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To: Current Adult Use Cannabis Program Participants
From: Director John Hudak, Office of Cannabis Policy
Date: May 15, 2024
Subject: Call for Qualified Applicants to Serve on OCP's Cannabis Hospitality Task Force –
Deadline of May 31, 2024

Background

Today, the Office of Cannabis Policy (OCP) is pleased to announce that it is seeking qualified applicants to fill seats on its newly created [Cannabis Hospitality Task Force](#).

Pursuant to [P.L. 2023, ch. 679](#), the task force will review how other states regulate cannabis hospitality establishments and draft policy recommendations for regulating those establishments in Maine. Topics of discussion will include but not be limited to cannabis hospitality license types, regulations for different consumption methods, regulations for non-cannabis products/services at cannabis hospitality establishments, employee training, and local control.

Eligibility Criteria & Details

Representatives from OCP will chair the task force and seek applicants that fill the following positions, at a minimum:

- One (1) Representative of the 2016 cannabis legalization ballot measure
- One (1) Expert on cannabis policy
- One (1) Expert on cannabis culinary arts
- One (1) Representative of the interests of adult use cannabis consumers
- Two (2) Representatives of the interests of municipal governments
- Two (2) Representatives of the interests of adult use cannabis licensees
- One (1) Representative of the interests of the hospitality industry
- Two (2) Representatives of public health
- One (1) Representative of public safety

Interested individuals have until **Friday, May 31, 2024** to [apply to be on the task force](#).

The task force will have at least four hybrid meetings to discuss options and recommendations for cannabis hospitality establishments in Maine. Meetings will be held on Wednesdays, July 10, July 24, August 14, and August 28 from 1:00 – 4:00 p.m. and livestreamed for public viewing.

Members of the task force are expected to be available for all meetings and must satisfy the requirements of the specific seats they seek to hold.

More information about the Cannabis Hospitality Task Force is available [here](#). Individuals with questions can contact Alexis Soucy at Alexis.Soucy@maine.gov. Thank you for your interest.