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**MEMORANDUM**

To: Arlington Redevelopment Board members  
From: Erin Zwirko, Assistant Director of Planning and Community Development  
Date: November 12, 2019  
RE: Review of the Apothca Special Permit Application by Marijuana Study Group

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The Marijuana Study Group was formed in the fall of 2018 to prepare and advance zoning amendment recommendations to the Arlington Redevelopment Board to address adult-use marijuana. The Marijuana Study Group includes the Town Manager, Town Counsel, the Health and Human Services Director, the Police Chief, the Building Inspector, a member of the ARB and the Select Board, five residents, and staff from the Department of Planning and Community Development.

The Marijuana Study Group was also engaged by the Select Board to review the applications for Host Community Agreements in May 2019.

When the Apothca Special Permit application was received, the Department reached out the Marijuana Study Group to inquire whether any of the members would be interested in reviewing the Special Permit Application. Attached to this memo cover letter, please find comments from Sarah Augood and Paul Czech. We appreciate the time and thoughtful comments from these two members.