



CONNECTICUT SOCIAL EQUITY COUNCIL

The 2025 Council Market Outlook Working Group

Municipal Relations Subcommittee – Second Working Session

December 11, 2025, at 9:00am

Municipal Relations Chairs:

Arunan Arulampalam – Mayor of Hartford

Vincent Cervoni – Mayor of Wallingford

Council Membership: Andréa Comer (Chair), Kyle Abercrombie, Fanita Borges, Tina Beamon, Corrie Betts, Greg Davis, Avery Gaddis, Andréa Hawkins, Michael Jefferson, Daniel Karpowitz, Melvin Medina, Ojala Naeem, Edwin Shirley, Shirley Skyers-Thomas, Kelli-Marie Vallieres, Charles Venator, and Kevin Walton.

CT Social Equity Council Staff: Brandon L. McGee, Jr. (Chief Executive Officer), Tiffany Araujo, Georgette Cicero, Douglas Clemons, Jessie Coleman, Mariedy Collazo Cruz, Kristina Diamond, Jennifer Edwards, Vera Lembrick, Jennifer Stevens, and Caesar Valentin.

*The SEC Mission is to **promote equitable economic prosperity** by supporting **Social Equity Entrepreneurs** and reinvesting in communities **most impacted** by the war on drugs.*

Notes:

The meeting was to discuss the draft recommendations for the Municipal Relations Subcommittee.

Council staff and Mayors worked together to synthesize a list of recommendations based on the feedback provided in the first meeting. Broad themes included alignment between state and municipal cannabis policy, potentially developing ordinances that can be applied consistently across towns.

There was also a discussion on the 3% municipal sales tax, and the development of a centralized tracking system that can publish quarterly tax data for municipalities.

Mayor Arulampalam discussed Community Reinvestment and Equity-Focused use of Revenues in a collaboration with the Council. Creating an incentive for municipalities to implement equity-based programs, and potential programs from the Council to support the

3% tax and its implementation. Creation of municipal reporting templates for adult-use sales tax dollars.

There was a discussion on methods to address the illicit market through informational campaigns on the impact of illicit cannabis on consumers and promotion of legal market expansion. Additionally, discussions on youth-based programming for health departments and schools regarding cannabis use.

A discussion on fiscal guidance for cannabis tax dollars was also discussed. This included ways for municipalities to responsibly integrate cannabis dollars into their budgets, publish economic impact reports, and share case studies of how these tax dollars have been used creating a set of best practices.

