



## **Legislative Platform 2019-2020 Legislative Session**

The California Cannabis Industry Association (CCIA) Legislative Platform establishes legislative priorities to alert our state and federal policy makers of the needs of our industry. It also provides general direction to CCIA legislative advocates, affiliates, coalition partners, members and the public.

Legislative priorities are updated as needed, with input from CCIA's policy committees, members, affiliates and coalition partners. Final recommendations are made by CCIA's Legislative Committee and are approved by the Board of Directors.

The following Legislative Priorities are intended to help focus CCIA's legislative and advocacy activities for the 2019-2020 Legislative Session:

- 1. Enforcement/Barriers to Entry.** Request funding in the state budget to aid state and/or local law enforcement in combating illicit market activities while supporting incentives that both encourage localities to permit commercial cannabis activities, as well as provide pathways for unlicensed businesses to enter the compliant market.
- 2. Tax Reduction/Relief.** Sponsor and support legislative efforts, as well as local efforts, to reduce tax burdens on compliant cannabis businesses. Furthermore, work to ensure the fair, legal and constitutional application of local taxation to ensure cannabis operators are not intentionally, or unintentionally, double taxed within the legal supply chain.
- 3. Hemp Regulation.** Work with the state legislature, administration and licensing entities on the development of a regulatory scheme aimed at providing greater clarity relative to the cultivation, manufacture and retail sale of hemp-based CBD products.
- 4. Access.** Support legislative and regulatory efforts that expand access to medicinal and adult-use consumers, including legislation proposed for introduction in 2019 related to Compassionate Care Programs (SB 34 - Wiener), the administration of medicinal cannabis to minors on school campuses, and the allowance of cannabis use by patients in palliative care facilities. Moreover, Oppose legislative, regulatory and legal efforts to undermine explicit permission for licensed delivery businesses to deliver to any jurisdiction within the State of California.
- 5. Cannabis Samples.** Support legislative efforts to permit licensees to provide cannabis and cannabis product samples.

6. **Testing.** Work with the Legislature to continue to develop and clean-up the state's laws surrounding cannabis testing, including supporting a process to correct erroneous Certificates of Analyses, supporting the modification of the definition of "final form" to reflect the product before it leaves the cannabis goods producer, and other needs as determined by CCIA's Quality Control Committee and partners.
7. **Prop. 64 Funding: Allocation of Revenue.** Work with CCIA's policy committees, members, affiliates and coalition partners to develop policy around the allocation of Prop. 64 funds. Note: The governor's January Budget for the 2019-20 Fiscal Year proposes to defer allocations for Prop. 64 programs until the May Revision, when more updated revenue data is available.
8. **Child Resistant Packaging (CRP).** Support legislative efforts to modify the per-package CRP requirement in a manner that considers CPR packaging on a product-by-product basis.
9. **Access to Banking.** Support legislative and regulatory efforts to address banking challenges for compliant cannabis businesses and allow such businesses to fully and effectively participate in commerce.
10. **Social Equity.** Support policies and initiatives that promote the equitable treatment of all applicants and licensees when determining eligibility for state and local licensure, including advocacy for continued funding for grants to local governments with social equity programs, and opposing policies that impede individuals and entities from entering into contractual relationships with licensees to advance their brands.
11. **DUI-Cannabis Impairment.** Continue to work with the Office of Traffic Safety and the California Highway Patrol to identify resources and develop best practices aimed at reducing "drugged driving".
12. **Cannabis Use: Employment Discrimination.** Support legislation that prohibits employers from discriminating against employees or applicants in possession of a county-issued medical ID card who consume cannabis outside the workplace from being terminated or denied employment.
13. **Cannabis and Tribal Governments.** Support legislative and regulatory efforts that permit licensed cannabis activities on tribal lands, provided that there's an equitable application of existing laws as required of other, non-tribal commercial cannabis licensees.
14. **Cannabis Products for Pets.** Support legislation to expressly permit the manufacture and sale of cannabis products designed for pets.