

## New York City Council

### Memorandum in Support of Legislation

This memorandum is authored by the sponsor and explains the need for the legislation referenced below, in accordance with Rule 6.00(d) of the Rules of the Council.

Legislative Service Number:

- INT 1139-2024

Prime Sponsor:

- Council Member Joann Ariola

Bill Title:

- A Local Law to amend the administrative code of the city of New York, in relation to hours of operation of adult-use cannabis retail dispensaries

Submitted by:

- Council Member Joann Ariola

### Justification

Cannabis dispensaries are becoming more common in residential communities. This bill would set hours of operation for adult-use cannabis retail dispensaries in New York City. All adult-use cannabis retail dispensaries would be permitted to open at 9:30 AM and would have to close by 9:30 PM. The Department of Consumer and Worker Protection would be responsible for enforcement. Violation of this local law would result in civil penalties of \$1,000 for a first violation and \$2,000 for each subsequent violation committed on a different day within a period of 2 years after the date of the first violation.

These hours will make sure that any disturbances from these establishments would end early enough in the evening to not disrupt neighbors at night

For these reasons, I urge my colleagues to support this legislation.