 years, and I've been an
709 advocate and leader in the industry for more than six. Just a couple weeks ago myself and a
710 group of my chamber colleagues [inaudible 00:39:20] to request that Council members pause
711 your vote on the presented ordinances and allow for our industry to provide context and insight

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712 to the concerns, most specifically the delays and operational difficulties caused by the 1,000
713 square foot, 1,000-foot distance requirements even with the waiver options as the proposed
714 process, as the processes proposed by staff would take two to four months, as well as concerns
715 surrounding the proposed licensing fee schedules, specifically renewals tied to gross revenue.
716 To provide some context, our industry has seen prices surrounding cannabis products drop
717 significantly, combined with like a 10 percent to 30 percent discount for products as a standard at
718 every retailer. Despite that, lounges will be forced to purchase single-use products through a retailer
719 at an elevated cost. As such, tying the renewal licensing fees to that number is not truly reflective of
720 the cost incurred by just simply opening doors. Lastly, I would like to acknowledge the challenge and
721 thank the Council members and their staff for all of the work today. We are inviting a new business
722 type into our city, and while the industry has done an incredible job at keeping cannabis safe,
723 compliant, and consistent, there are hurdles.

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725 **MAYOR GOODMAN**

726 Thank you very much. Thank you. Boy, you did that quickly. And sir, we're ready for you. And you are?

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728 **JOSH KASOFF**

729 My name is Josh Kasoff. I'm with the Chamber of Cannabis. I'm an advocate and journalist in town.
730 So among many rules, the 1,000-foot rule needs to be amended to be more similar to bars on
731 Fremont and the Strip. The Nevada cannabis industry has gone through several recent hardships. So
732 these consumption lounges would be a great new stream of revenue and employment opportunities
733 for an industry that has already gone through plenty of roadblocks and continues to face
734 disadvantages compared to other industries in Nevada. There's about 18,000 people employed in the
735 Nevada cannabis industry, and these lounges would definitely bring significant job creation as well
736 as further revenue to this industry. This could be vital for this industry that's still going through
737 various hardships and may continue do so in the upcoming years. So thank you.

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738 **MAYOR GOODMAN**

739 Thank you. Goodness, you've got 23 seconds. No, no, go, go, go, go. Come on. All right. Thank
740 you.

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742 **JOSH KASOFF**

743 So the chicken crossed the road. Okay.

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745 **MAYOR GOODMAN**

746 Okay. Thank you. No, appreciate it. Cristina.

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748 **DANI BARANOWSKI**

749 Good morning, Madam Mayor and Councilwomen and men. My name is Dani Baranowski, D-
750 A-N-I B-A-R-A-N-O-W-S-K-I. That took up 30 seconds. Can I get 30 extra? I'm just kidding.

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752 **MAYOR GOODMAN**

753 Don't count that. Okay.

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755 **DANI BARANOWSKI**

756 I am a co-founder of the Chamber of Cannabis, a consumer, and I am also a former felon. I
757 received two cannabis felonies when I was 18 years old. I did make my way through the federal
758 justice system, and I want to make sure that we are blazing trails for those coming behind me and
759 making sure that they don't have unnecessary hardships. So thank you for amending these
760 opportunities for social equity applicants. I also urge the Council when these waivers and special
761 use permits do come to the floor, that we do consider the economic opportunity that these
762 lounges are going to create. It's the innovation of our industry. The entire world is watching us.
763 I do think that the outdoor consumption mitigation is possible. I don't think it would make sense
764 to remove it completely. Combustion and vaporization are two very different things, and
765 considering we live in Las Vegas where you can smoke cigarettes inside, I do think this is again
766 one unnecessary way, one unnecessary regulation that will hurt business opportunities and to

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767 think carefully. Thank you very much.

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769 **MAYOR GOODMAN**

770 Thank you. Bingo, you did it right down to four seconds. Thank you. Okay. And we have

771 Cristina?

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773 **CRISTINA ULMAN**

774 Yes. Good morning, Madam. Good morning, Council. Folks, this meeting has been incredibly —

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776 **MAYOR GOODMAN**

777 Wait, your name.

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779 **CRISTINA ULMAN**

780 Sorry. My name is Cristina Ulman, C-R-I-S-T-I-N-A U-L-M-A-N.

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782 **MAYOR GOODMAN**

783 Thank you.

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785 **CRISTINA ULMAN**

786 I'm the President and co-founder of the Chamber of Cannabis and a valued member of this

787 community for 15 years. Just wanted to say this meeting has been incredibly inspiring to see all

788 the people here contributing to humanity and the growth of our city. The Chamber and its

789 members actually financially supports and physically supports both the Obodo Collection, the

790 Caridad Group, and the union just became members two weeks ago. So we want you to know

791 how everyone is working so well together, and we want to continue to grow this industry.

