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TO: Mayor Todd Gloria
City Attorney Mara Elliott

FROM: Councilmember Chris Cate, District 6

SUBJECT: Impacts on Cannabis Outlet Per Council District Cap with Redistricting

The 2020 City of San Diego Redistricting Commission has been formed and the redistricting process is officially underway. In addition, the City Council formally approved the Redistricting Commission's Fiscal Year (FY) 21 and FY 22 budget. As the redistricting process begins, there are many questions regarding how newly formed City Council district boundaries, as a result of the redistricting process, will impact current regulations relating to cannabis outlets.

The City of San Diego currently limits the number of permitted cannabis outlets to a maximum of thirty-six (36) outlets citywide, with a cap of no more than four (4) per City Council district. However, the permitting of cannabis outlets have been processed and approved based on current City Council district boundaries established after the 2010 redistricting process.

My office would like to request that City staff and the City Attorney's office provide clarity and analysis on how new Council District boundaries would impact the following in relation to cannabis outlets:

- How would the new Council District boundaries impact cannabis outlets that have already been permitted if the locations of the outlets are redistricted into a new Council District?

- If an existing permitted cannabis outlet is redistricted into a Council District that has already reached its cap of four cannabis outlets, would that redistricted outlet be allowed to continue operating in that new Council District?
- If the new District boundaries create a situation where Council Districts have less than four permitted cannabis outlets, will the City allow additional outlets to be permitted in those Council Districts, even if the total number of outlets citywide is over 36?

cc: Javier Gomez, Senior Advisor of Policy & Council Affairs, Office of Mayor Todd Gloria