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## **San Francisco Introduces Interim Zoning Controls on Indoor Agriculture Uses in PDR Zones**

*Proposal will allow City time to work with stakeholders on long term measures related to  
industrial space*

San Francisco, CA—Mayor Lee and the Office of Economic and Workforce Development introduced legislation today that proposes interim zoning controls to protect and preserve the cultural and economic diversity of San Francisco neighborhoods following the passage of the Adult Use Marijuana Act (CA Prop. 64). The resolution aims to require a conditional use authorization for indoor agriculture uses including the commercial cultivation of cannabis in Production, Distribution, and Repair (PDR) districts citywide as the City.

“I am proud San Francisco is on the forefront with my five-point PDR Plan to ensure good middle income jobs stay in this City. As emerging sectors get introduced to our city, we must be thoughtful and strategic on how one can co-exist with another, while safeguarding the economic diversity and vibrancy of our city and the jobs of our residents,” said Mayor Lee.

Following the passage of the Adult Use Marijuana Act (AUMA), Mayor Lee issued Executive Directive 16-05 to ensure a smooth transition of laws and regulation that fully comply with AUMA. The resolution, if approved, would put in place temporary zoning controls to require conditional use authorization for indoor agriculture uses in Production, Distribution and Repair zoning districts for up to 18 months or until permanent measures are adopted. This would allow OEWD and the Planning Department time to work with the San Francisco Cannabis State Legalization Task Force and the local business community to understand the needs and concerns of small businesses and local manufacturers located within these zoned districts.

“The proposed interim controls will allow the City time to study and balance the needs of our local manufacturing sector while ensuring all local industrial jobs in San Francisco continue to maintain and grow,” said Todd Rufo, director of the Office of Economic and Workforce Development.

The Executive Directive asks departments to review and draft proposals around complex issues as it relates to the Act including land use, public consumption, and interactions with our existing rules for medical cannabis in San Francisco.

“PDR businesses provide stable, well-paying jobs and vital support to the City’s overall economy,” said John Rahaim, Director of San Francisco Planning. “Artisans, wholesale distributors, designers,

manufacturers, repair services, plumbers and automotive shops must have a place here as well. As we move to accommodate this growing industry, it is imperative that we continue supporting the growth and success of the good blue-collar jobs that create products and provide services that help define the character of San Francisco.”

The resolution will likely be assigned to the Land Use and Transportation Committee at the Board of Supervisors for a public hearing. If forwarded, it will subsequently be heard and voted on at the full Board of Supervisors.

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