

San Francisco Office of Cannabis

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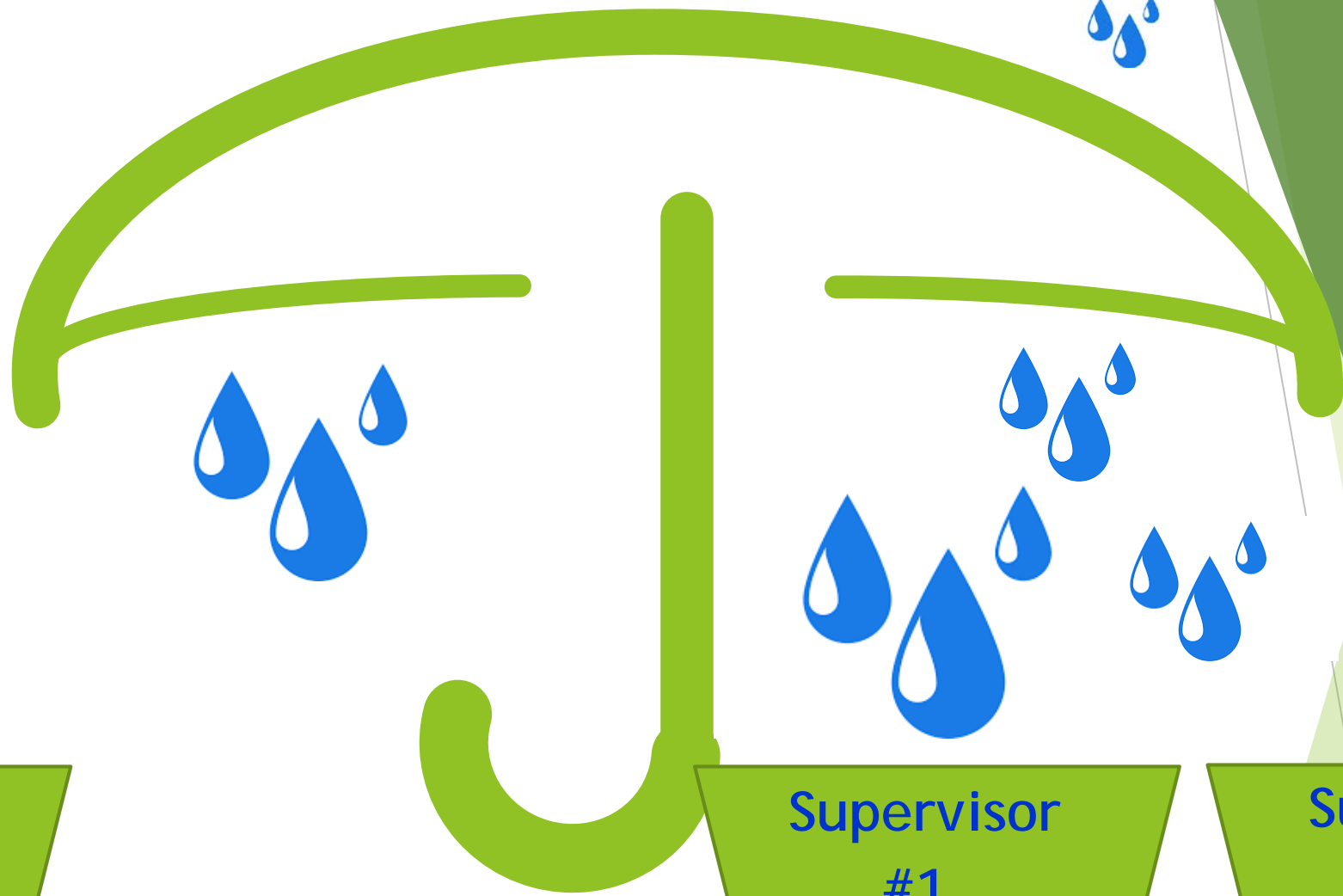
Background re: 2.0

- ▶ Legislative framework passed in 2017
- ▶ Cannabis 2.0 introduced in September 2018 and passed in December 2018
 - ▶ 12 Rules Committee hearings during this period to debate controversial items
- ▶ Organic, non-linear process

Update: 3.0

- ▶ Legislation has not been introduced yet
- ▶ Conversation started in late 2019, and then resumed in January 2020
 - ▶ Chamber of Commerce Working Group convened in October 2019
- ▶ What to expect:
 - ▶ Introduction; 30-day Rule
 - ▶ Assigned to a committee
 - ▶ Committee hearing*, w/opp for public comment
 - ▶ Committee comprised of 3 members
 - ▶ Possible amendments can be proposed by members
 - ▶ Full Board*

**Members can continue any controversial items to a future date*



Equity,
Compassion,
& Expedited
Processing

Supervisor
#1

Supervisor
#2

Legislative vs Policy

- ▶ A policy is a course or principle of action adopted or proposed by an organization or individual.
 - ▶ Policies tend to evolve and adopt over time under review processes.
 - Example: San Francisco's cannabis policy is to ensure equitable participation in the cannabis industry and create business opportunities for those negatively impacted by the War on Drugs.
- ▶ Legislation sets out the law and the procedure or standard that people and organizations must follow.
 - ▶ Laws tend to be more static and to be fixed for much longer period of time.
 - ▶ Laws can be amended but this happens on a much less frequent basis.
 - Section 1604 of SF Police Code sets out the parameter of the Equity Program which serves as one of the tools to achieve the policy goal.

Recommendations from Chamber of Commerce Working Group that May be Viable

- ▶ Increase flexibility for applicants
- ▶ Easier pathway for permitting consumption
- ▶ Create a Permit Navigator position

Previously Discussed Topics

- ▶ Access to capital/funding for equity applicants (*policy*)
- ▶ Support to Office of Cannabis for permit review and enforcement/compliance (*policy*)
- ▶ *Pathway for standalone consumption lounges (legislative)*
- ▶ Job creation within the Cannabis industry (*policy*)
- ▶ *S-type licensing to process more equity applicants through the pipeline (legislative)*
- ▶ Eliminating/reducing fees associated with the application process (*non-Art. 16 legislative*)
- ▶ Restorative justice (*policy*)
- ▶ *Reducing the applicant queue (policy/legislative)*
- ▶ Free medical cards for low-income patients (*policy*)
- ▶ Tax policies that impact local businesses (*policy*)
- ▶ Educational resources for applicants (*policy*)

Recommendations

Consider identifying 5 key
recommendations

Question & Answer