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To the City Clerk:

Please add my comments to the agenda for the October 2, 2017 City Council meeting on item 2017.LS21.2, City of Toronto Recommendations for Cannabis Legalization

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Comments:

Please find the following report recommending the licensing of cannabis lounges, calling for the province to amend the Smoke Free Ontario Act in order to permit consumption sites as already recommended by Municipal Licensing and Standards Committee in 2012:

https://www.dropbox.com/s/viunr4dvm2l25r5/PRINTED_PRESENTATION_178_VERSION1.pdf?dl=0

Instead of punishing cannabis businesses, we should ask the province to licence cannabis consumption sites through the Alcohol and Gaming Commission of Ontario. If we regulate cannabis like alcohol we can have inclusive licensing that allows for small and medium sized businesses to be licensed.

As well, as recommended by the board of health diverse communities must be consulted before we create municipal policy on legalization. Stakeholder consultation has been limited to medical cannabis patients and licensed producers. We recommend the city consult with cannabis consumers and businesses to create a diverse licensing scheme which is inclusive instead of punitive.

Thanks,

Lisa Campbell

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