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**Council for Federal Cannabis Regulation Announces January 2022  
Webinar to Discuss Cannabis, Equity, and Access to Capital**

*Registration Now Open for Free Virtual Event on Thursday, Jan. 20, 1pm EST*

**WASHINGTON, DC** (Thursday, January 6, 2022) – The [Council for Federal Cannabis Regulation](https://www.uscfc.org) (CFCR) announced today that its next virtual webinar, ***“You Can’t Have Cannabis Without Equity, and You Can’t Have Equity Without Access to Capital,”*** will take place on **Thursday, January 20**, from 1:00 to 2:00 p.m. EST. Speakers will be: Wanda L. James, founder and CEO of Simply Pure Dispensary, Candace Gingrich, LGBTQ community advocate, and Bruce Linton, founder and former Chairman and CEO of Canopy Growth Corporation (CGC/WEED).

Registration is now open for the complimentary event that is part of the CFR’s regular webinar series offering sessions that feature informative and relevant topics covered by industry experts. Visit <https://www.uscfc.org/events> to register for January’s event and to view past sessions.

Speaker profiles for January 20, 2022, webinar:

**Wanda L. James**

Founder and CEO of Simply Pure Dispensary

Wanda James and her husband, Scott Durrah, became the first legally licensed African Americans to own a dispensary, a cultivation facility, and an edible company. James is a leading advocate in the cannabis industry focused on social equity and justice and has worked with many politicians on cannabis reform including former President Barack Obama and Vice President Kamala Harris. The first inductee into the MJ Biz Cannabis Hall of Fame, James was named one of the 50 Most Important Women in the Cannabis Industry by Cannabis Business Executive (2016) and one of the 100 Most Influential People in Cannabis by *High Times Magazine* (2018).

**Candace Gingrich**

LGBTQ Community Advocate

Since 1995, Candace Gingrich has served as a key advocate for issues of importance to the LGBTQ

community. Gingrich's involvement in the movement for queer equality began when her older brother, Newt Gingrich, was elected House speaker. From 1998 to 2019, Gingrich worked for the Human Rights Campaign, crisscrossing the country to promote the importance of coming out, the duty to vote, and the power of everyday conversations to change minds. Gingrich joined Revolution Global from 2019 until 2021 and helped direct its first DEI program, continuing Revolution's commitment to equity both internally and externally. Additional accomplishments include designing and presenting LGBTQ competence training (with focus on transgender and non-binary content) for medical cannabis dispensary staff and creating social media programming to highlight LGBTQ people, women, and veterans in the cannabis industry.

### **Bruce Linton**

A Founder and Former Chairman and CEO of Canopy Growth(CGC/WEED)

Bruce Linton brings a wealth of experience in building strong technology driven companies, developing world-class teams and positioning companies to deliver exceptional customer value and service. In his newly appointed role as an active advisor for Mind Med, Linton will serve as Executive Chairman with GAGE Cannabis Co., following completion of the acquisition of Innovations. Linton also serves as a special advisor with Better Choice Company, an animal health and wellness cannabinoid company, and is an active investor with SLANG Worldwide Inc. (CSE:SLNG), a leading global cannabis consumer packaged goods company.

For additional information, please visit [uscfc.org](https://www.uscfc.org).

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### **ABOUT CFCR**

The Council for Federal Cannabis Regulation (CFCR) is 501(c)(3) non-profit based in Washington, DC. The mission of CFCR is to assist the government, and specifically federal regulatory agencies, to rethink, develop, and implement evidence-based cannabis regulations. Our overarching goal is the de-stigmatization, normalization, and legitimization of cannabis on behalf of consumers, the professions, organizations, and businesses who support and serve them. We do this by serving as a conduit for informed scientific research, inclusive education, and by mainstreaming the best practices that enable the industry to maximize its potential. For additional information please visit [www.uscfc.org](https://www.uscfc.org) and follow us on social media @USCFCR.