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Date: September 7, 2022
To: Members of City Council and Members of the Public
From: Vice Mayor Kaplan and Councilmember Fife
Re: **Celebration of Oaksterdam University's 15th Anniversary**

Dear Colleagues on the City Council and Members of the Public,

Since 2007, Oaksterdam University (OU) has been committed to the mission of social justice and providing students across the globe with the knowledge and skills they need to end the War on Drugs and lead and succeed in the cannabis industry. Please join us in celebrating Oaksterdam University's 15th anniversary as the leading voice in cannabis education and declaring November 10th Oaksterdam University Day in the City of Oakland.

OU has been setting the bar for academic rigor and applied learning in cannabis and hemp since its inception. With over 80,000 alumni from over 100 countries, Oaksterdam is the most recognized name for trusted education, providing a cross-disciplinary curriculum covering the most recent developments in cannabis cultivation, business, and policy. Their faculty features award-winning cultivators, business owners, academics, and passionate advocates who shaped the early medical cannabis movement and continue to set the standard for the modern commercial cannabis industry.

In addition to providing industry professionals the tools they need to lead in the cannabis sector, Oaksterdam offers technical assistance and expertise to government officials, regulators, and law enforcement. Some of the groups that have worked with Oaksterdam leaders and educators include the National Highway Traffic Safety Administration, Congressional Cannabis Caucus, California Tax and Fee Administration, Harvard University John F. Kennedy School of Government, University of California system, Golden Gate University, and the Social Equity Programs for the City and County of San Francisco, Palm Springs, Los Angeles, and the great City of Oakland.

Given the significant local and global impact Oaksterdam has had on the cannabis movement and industry, we extend our heartfelt congratulations to OU for celebrating its 15th anniversary. We also look forward to continuing to honor OU's journey on November 10th for years to come.

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