

## Statement on the Cannabis Social Equity and Economic Development “SEED” Program

“Yesterday, I moved to continue the work in developing the Cannabis SEED Program at the Economic Development and Intergovernmental Relations Committee.

For decades, the War on Drugs has caused real harm in communities like District 4. Families were destabilized, opportunities limited, and many shut out of an industry that has now been legal and profitable for a decade.

The Cannabis SEED program is about repairing those harms. It is about creating pathways for those most impacted to participate, build businesses, and share in the economic future of this industry.

This work is long overdue, and I look forward to continuing the effort alongside our community and city partners.”

**- Councilmember Henry L. Foster III**

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