



COUNCILMEMBER CHRIS CATE

SIXTH DISTRICT
CITY OF SAN DIEGO

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Dustin McDonald
Vice President of Government Relations
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Dear Mr. McDonald:

On January 1, 2018, the sale of recreational marijuana from permitted marijuana outlets officially commenced in California. In anticipation of this date, the City of San Diego has worked diligently over the past year to adopt rules and regulations to ensure safe and legal access to marijuana.

In the City of San Diego, there is a cap on the number of marijuana outlets. The San Diego Municipal Code limits the number of permitted storefront marijuana outlets to four (4) per each of the nine (9) City Council Districts. In addition, San Diego Municipal Code Section 141.0504(j) specifies that, "deliveries shall be permitted as an accessory use only from marijuana outlets with a valid Conditional Use Permit." Therefore, all marijuana delivery services not associated with a storefront marijuana outlet with a valid Conditional Use Permit from the City of San Diego is considered illegal.

Currently, Weedmaps serves as an online advertising platform for hundreds of marijuana delivery services in the City of San Diego. A majority of these delivery services are considered illegal under the City Municipal Code. In an effort to ensure compliance with our City laws and the safe and legal access to marijuana, we respectfully request your voluntary compliance to cease the advertising of marijuana delivery services considered illegal under San Diego Municipal Code.

Our office stands ready to assist you in obtaining the necessary information and support from City staff to facilitate your voluntary compliance.

Sincerely,

Chris Cate
Councilmember, Sixth District
Chair, Committee on Public Safety and Livable Neighborhoods