RESOLUTION 20-03.5135

EXPAND ON-SITE CANNABIS CONSUMPTION LICENSE AVAILABILITY

WHEREAS the voters of California passed Prop. 215 in 1996 allowing patients with a doctor’s recommendation to use cannabis, and passed Prop. 64 in 2016 granting all people 21 years of age and older the right to use cannabis for any reason; and,

WHEREAS it is illegal to consume cannabis in public in California and there is a need for places where cannabis can be legally consumed outside the home as cannabis provides significant health benefits as the most viable alternative to alcohol for socialization and celebration, and the complexity and cost of obtaining a retail cannabis licenses or microbusiness license is further exacerbated by the very limited number of these licenses that are allowed by local governments; and

WHEREAS Prop. 64 can be amended by a vote of the California State Legislature;

THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED by the California Democratic Party that it supports a new license be created in California that would authorize the retail sale and onsite consumption of cannabis or cannabis products by adults 21 years of age or older, and that this license be similar to the current license required to sell beer and wine for on-site consumption.

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