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NOTICE OF PUBLIC MEETING

Wednesday, September 14, 2022 2407 N Grand River Ave Lansing, MI 48906 9:30 A.M.

The Cannabis Regulatory Agency (CRA) will hold a quarterly meeting on Wednesday, September 14, 2022, at 9:30 A.M. The meeting will be held at the CRA Building located at 2407 N Grand River Ave Lansing, MI 48906. The September 14, 2022, meeting will also be available via zoom webinar, for members of the public who are unable to attend the meeting in person. All members of the public may attend and participate in this meeting by visiting the following web link or dialing the number below at the time of the meeting.

ZOOM INFORMATION

Join from a PC, Mac, iPad, iPhone or Android device:
Please click this <u>URL</u> to join.
Video Link Passcode: 970810

Or via telephone: USA 215 446 3656 US Toll USA 888 363 4734 US Toll-free Conference code: 3392693

The purpose of this public meeting is to hear complaints and receive the views of the public on CRA's administration of the authorities, powers, duties, functions and responsibilities under the Michigan Medical Marihuana Act, 2008 IL 1, Michigan Medical Marihuana Facilities Licensing Act, 2016 PA 281, Marihuana Tracking Act, 2016 PA 282, and Michigan Regulation and Taxation of Marihuana Act, 2018 IL 1. These statutes can be found on the MRA website at www.michigan.gov/CRA.

Specifically, the CRA is seeking public input on the following topic:

The agency has been hearing concerns that the supply of marijuana produced by licensed growers exceeds, or may soon exceed, consumer demand. The concerns include that the wholesale price of flower is lower than the cost of production – or will be when harvests are highest in October. Background data from CRA monthly reports:

• Between July 2021 and July 2022, the average retail price for an ounce of flower has declined 48% in the medical market (from \$213.89 to \$110.72) and 44% in the adult-use market (from \$217.94 to \$121.58).

- Between July 2021 and July 2022, the number of plants being grown by medical and adult-use growers has increased as follows:
 - \circ Immature plants 48% (from 282,945 to 417,469).
 - o Vegetative plants 295% (from 228,611 to 903,115).
 - o Flowering plants 69% (from 309,554 to 521,997).
- Between July 2021 and July 2022, the number of active grower licenses* has increased 65% and the number of active retail licenses** has increased 34%.
 - * Includes all medical and adult-use grower licenses of all classes, does not include microbusinesses or class A microbusinesses.
 - ** Includes all medical provisioning centers and adult-use retailers, does not include microbusinesses or class A microbusinesses.

Questions for consideration:

- 1. Would you support a change in the law to place a moratorium on the issuance of grow licenses? If so, under what conditions? If so, for what period of time?
- 2. Should the agency eliminate the excess grower license established in the administrative rules, as authorized by Sec. 8(2)(a) of the MRTMA [MCL 333.27958(2)(a)]?
- 3. Should the agency promulgate a rule as authorized by Sec. 9(3)(d)(3) of the MRTMA [MCL 333.27959(3)(d)(3)] to authorize an individual to hold an interest in more than five marijuana growers or in more than one marijuana microbusiness after January 1, 2023?

While the public hearing will be held in person, members of the public will also have the opportunity to attend, participate, and give public testimony via Zoom. The CRA encourages members of the public to participate and provide recommendations to the CRA.

People with disabilities requiring additional accommodations in order to participate (such as information in alternative formats) should contact Kelly Kronner at 517-242-9262 prior to the scheduled meeting date.

Written testimony may be submitted by electronic submission or by mail to the following address:

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