792 I come with a message of reassurance. If you are happy with how the cannabis industry has been

793 going for the last six years and you've seen the stigmas and stereotypes being overcome with

794 organizations like the Chamber and CEIC and other industry professionals, we want to reassure

795 you that we plan on doing that with these consumption venues. We plan on building, yes, mostly

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796 the Arts District and the Westside with these new venues so that we can draw in not just tourists
797 but people from our city. And it's not going to be a cloud of smoke. People are already doing
798 that, Councilman Crear. You know that. They're all smoking on the Strip. They're smoking on
799 Main Street. So instead this just allows having the regulation in one place. We thank you so
800 much for your time.

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802 **MAYOR GOODMAN**

803 Thank you. Thank you. Okay. And we still — Thomas needs to go back to school and write his
804 last name so I can read it.

805

806 **THOMAS LIOLIOS**

807 We type now.

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809 **MAYOR GOODMAN**

810 Oh, that would help. And your last — well, your name, please.

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812 **THOMAS LIOLIOS**

813 Thomas Liolios.

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815 **MAYOR GOODMAN**

816 Oh.

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818 **THOMAS LIOLIAS**

819 I'm a talent acquisition professional and market research study. The first issue I want to stress is
820 the 1,000-foot distance barrier. There's a reason all the car companies are on the same street.

821 There's a reason all the hotels are on Las Vegas Boulevard. You inhibit the ability for them to be
822 successful by forcing them to separate or you cause undue challenges. In regards to the smell and
823 kind of what's going on, there are 30 million smokers of tobacco products in the U.S. There are
824 70 million cannabis consumers. This state has very unique laws for the smokers unlike any other

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825 ones. It should be at the forefront of making unique laws tailoring to these 70 million cannabis
826 users. If 10 percent of them came for one extra trip to Las Vegas a year because they could
827 support cannabis, that would be a 25 percent increase in total visitors from last year. A lot of
828 money to be had.

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830 **MAYOR GOODMAN**

831 Thank you. Thank you. And so we have Jason Greninger. Good morning.

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833 **JASON GRENINGER**

834 Good morning. Thank you. I just want to say thank you for what you're doing and working with
835 these cannabis lounges and —

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837 **MAYOR GOODMAN**

838 My name is?

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840 **JASON GRENINGER**

841 My name is Jason Greninger, G-R-E-N-I-N-G-E-R.

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843 **MAYOR GOODMAN**

844 Thank you.

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846 **JASON GRENINGER**

847 And I just want to support the changes and amendments and process, what we've achieved here
848 today. I can come here intending to make more concern about the 1,000 foot. I'm happy to see
849 that there changes to add that waiver and process. Thank you.

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851 **MAYOR GOODMAN**

852 Thank you. Well, this is a work in action I'll tell you going forward, so thank you. Anyone else? I
853 can't believe it. That is our fire marshal. See and I thought we escaped. Goodness gracious. Will

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854 you defer to this gentleman first?

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856 **PAUL MURAD**

857 Yeah, I defer to him.

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859 **MAYOR GOODMAN**

860 Okay. Yes, because you are going to be the summation, but still with a minute. Please come
861 forward.

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863 **KURT DREGER**

864 My name is Kurt Dreger, and I defer my minute to Paul.

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866 **MAYOR GOODMAN**

867 Oh, how generous of you. Thank you. If you'll give us your card.

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869 **PAUL MURAD**

870 Thank you.

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872 **KURT DREGER**

873 You're welcome.

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875 **MAYOR GOODMAN**

876 He's never done anything in two minutes. This is going to be very interesting. Your name is?

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878 **PAUL MURAD**

879 Yes, Paul Murad, 930 South Third Street, Las Vegas, Nevada. Mayor and Council people, I'm
880 just one of many voices concerned about the ordinance the way it's presented right now or the
881 way it's been drafted. I represent a number of property owners that have been investing in
882 Downtown Las Vegas for well over a decade and invested a lot of capital in order to make this a

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883 better area. And that's our concern. I personally don't have any interest and stake in any of the
884 lounges. But we want to see a successful downtown, and we want this industry to succeed
885 because of the unique opportunity it has for downtown. People in 1931 thought maybe it was a
886 crazy idea to have gambling in the desert. In 2016, they maybe thought that ice hockey in the
887 desert was not a good idea. But in looking back, it was a genius idea.

