Good Afternoon,

I'm writing to express my extreme concern over the recommendation to extend the moratorium.

The State Department of Cannabis Control timeline for issuing provisional licenses is coming to a close and the LAST DAY to submit is March 31st. <u>Diagram linked here</u>

If the local jurisdiction does not issue a license to it's prospective license holders as soon as possible, these applicants will have to wait months, maybe even years (as I've seen in some cases) to be able to open their doors. Applicants cannot apply for a state license until the local jurisdiction has given their approval.

Personally, I have already been paying rent for 18 months on a building while waiting for the city to sort out this ordinance and it is disheartening to think that locally owned businesses like mine are going to have to fold before we even open due to this really unfortunate timeline.

I urge/ask/plead that you not extend the moratorium and front load this ordinance so that the locals in this community can grow their businesses and continue to provide jobs in a very sad recession.

<u>Provisional License</u> -can be issued immediately, deadline is March 31st. Applicants will be able to operate while the annual application review is occuring.

Annual License -undergoes significant review and the backlog is monumental. Applicants cannot open until all the reviews are **complete**.

If the city does not have an approval process in place by March, there will be no opportunity for business to open in the near future and buildings will continue to sit empty.

Thank you, Brandy Moulton Chief Executive Officer, Sovereign (707)223-1129



On Fri, Feb 11, 2022 at 12:32 PM Brandy Moulton <<u>brandy@sovereign707.com</u>> wrote: State Provisional License deadlines <u>https://cannabis.ca.gov/wp-content/uploads/sites/2/2021/10/DCC_Provisional-License-Timeline-1.pdf</u>

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