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Date: May 16, 2019

To: Adam Chapdelaine, Town Manager

From: Acting Chief Julie Flaherty

Re: Review of Host Community Agreement Applications

I have reviewed the Host Community Agreement Applications and have noted the following as it pertains to public safety;

Eskar LLC submitted their application to open at 23 Broadway. The application was submitted by Michael Hunnewell. The security plan for Eskar LLC consists of having a security guard on duty during business hours to ensure no one under 21 years of age enters the business, monitoring the surveillance cameras both inside and outside the business, and utilizing the existing bank vault for overnight storage of the marijuana and by-products. Prior to opening, Eskar LLC is looking to work with the Police Department to formulate security provisions. The plan also calls for alarmed premises during the off-hours.

At this location, there are currently four parking spots allocated for employees, and an off-street parking lot for customers. There is additional on-street parking in the area.

This location is not located in close proximity to any early education facilities, schools, or parks.

Metro Harvest Inc. submitted their application to open at 1306 – 1308 Mass Ave. The application was submitted by Steve Labelle. This property is owned by Nicholas Perhanidis of 163 Hillside Avenue, Arlington. In this application packet, there was a business resume from Northeast Alternative's which it appears has opened a location in New Bedford. Both Metro Harvest and Northeast Alternatives will develop, implement, and oversee security protocols and staff for the business. Metro Harvest Inc. indicated in the application packet that they will work with the Police Department to formulate where to place surveillance cameras and that they will hold periodic security meetings. The business will have the doors and windows alarmed, and they plan to monitor the premises 24 hours a day by remote monitoring. During business hours they will have a security officer. (Note: There was also mention in the application of having a security officer present 24 hours a day) They plan on having a vault for overnight product storage.

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There is a playground within 300' of this location. The playground is adjacent to the Cutter Condo's on Davis Road.

There is no dedicated off street parking for this location, customers and employees will utilize on street parking.

Apothca, Inc. submitted their application for 1386 Mass. Ave. The application was submitted by Joseph Lekach. This property is owned by B&G Corsct Comp LLC, and managed by David Wooldridge. The security plan calls for all people entering the business to provide a verified and valid government issued ID card and for those persons under 21 years of age to have a valid Medical Marijuana Card. The plan calls for video surveillance cameras, and to have security personnel on site during business hours. The Head of Security (to be hired) will coordinate meetings with the police department to formulate security plans.

This location is not located in close proximity to any education facilities, schools, or playgrounds. The plans call for Apothca Inc. to re-configure the parking lot at the rear of the building to accommodate 13 parking spaces. In addition, there is on-street parking.

A check of our In-house CAD revealed no calls for service at 11 Water Street since the opening of Apothca Inc. Additionally, we have not received any complaints from area residents.

Calyx Peak of Ma. Inc. submitted their application to open at 1215 Mass Ave. The application was submitted by Edward Schmults. The security plan submitted calls for working with the Police and Fire Departments to file satisfactory security and emergency response plans. The plans call for a high-tech security system to be designed for the site, and to have a security officer on duty during business hours. There are six dedicated off-street parking spots, and available on-street parking.

This location is not located near any early education facility, school, or playground. However, students from the Ottoson Junior High School utilize the bus stop adjacent to the building. In addition, The Children's Room is located across the street and this location is utilized by families and their children.

All applicants listed above have been vetted by the Cannabis Control Commission to conduct business in Massachusetts. I noted that some applications listed Board of Directors, Business Partners, Treasurers, Secretaries, and or Chief Medical Officers. The majority of which have no ties to either Arlington or Massachusetts. Some of these businesses have facilities in other states that have legalized Marijuana. All applicants have indicated their willingness to work with the APD to successfully operate in Arlington.

As the selection process moves forward, I request a waiver be signed and for the applicants to provide additional personal information such as Birth Dates, Social Security Numbers and Addresses in order to conduct a more thorough background check.

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