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Inter-Neighborhood Cooperation

January 20, 2013

Dear Members of Denver City Council, Governor John Hickenlooper, Colorado State Senate Leadership, Colorado House of Representatives Leadership, Tom Downey, Manager, Excise and Licenses, Barbara Brohl, Executive Director, Colorado Department of Revenue

Established in 1975, Inter-Neighborhood Cooperation (INC) is a city-wide network with current membership of 100 Denver Registered Neighborhood Organizations. INC's mission is to advocate for Denver citizens by bringing together, informing and empowering Denver neighborhood organizations to actively engage in addressing City issues.

At its monthly delegate meeting on Saturday, January 12, 2013, upon the recommendation of the INC Zoning and Planning Committee and after discussion, INC Delegates passed the following Resolution regarding regulations for retail marijuana. The vote was twenty seven in favor with thirteen abstentions.

Resolution Regarding Regulations For Retail Marijuana Stores

Whereas, the voters of Colorado passed Constitutional Amendment 64 on November 6, 2012, which, among other things, permits persons over the age of 21 to possess and consume one ounce or less of marijuana and allows the establishment of retail marijuana stores and other marijuana establishments;

Whereas, Amendment 64 requires the Colorado Department of Revenue to adopt regulations to implement the constitutional amendment not later than July 1, 2013;

Whereas, Amendment 64 requires local governments to enact ordinances or regulations relating to marijuana establishments and to begin accepting license applications not later than October 1, 2013;

And whereas, the philosophy articulated by the proponents of Amendment 64 and the summary of the amendment in the "blue book" indicated that "the use of marijuana should be regulated in a manner similar to alcohol;"

Therefore, Inter-Neighborhood Cooperation should communicate with the Governor, the members of the General Assembly, the Mayor and City Council that the following elements should be incorporated into any statutes, regulations and ordinances to implement Amendment 64, based on the manner in which alcohol is regulated in Colorado and Denver:

1. Retail marijuana stores should not be allowed within 1000 feet of a school;
2. Retail marijuana stores should not be allowed within 1000 feet of another retail marijuana store;
3. Registered neighborhood organizations must be notified of applications for all;

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4. Criminal background checks should be required of all applicants for all marijuana establishments;
5. Hearings should be required to determine whether a marijuana establishment is needed or desired within the neighborhood of a proposed marijuana establishment;
6. Registered neighborhood organizations and neighborhood residents or business owners or managers should be allowed to testify at such hearings;
7. Consumption of marijuana should not be allowed in parks, sidewalks, streets, alleys or other public places.
8. Any task forces established to consider these issues should include residents and neighborhood organizations

Thank you for your consideration of the Resolution in your deliberations as you structure legislation governing the sale of marijuana in Colorado.

Respectfully,



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Cc: Mayor Michael B. Hancock
Michael Sapp, Director, Neighborhood Relations
INC Executive Committee