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LAS VEGAS, NV - Nevada's Cannabis Compliance Board announced its final consumption lounge regulations Tuesday, ending a months-long process of promulgation that involved industry advocates, representatives, and stakeholders at every level. Announced during the CCB's monthly public meeting, the regulations are the result of months of efforts by the CCB, its staff, industry licensees, and industry organizations like the Chamber of Cannabis, to fulfill the mandate established by the passing of AB 341 during the 81st Legislative Session.

The CCB's last workshop on April 29, 2022 was announced on the heels of the Clark County Commission's public meeting on lounges, held on April 19, 2022. During the County's public meeting, members of the Chamber of Cannabis and lobbyist Scot Rutledge engaged in an extended dialogue with county commissioners, and in some cases, were tasked with bringing questions and concerns to the CCB.

"The Chamber's purposeful dialogues with the CCB during this process have resulted in adjustments to the proposed NCCRs that will better position new lounge licensees for success," said President Tina Ulman. "We look forward to maintaining productive conversations with regulators as we work together to tackle the myriad challenges facing our space."

In addition to facilitating dialogue between regulators, legislators, and its members, Chamber members also provided crucial insight into the process of promulgation during April's CCB workshop.

"The Chamber's impactful and inclusive approach to coalition building allows its members to work in tandem with industry stakeholders, community members, regulators, and legislators in a uniquely powerful way," said Secretary Bri Padilla. "We are also not working alone. The success of this promulgation process hinged on the participation of industry and community members alike."

In particular, the Chamber's feedback helped provide practical solutions to a wide range of concerns and questions brought to light through the workshop process, said Scot Rutledge of Argentum Partners, the Chamber's lobbying partner.

Founded in the fall of 2020 by cannabis professionals seeking to improve commerce, equity, and access in Nevada's cannabis industry, the Chamber of Cannabis has quickly grown to a global coalition of more than 250 individuals and businesses. During the legislative session of

2021, the 501(c)(6) organization worked with Minorities for Medical Marijuana and Assemblyman Steve Yeager to draft and then pass AB 341, Nevada's Consumption Lounge bill.

Now one of the largest professional organizations in Nevada, the Chamber of Cannabis's work to further cannabis policy while increasing opportunities for coalition building, business development, access, and equity will continue into the primary season.

"The Chamber's first meeting of 2020 connected the cannabis industry to candidates who supported our cause," said Vice President Dani Baranowski. "We are honored to continue the work of connecting our industry and leaders to resources, information, and opportunities for dialogue that remain essential to the growth of our industry."

According to Director Tyler Klimas of the CCB, lounge regulations will be announced during the CCB's June public board meeting. The Chamber and its members will be seated in the front row, said Ulman. "With Las Vegas known as one of the hospitality capitals of the world, we are excited to see the innovation and growth these new businesses will propel in our city and state," she said.

The Chamber provides opportunities to connect, share resources, and collaborate with like-minded members — both online and off. Grounded in a culture dedicated to the community over individual glory, humility before pride, teamwork, and positivity, the Chamber of Cannabis is here to help shine a light on the incredible potential of Nevada's cannabis industry. To attend a meeting, donate, or learn more about becoming a member, visit thechamberofcannabis.org, or reach out to their team at chamberofcannabis@gmail.com.

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