

Attached please find MCC recommendation to Medicinal Use Subcommittee.

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My name is Liz McDuffie, I have served as Director of the Medical Cannabis Caregivers located in Pasadena since 2006.

I am here to respond to the Cannabis Advisory Committee's request for recommendations or suggestions that will help to reduce the illicit market for cannabis.

I would like to start with the recognition of the thousands of Individual cultivators who provided cannabis products for qualified patients, under SB 420 California MMP from 2003 to 2018.

These cultivators are still recognized, under California's Medicinal and Adult Use of Cannabis Regulations and Safety Act effective January 1, 2018, as a legal source of cannabis for qualified patients.

Individual cultivators on behalf of qualified patient are limited to cultivating 6 plants for up to 5 qualified patients, totaling 30 plants. The regulations authorize the cultivator to receive reasonable compensation and does not require the cultivator to obtain a City or State license.

Although MAUCRA continues to recognize these individual cannabis cultivators as a legal source of cannabis for qualified patients, the new Regulations effective 2018, replaced the medical cannabis dispensaries, with City and State licensed cannabis retailers that are required to obtain cannabis products exclusively from City and State licensed cultivators and manufacturers.

As a result, the new Regulations required individual cultivators to provide services and products directly to the qualified patient.

Although providing services directly to the qualified patient, creates a challenge, eliminating the middleman provides an enormous benefit for qualified patients to obtain cannabis products directly from the cultivator at wholesale cost.

The savings on the cost of cannabis used for medicinal use by qualified patients is only one of the many benefits individual cultivators can provide.

For over a year and a half MCC has worked in association with the CAMCC, a nonprofit association of medical cannabis cultivators, to develop a Statewide ON-LINE cannabis farmers market venue that allows individual cultivators to continue providing services and products exclusively for qualified patients, as authorized under the state regulations.

The MCC provides the ON-LINE Platform for a Medical Cannabis Farmers Directory for qualified patients to contact Farmers Market cultivators directly.

View Model for On-line Cannabis Market at

<https://mccdirectory.org/farmers-market>

The primary and vital role of the CAMCC is to ensure compliance with the Regulations through the establishment of Committees that include Compliance, Product Testing and Safety, Policies and Procedures and Patient Services.

The MCC and CAMCC seek the support of the Cannabis Advisory Committee in developing and evaluating the Cannabis Farmers Market Platform for Qualified Patients as a compliant and viable venue for individual cannabis cultivators and qualified patients.