**CITY OF SACRAMENTO**

**OPPOSE UNLESS AMMENDED**

**Law and Legislation Committee – Tuesday, September 17, 2019 – 1:00 p.m.**

**Discussion Calendar**

**Item #03 - An Ordinance Adding an Uncodified Annotation to Ordinance No. 2018-0047 and Amending Section 5.150.1260 of the Sacramento City Code, Relating to Industrial Area Dispensaries**

**Talking Points for E-Comment**

**Presented by Malaki Amen**

**President and CEO, California Urban Partnership**

For cannabis entrepreneurs, cannabis delivery has the lowest barrier to entry. It has very minimal site requirements and requires the least amount of capital compared to other cannabis business types. The War on Drugs drastically widened the racial wealth gap, leaving communities of color largely devoid of disposable capital. The City of Sacramento has a policy goal to award 50 percent of all cannabis related licenses to CORE program participants. In the storefront dispensary category, there are currently 30 dispensary operators (none of them CORE program participants), and there is no immediate plan to raise the storefront dispensary cap. The California Urban Partnership urges the Law and Legislation Committee to strongly act in favor of awarding delivery-only-dispensary licenses exclusively to CORE program participants. In addressing the grievances caused by the War on Drugs, we believe that this exclusivity in the category of delivery-only licenses is congenial to the city’s focus on cannabis equity and should apply to all council district areas.