888 You have an opportunity in front of you to not have unnecessary barriers with a 1,000-foot
889 distance separation. You have an opportunity to just reduce the fees to what they are for other
890 businesses, like wedding chapels, for example, to \$400, \$500. It's easy as one of you on this
891 Council making the motion right now. And I had a confirmation of that from your attorney
892 yesterday in a meeting with the Mayor. Any one of you can be that progressive, paradigm-
893 shifting person that changes that because currently you always look at another city, another
894 jurisdiction, but you don't have to do that. You can actually lead the way. You can listen to your
895 constituents. Constituents have been trying to speak to you. And instead of saying, well, we want
896 to do it like Clark County, or we want to do it like the city of Phoenix, you can do something
897 based on what people like myself, like the property owners that I represent, like the stakeholders,
898 and social equity applicants that are asking you to do this. And you can do it without having to
899 defer or refer to other cities and municipalities. This is a unique opportunity to change a
900 paradigm, and Las Vegas could be at the forefront and other cities will look at Vegas instead of
901 you following someone else. I have concern about the process. This ordinance, I just got a copy
902 of it late yesterday, and it wasn't available, I think it's still not available online in its current state.
903 So this ordinance is not available for the public, for the stakeholders to review and read the
904 details of it. The stakeholders meetings, I was repeatedly asking for them to be hybrid, and they
905 were not hybrid forever until just last week because we asked for it at the last City Council. I
906 repeatedly asked the staff. They didn't do that. For the first time, I introduced the equity license
907 holders to the staff and to many of you Council people. They should have been involved from the
908 very beginning. I've been speaking to Councilwoman Diaz since last summer. I tried to start
909 talking to Mr. Floyd since last October. And none of the recommendations, suggestions that we
910 were bringing on behalf of the property owners were incorporated in this bill whatsoever.

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911 **MAYOR GOODMAN**

912 Thank you.

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914 **PAUL MURAD**

915 Neither the special use permit shelf life, which is only 90 days —

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917 **MAYOR GOODMAN**

918 Thank you.

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920 **PAUL MURAD**

921 — instead of two years like everything else. Neither the parking. For example, there's a parking
922 requirement for these lounges.

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924 **MAYOR GOODMAN**

925 Thank you very much. And those are things, this is the beginning. So there's going to be plenty
926 of time going forward. However, I would like to ask Mr. Lewis or Ms. Crislove or Mr. Floyd or
927 Mr. Scott when and if this will be online for anyone, this ordinance. The notification, I know we
928 have a process here through which the City must go, assuming whatever happens with the vote.

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930 **SETH FLOYD**

931 Yes. So thank you, Mayor. So with the agenda item, there should be a backup copy. Now what
932 has happened in this case, when Darcy walked through the outline, there were some last-minute
933 changes that we did make in conversation with Mr. Murad and some of the other comments that
934 we heard. And so it takes the City Attorney's Office a bit of time to turn that around into a draft,
935 into a Second Amendment. But I will say Paul actually got his draft before I saw mine because
936 he got it yesterday in a meeting.

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938 **MAYOR GOODMAN**

939 See how important you are?

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940 **SETH FLOYD**

941 And I hadn't even seen it at that point yet. So we do try to get these out as quickly as we can. But
942 if you vote on the Second Amendment, for example, the \$1,500, the reduction of the social
943 equity applicant fee, that's something that came up just this morning. So there's not going to be a
944 draft copy of that until the bill is published on Sunday.

