

**Coverage Details: “Moving Ahead with Marijuana” Event for Municipalities Today**

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BOSTON— In partnership with the Social Law Library and in collaboration with the Massachusetts Municipal Association, the Cannabis Control Commission (Commission) has invited local leaders and the public to participate in [“Moving Ahead with Marijuana: Municipal Perspectives from Marijuana-Forward Communities”](#) today, Tuesday, December 18 starting at 1 p.m.

**The required registration for this event is already at capacity. Media access will be limited to journalists who RSVP and TV broadcast pool coverage from WCVB/Channel 5. Reporters should bring press IDs with them.**

Press activities will be limited to the Special Collections Reading Room, the Social Law Library room in which the event will be hosted, and adjacent areas where light refreshments will be available and registration will take place. No filming, photographing, or interviewing will be allowed in the main reading room of the library or the front elevator lobby or circulation areas. The Commission will post a recording of the panels to its [YouTube channel](#) following the event.

**Where:** Social Law Library, Adams Courthouse, 1 Pemberton Square, 4th floor, Boston

Attendees are advised to leave adequate time to proceed through security at the public entrance to the Adams Courthouse at 1 Pemberton Square. Discounted parking at a rate of \$25.00 will be available to attendees at the Government Center Garage (50 Sudbury Street, Boston) through the Social Law Library.

**Panel 1: A Conversation with Municipal Leaders, 1-2:30 p.m.**

- Moderator: Geoff Beckwith, Executive Director and CEO, Massachusetts Municipal Association
- Mayor David Narkewicz, Town of Northampton
- Mayor Alex B. Morse, City of Holyoke
- Thomas Moses, Executive Assistant, Town of Hudson
- Edward Abrahams, Vice-Chair, Board of Selectmen, Town of Barrington
- Thatcher Kezer, Chief Operating Officer, City of Framingham

**Panel 2: Specific Issues: Social Equity, Economic Development, Public Health, and Other Considerations, 2:30-4 p.m.**

- Moderator: Shawn Collins, Executive Director, Cannabis Control Commission
- Geoff Kravitz, Esq., Director of Economic Development, Town of Amherst
- Marcos Marrero, Director of Planning and Economic Development, City of Holyoke
- Sam Wong, Director of Public Health, City of Framingham
- George Proakis, Executive Director of Strategic Planning and Community Development, City of Somerville
- J. Raymond Miyares, Municipal Counsel, Miyares & Harrington LLP
- Michael Dundas, Chief Executive Officer, Sira Naturals, Inc.

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