DRAFT RESOLUTION OF THE REGIONAL PLANNING COMMISSION
COUNTY OF LOS ANGELES
COMMERCIAL CANNABIS ZONING ORDINANCE
PROJECT NO. PRJ2024-000811
ADVANCE PLANNING CASE NO. RPPL2024001191
ENVIRONMENTAL ASSESSMENT NO. RPPL2024005648

WHEREAS, the County is authorized to adopt amendments to the County Zoning Ordinance, pursuant to the State Law (commencing with §65800 of the California Government Code);

WHEREAS, the Regional Planning Commission ("Commission") of the County of Los Angeles ("County") conducted a duly noticed public hearing on (1) amendments to Title 22 ("Planning and Zoning") of the Los Angeles County Code ("County Code") to consider the Commercial Cannabis Zoning Ordinance ("Zoning Ordinance") amendment, an amendment to consider establishment of commercial cannabis land uses, zoning regulations, development standards, and supporting implementation of Chapter 8.47 ("Commercial Cannabis Businesses") of Title 8 ("Consumer Protection, Business, and Wage Regulations") of the County Code; and (2) Final Program Environmental Impact Report ("Final Program EIR") on August 26, 2026.

WHEREAS, the Commission finds as follows:

1. On February 15, 2022, the County of Los Angeles Board of Supervisors ("Board") directed the Department of Consumer and Business Affairs ("DCBA"), through its Office of Cannabis Management ("OCM"), to implement an equitable commercial cannabis regulatory framework in collaboration with Regional Planning, among other departments.

2. The proposed Commercial Cannabis License Program (Program) includes amendments to Title 8 of the County Code to establish an administrative licensing framework, including application procedures, license requirements, operating standards, inspections, enforcement provisions, and penalties.

3. Consistent with proposed amendments to Title 8, the Zoning Ordinance amends Title 22 of the County Code to establish commercial cannabis land uses and a zoning framework by identifying where specified commercial cannabis business types may be allowed to locate in the unincorporated areas of the County.

4. The Zoning Ordinance allows specified commercial cannabis business types in eligible zones, subject to zoning standards, land use requirements, and required County permits, clearances, inspections, approvals, and commercial cannabis licensure under Title 8 and applicable state licensing by the California Department of Cannabis Control.

5. The Zoning Ordinance authorizes the following commercial cannabis land uses: storefront retail, non-storefront delivery-only retail, distribution, testing laboratories, manufacturing, indoor cultivation, and microbusinesses.

6. The Zoning Ordinance includes location restrictions and distance buffers intended to help protect youth and other sensitive populations including 600-foot buffers between commercial cannabis businesses and schools, libraries, licensed day care facilities, public parks and recreation centers, and licensed game arcades, as well as drug and alcohol recovery and/or treatment facilities.

7. The Zoning Ordinance includes 500-foot distance buffer requirements between licensed storefront cannabis retailers including those in neighboring cities to prevent clustering and support compatibility with surrounding communities.

8. The Zoning Ordinance includes distance buffers from certain uses to prevent overconcentration and support balanced distribution while Title 8 includes measures to reduce the potential for disproportionate concentration in any one Supervisorial District or Planning Area.

9. The Zoning Ordinance establishes a ministerial land use review process for eligible commercial cannabis businesses that comply with objective zoning, location, and development standards.

10. The Zoning Ordinance includes amendments to applicable specific plans to ensure consistency with the zoning standards for commercial cannabis businesses.

11. The Zoning Ordinance is consistent with and supportive of the goals and policies of the General Plan, including policies related to economic development, land use compatibility, public services, and air quality.

12. Approval of the Zoning Ordinance is in the interest of public health, safety, and general welfare and in conformity with good zoning practice.

13. The Zoning Ordinance is consistent with other applicable provisions of Title 22.

14. County staff conducted public outreach and stakeholder engagement regarding the proposed Program and environmental review, including 27 meetings and presentations with community and industry stakeholders including town councils, community groups, property owners, and other stakeholders.

15. Public input informed revisions to the proposed regulatory framework.

16. In accordance with Public Resources Code section 21080.3.1 and Government Code sections 65352 and 65352.3, California Native American Tribes traditionally and culturally affiliated with the project area that have requested notification were

notified and invited to request consultation regarding the proposed Program and Zoning Ordinance.