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946 **MAYOR GOODMAN**

947 Okay.

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949 **SETH FLOYD**

950 So that's when the final, final version with all of your changes will be available.

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952 **MAYOR GOODMAN**

953 Meaning published how and where?

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955 **SETH FLOYD**

956 I'll defer to the City Attorney on that.

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958 **JIM LEWIS**

959 Mayor, if I may, what happens is —

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961 **MAYOR GOODMAN**

962 And you are?

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964 **JIM LEWIS**

965 This is Jim Lewis with the City Attorney's Office. Thank you very much, Mayor. What happens
966 today is if this bill is approved, it gets published in the paper, and that's going to happen on
967 Sunday. Once published, it's effective. This law is effective.

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968 **MAYOR GOODMAN**

969 And then it's online through City of Las Vegas?

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971 **JIM LEWIS**

972 That's a very practical question that I don't have the answer to. But I believe the answer is if it's
973 not Monday, then shortly thereafter.

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975 **MAYOR GOODMAN**

976 I'm looking to our Public Information Office Director.

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978 **UNIDENTIFIED SPEAKER**

979 We can do whatever you'd like, Mayor.

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981 **MAYOR GOODMAN**

982 Oh, wow. So as soon as it's published in the paper, we'll get it online as soon as we can
983 thereafter. So for all of you who might be watching and tuning in, it will be there, depending
984 upon what the vote is. And so are there any other questions, comments? I'm going to turn to
985 Mayor Pro Tem, who chairs our Recommending Committee. And thank you all for coming
986 down. And City staff, you are the best. You are the best. Thank you.

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988 **COUNCILMAN KNUDSEN**

989 Thank you, Madam Mayor. And I just wanted to point out, again, Darcy, Jim Lewis, Crislove, Mr.
990 Steed, who I don't see but, and Mr. Floyd who have all worked tirelessly over the last it seems like
991 many, many years now to bring this to fruition, and then for the advocates who stood up and supported
992 and engaged. I think that's the best way the government works is everybody working together. For your
993 tireless patience, Darcy, I appreciate it. And so with that, Madam Mayor, I made a First Amendment. I
994 think maybe it's helpful to put that chart back up just so everyone is clear. I made a First Amendment in
995 Recommending Committee. Councilwoman Diaz improved upon the amendment with a Second
996 Amendment and also lowered the fee to \$1,500 for the social equity applicants. **And so with the First**

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997 **Amendment, the better amendment from Councilwoman Diaz, I would move to approve.**

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999 **MAYOR GOODMAN**

1000 With, oh, a Second Amendment because this still if people —

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1002 **COUNCILMAN KNUDSEN**

1003 **With the Proposed Second Amendment.**

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1005 **MAYOR GOODMAN**

1006 Okay.

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1008 **JEFF DOROCAK**

1009 And what about the lowered cost and the social equity?

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1011 **MAYOR GOODMAN**

1012 That's what I'm talking about.

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1014 **COUNCILMAN KNUDSEN**

1015 Yes, and it was lowered to \$1,500 —

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1017 **JEFF DOROCAK**

1018 Okay.

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1020 **COUNCILMAN KNUDSEN**

1021 — as presented by staff.

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1023 **JEFF DOROCAK**

1024 Correct.

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1025 **MAYOR GOODMAN**

1026 So this number on the screen is not the final one, \$1,500. And that's it?

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1028 **COUNCILMAN KNUDSEN**

1029 I hope so.

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1031 **MAYOR GOODMAN**

1032 Are we all in concert here that we are in the right process?

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1034 **COUNCILMAN KNUDSEN**

1035 All of the cats have been herded?

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1037 **MAYOR GOODMAN**

1038 Okay. We thank everybody who's participated. And there are no more problems? Okay. We vote.

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1040 **SETH FLOYD**

1041 Mayor, Seth Floyd, real quick. Just for the Clerk's benefit, so it is — what you're voting on is the

1042 Second Amendment with the one addition to the Second Amendment of the fee dropping from

1043 \$2,500 to \$1,500.

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1045 **MAYOR GOODMAN**

1046 To \$1,500.

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1048 **COUNCILMAN KNUDSEN**

1049 Yes, as proposed by Councilwoman Diaz.

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1051 **MAYOR GOODMAN**

1052 Perfect. Okay. As proposed. So please vote. And please post. **(Motion carried unanimously).**

1053 Thank you all. I know Mr. Cervantes is going give you all a week's vacation for your hard work.

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1054 Thank you all. Great job. Public, thank you for your support. This is the beginning. Okay.

1055 (END OF DISCUSSION)