Safe Cannabis aims to provide pathways to the middle class through job and ownership opportunities, sealing of criminal records, and tax dollars flowing into vulnerable communities.

### Access to the Market

- **Safe Cannabis** builds upon DC’s current inclusive medical marijuana ownership model to ensure diversity in the industry.
- Requires that 60% of licensee ownership and 60% of licensed employment positions go to District residents.
- Offers gainful employment and ownership opportunities for people with an interest to join the legal cannabis industry by removing certain prior cannabis convictions as a roadblock to licensure.
- **Safe Cannabis** will also provide opportunities to participate indirectly in cannabis services including security, delivery, accounting, marketing, and more.

### Criminal Record Sealing

- Automatically seals public records for certain cannabis convictions involving possession.
- Automatic record sealing removes obstacles associated with petitions including court costs, processing times, and wait periods.
- This would potentially seal thousands of records, giving people a second chance.
- When a person’s record is sealed, they are able to answer “no” to questions regarding whether they have been convicted of a crime.
- Record sealing will help with loan applications, finalizing a preliminary job offer, housing or rental applications, and more.

### Tax Revenues to Fund Affordable Housing Initiatives

- Cannabis products will be taxed at 17% at the point of sale, which is on the low end of tax rates across the nation.
- 100% of tax revenues will go to affordable housing initiatives ensuring residents of all 8 wards will benefit.

### Resources for Residents

- **Project Empowerment** provides workforce readiness training.
- **Ascend 2020 DC** supports the growth of minority-, women-, and veteran-owned small businesses.
- **Aspire to Entrepreneurship** supports residents who are pursuing wealth-building through small business creation and growth.

### DC is a Leader in Equity Initiatives

- Of the 11 states that have legalized recreational marijuana, only three states offer automatic record sealing or expungement: CA, IL, and NV.
- Compared to other states, at 60%, DC has some of the strongest local residency requirements for ownership and employees.
- DC has a proposed tax rate of 17% for recreational and 6% for medical marijuana. Across the country where cannabis is legal, tax rates range from 10.75% to 37%.

Here is How You Can Learn More:

Go to mayor.dc.gov/marijuana to learn more about Safe Cannabis, including ways to support!