



April 13, 2021

The Honorable Evan Low
Chair, Assembly Business and Professions Committee
Legislative Office Building, Room 379
Sacramento, California 95814

**RE: AB 1034 (Bloom) Cannabis: retail preparation, sale, or consumption of noncannabis food and beverage products.
NOTICE OF SUPPORT**

Dear Chairman Low:

The California Cannabis Industry Association (CCIA) writes in support of Assembly Bill 1034 by Assemblymember Richard Bloom. This bill allows cannabis retailers, upon local approval, the ability to prepare or sell noncannabis food or beverage products in areas where cannabis consumption is allowed, subject to specified restrictions.

A cornerstone of Proposition 64 was the guarantee of local control, ensuring that local jurisdictions have the final say in determining whether to allow commercial cannabis businesses in their borders, and how and where said commercial cannabis activity may happen. While some areas of California have taken a more restrictive approach, others such as West Hollywood have embraced commercial cannabis activity, going as far as to allow retailers to establish areas for consumers and patients to consume cannabis products. However, current law restricts such jurisdictions from allowing for the preparation or sale of noncannabis food and beverage goods in these cannabis consumption areas.

AB 1034 furthers Proposition 64's promise of local control by authorizing local jurisdictions to allow cannabis retailers to prepare and sell noncannabis food or beverages in areas where cannabis is consumed. Cannabis retailers would be required to comply with all applicable provisions of the California Retail Food Code, and no alcohol or tobacco could be sold or consumed.

This authorization will grant local jurisdictions the freedom to fully allow commercial cannabis activities in ways that work best for their local economy, and will provide new entrepreneurial opportunities for cannabis retailers.

For these reasons, CCIA is proud to support AB 1034 and requests your AYE vote when it is heard in the Assembly Business and Professions Committee.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in black ink that reads "Lindsay Robinson". The signature is written in a cursive, flowing style.

Lindsay Robinson
Executive Director

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