17. Twelve tribal representatives responded by acknowledging receipt or requesting additional information, and one tribe requested formal consultation. In September 2025, OCM met with representatives of the State-recognized Native American tribe, provided an overview of the Program and the environmental review process. Tribal representatives did not identify additional concerns related to the project, and no further consultation was required.

18. An Initial Study (IS) was prepared in compliance with the California Environmental Quality Act ("CEQA") to evaluate the project's potential impacts across 20 environmental resource areas. The IS and Notice of Preparation for the Draft Program EIR were publicly released on March 5, 2025. Following release of these CEQA documents, the County initiated a 30-day public scoping comment period, which concluded on April 4, 2025. The IS identified potentially significant impacts to the following seven resource areas: Air Quality, Energy, Greenhouse Gas Emissions, Hazards & Hazardous Materials, Land Use & Planning, Transportation, Utilities & Service Systems.

19. A Program EIR was prepared in compliance with CEQA and the County environmental guidelines. The Draft Program EIR was publicly released on February 12, 2026. In conjunction with the release of the draft documents, notices were emailed to community stakeholders to share information about the project, newspaper notices were published, and the draft documents were available for review at 8 County libraries across the County including a printed copy available at the County Hall of Records. The official public review period lasted for 45 days until March 30, 2026.

20. The Final Program EIR determined that the project would result in less than significant impacts to Air Quality, Energy, Greenhouse Gas Emissions, Hazards & Hazardous Materials, Land Use & Planning, and Utilities & Service Systems. However, the Program EIR also determined that the project would result in significant and unavoidable Transportation impacts. Although the Mitigation Monitoring Program would include measures to reduce these impacts, the measures may be less effective for delivery, customer, and inter-business transportation trips. Therefore, Transportation impacts could remain significant and unavoidable, requiring adoption of a Statement of Overriding Considerations.

21. The project has environmental, economic, social and regulatory benefits that outweigh the unavoidable adverse environmental impacts resulting from vehicle miles traveled ("VMT") and changes in travel patterns associated with the operation of commercial cannabis businesses.

22. Pursuant to Section 22.222.120 of the County Code, a public hearing notice was published in 14 newspapers and postcards were mailed to 254 addresses,

including town councils and community-based organizations. The public hearing notice and materials were also posted on the Department of Regional Planning's website and OCM's website; available at County libraries and promoted by email and social media.

23. The Zoning Ordinance does not apply to the County's Coastal Zones.

24. **On August 26, 2026, the Commission conducted a duly noticed public hearing. [Reserved for Hearing Proceedings].**

THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED THAT the Regional Planning Commission recommends to the Board of Supervisors of the County of Los Angeles as follows:

1. That the Board certify the Final Program EIR, Environmental Assessment No. RPPL2024005648, subject to determining that the final Title 8 amendments are consistent with the project description in the Final Program EIR, and find that it was prepared in compliance with CEQA and the State and local agency guidelines related thereto;

2. That the Board determine that where significant adverse environmental effects of the project, as described in the Final Program EIR, have not been reduced to a level of less than significant, the benefits of the proposed Program, such as specific social, economic, legal, or other considerations outweigh the environmental effects of the project as stated in the CEQA Findings of Fact and Statement of Overriding Considerations (attached);

3. That the Board hold a public hearing and adopt the Commercial Cannabis Zoning Ordinance, Advance Planning Case No. RPPL2024001191, Project No. PRJ2024-000811, amending Title 22 of the County Code to establish zoning regulations for commercial cannabis businesses supporting implementation of Chapter 8.47 ("Commercial Cannabis Businesses") of Title 8 of the County Code, and find that the Zoning Ordinance is consistent with the General Plan;

4. That the Board determine that the Title 22 Commercial Cannabis Zoning Ordinance amendment is compatible with and supportive of the goals and policies of the General Plan, is in the interest of public health, safety, and general welfare, is in conformity with good zoning practice, and is consistent with other applicable provisions of Title 22.

I hereby certify that the foregoing resolution was adopted by a majority of the voting members of the Regional Planning Commission of the County of Los Angeles on August 26, 2026.

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County of Los Angeles
Regional Planning Commission

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