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June 23, 2021

Greetings fellow Commissioners and Commission Members,

On June 29, 2021, at 10:00 a.m., Cook County will conduct its fourth Cook County Cannabis Commission meeting (“Meeting”) virtually. It is imperative Cook County takes a proactive approach regarding this new industry and the potential primary, secondary, and tertiary effects the recreational cannabis industry will have on Cook County and its residents. In June 2019, the State of Illinois became the eleventh state to legalize recreational adult cannabis use. On January 16, 2020, the Cook County Board of Commissioners approved and established the Cook County Cannabis Commission (“Cannabis Commission”). The Cannabis Commission will assist Cook County’s government in determining the economic, legal, and social impact of the recreational and medical cannabis industry on Cook County and its residents.

Ultimately, the Cannabis Commission’s mantra is – **“Educate before We Legislate!”**

The Meeting will focus on policy and legislation updates from the State, specifically the implications and changes to legislation and regulation from the imminent passing of HB 1443 sponsored by Rep. Ford and supported by many others in both houses. The Cannabis Commission will stream the Meeting online via the Facebook Live at [facebook.com/CommissionerBillLowry](https://www.facebook.com/CommissionerBillLowry). We encourage you to share the meeting details and any digital flyers to your constituents and network. The Meeting will have several speakers give testimony and/or presentations regarding the current legislative and regulatory state of Illinois’ cannabis industry. These speakers include:

- Testimony by Rep. LaShawn Ford (IL House D-8) – Chief Sponsor of HB 1443; and
  - re: Legislative changes to the Illinois Cannabis and Regulation Tax Act due to HB 1443
- Testimony by Danielle Perry – IL Cannabis Regulation and Oversight Officer
  - re: Updates to prospective implementation HB 1443 and how it will affect the regulatory departmental procedures

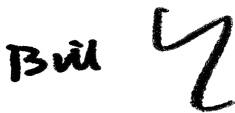
The Meeting last approximately one and a half hours. There will be public comments via submitted public comments. The speakers will present with subsequent questions from Cannabis Commission members.

Prior to the Meeting, La'Mont R. Williams will compile any materials submitted to Chairman Lowry's office from the subject matter experts and disseminate the material to Commissioners and Commission members for your review.

La'Mont R. Williams will follow up with Subject Matter Experts ("SMEs") regarding any outstanding Commission questions from the Meeting. Chairman Lowry will work with Commissioners, Commission members, and the Secretary of the Board to aggregate any viewed data, reports, written testimonials, and or other relevant written data to place on the County's website. Chairman Lowry will coordinate with Commission members to analyze aggregated any data, reports, written testimonials, and or other relevant written data into a Cannabis Commission report to the main Cook County Board of Commissioners and Cook County Board President.

Together, through communication, collaboration, and action, the Cannabis Commission will allow the County to be proactive and pragmatic when approaching this new industry to ensure its vibrancy and maintaining the mandate of social equity. I invite you all to join me in what will be the first of many meetings as we chart the County's path forward responsibly and enterprisingly.

Thank you,

Handwritten signature of Bill Lowry in black ink, consisting of the name "Bill" followed by a stylized, cursive "L" and "W".

Commissioner Bill Lowry – 3rd District  
Chairman of Cook County Cannabis Commission