



**Cannabis Workgroup Meeting**  
**Tuesday, October 10 at 4:30 PM**  
**C. Vernon Gray Room (CVG)**

**George Howard Building**  
3430 Court House Drive  
Ellicott City, MD 21043

*Hybrid Meeting: CVG Room and Webex*

**AGENDA:**

Welcome by Chair Adibe

Roll Call of Howard County Council Cannabis Workgroup Members

Approval of September 26th Meeting Minutes

**Old Business**

**Legislative Subgroup**

- Review State policies for Agricultural Grower's License
- Research data for additional grower and processor awards for the region

Schedule for Site Visits – J. Guzzone and Paul Rivers

**Gentle Reminder:** MACo Fall Symposium - Cannabis & Counties: Discussions on Public Health, Workforce, Land Use, & Revenue on Thursday, October 19, 2023, 9:30 AM - 3:30 PM

**New Business**

**Howard County Council Cannabis Subgroup Updates**

- **Finance**
  - Create recommendations for the County to decide how revenue from state taxation can be distributed
- **Health**
  - Research best practices for health and safety standards of cultivation to inform the Council, and have the Council lobby the State delegation for further existing authority
- **Public Safety**
  - Initiatives to prevent cannabis use by individuals < 21, including school -based programs
- **Legislative**
  - Research data of dispensaries based on population and market demand; Howard County may be eligible for up to 3 additional dispensaries
- **Zoning**

- Data to reflect the recommendations are not unduly burdening to the business (map example)
  - Data to show the zoning requirements are not more burdensome than those imposed on other similar business (example: alcohol and tobacco)
- **Equity**
  - Get more information on the medical professional requirement for dispensaries, visiting currently opened dispensaries, look more into the social equity programs and grants that are being offered by the state

### **Upcoming Meeting Dates**

- Tuesday, October 24<sup>th</sup> at 4:30 PM | Hybrid
  - Guest Speaker
  - Public Hearing Discussion
- Howard County Council Cannabis Workgroup Public Hearing will be held on November 7<sup>th</sup>