

City of Somerville  
Licensing Commission

City Council Chambers  
2<sup>nd</sup> Floor  
City Hall  
93 Highland Ave.

Regular Meeting  
Monday  
November 18, 2019  
6:00 p.m.

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*DRAFT OF THE  
Minutes of the Regular Meeting  
Posted 12/2/19 at 3:25pm  
REVISED 02/7/20 at 11am*

*The meeting was called to order at 6:06pm. Present were Commissioners, Lynch, and Allen, and Secretary to the Commission Lori Batzek, Lt. MacLaughlan, a member of the Fire Dept., Sgt. Chaille a member of the Police Department, Applicants and members of the public. Absent was Commissioner McKenna  
The meeting adjourned at 8:58pm*

1. Minutes of October 18, 2019 Meeting

*The Commission approved these minutes with corrections to be made by the secretary for item numbers 3, 5 & 17*

**MARIJUANA RETAILER LICENSES**

**New Marijuana Retailer License**

2. East Coast Remedies Corp., 76-82 Central St. requesting approval for a Group A Priority, NEW Marijuana Retailer License  
Hours of Operation: Sun. - Sat. - 9AM - 9PM  
This is the Notice of a Public Hearing for this Item. The Public is welcome to attend and be heard.  
(ME19-000007)

*By request of Attorney Di Girolamo to be continued to the January 2020 Licensing Commission Meeting. Email rec'd 10/30/19*

*Attorney Richard Di Girolamo appeared for this continued item. He stated that a community meeting was held several weeks ago and was well attended. Neighbors requested a traffic study, it is being prepared, but not yet ready, and a 2<sup>nd</sup> community meeting will be held for this matter.*

*The commission requested the secretary to enter into the record, comments received from Ben Ewen-Campen along with any other comments submitted. See all comments posted at the end of these minutes.*

*The commission continued this application to the January 13, 2020 Licensing Commission Meeting.*

3. Union Leaf Inc., 71-72 Union Sq. requesting approval for a Group A Priority, NEW Marijuana Retailer License  
Hours of Operation: Mon. - Sat. - 10AM - 8PM & Sun. - 10AM - 5PM  
This is the Notice of a Public Hearing for this Item. The Public is welcome to attend and be heard.

(ME19-000008)

*Continued from 10/21/19 Licensing Commission Meeting*

*Commissioner Lynch prepared a statement for this application. Public comment was accepted at the October 18, 2019 meeting. This matter was continued to the November 18, 2019 meeting. The commissioner had 3 consultations on November 5<sup>th</sup>, 6<sup>th</sup> and 7<sup>th</sup> with the Asst. General Council, T. Michael McDonald of the State Ethic Commission. He was advised, in order to avoid any potential conflict of interest on this matter, to file a Disclosure Form of Financial Interest and Determination by his Appointing Authority, who is the Mayor of the City of Somerville, as required by G.L. c. 268A, §19. The City Solicitors Office reviewed the disclosure form and he filed the required form with the Mayor's Office on November 7<sup>th</sup>. After review of the matter, by the mayor, it was determined that the financial interest is not so substantial as to be deemed likely to affect the integrity of the services which the municipality may expect from his performance as commissioner. The fully executed document is on file with the City Solicitors office, the Mayor's Office, the City Clerk's office and with Mr. T. Michael McDonald Asst. General Council, Mass. State Ethics Commission. Copies are available through the City Clerk's Office and copies have been provided to Attorney's Sullivan and Attorney Di Girolamo.*

*The Disclosure form is attached to the end of these minutes.*

*Attorney Sullivan appeared for this application. He stated the presentation was given at the last meeting. The continuance was due to the AD not appearing in the newspaper for the October meeting. Commissioner Lynch stated the commission was provided with a copy of the Community Host Agreement executed in October. The signatories were Katjana Ballantyne, Acting Mayor and David Shapiro, Asst. City Solicitor. In attendance for this meeting was Asst. City Solicitor David Shapiro,*

*Deputy Chief Stephen Carrabino from the Police Dept., from Health and Human Services, Director Doug Kress and from the Office of Strategic Planning, Sarah Lewis. Applicant Greg Santos, (Laxmi Pradhan was not able to appear, he is in Nepal) Laxmi Pradhan's son Binoj appeared, Rick Nagle, security consultant and Peter Greco, product consultant appeared. Commissioner Allen had a question about the consumer pledge and what would be implemented, to insure people who violate the pledge, would not be served again. Mr. Santos replied a computer tracking system with a data base would be used for this purpose. The applicant stated that trash around the square was brought up at the community meetings that were held. They are considering having the employees do trash pickup around the square once or twice a week. Attorney Di Girolamo stated they will appear before the planning board on December 12<sup>th</sup> for a public hearing. Mr. Pradhan stated if the planning board does not approve the 3 stories, the establishment would open the retail store and fore go the community center. There will be no back entrance. Mr. Nagle stated deliveries will be made during daylight hours during non- operating hours, early in the morning in a designated spot. Security personnel will be in attendance. A discussion followed about this procedure. Commissioner Lynch asked about cash and banking. Mr. Nagle replied there are banks close by who accept these cash deposits. A discussion followed about the procedures for cash and debit cards in the establishment, deposits to the bank and security. Commissioner Lynch also asked how problems with the site would be handled quickly and efficiently. Attorney Sullivan replied that a Community Liaison would help on this matter.*

*Jessica Eshleman of Union Square MainStreets, spoke in support of this application.*

*The commission requested the secretary to enter into the record, any comments submitted. See all comments submitted at the end of these minutes.*

*The commission approved this application with the condition of an appointment by only business, for the 1<sup>st</sup> six (6) months after they commence operation.*

4. NorthEast Select Harvest Corp., 378a, 378b & 380 Highland Ave. requesting approval for a Group A Priority, NEW Marijuana Retailer License  
Hours of Operation: None Listed  
This is the Notice of a Public Hearing for this Item. The Public is welcome to attend and be heard.  
(ME19-000009)  
*Continued from 10/21/19 Licensing Commission Meeting*

*Attorney Richard Di Girolamo appeared for this application. Rob Gregory, Jamie Crumb (product expert), Scott Jenkins (with ACT Protective Services), Maria Cacciola (Chief Operating Officer for NorthEast Select) and Stephen Siragusa (Design Consultants a Traffic and Parking Engineer) also appeared for this application. Rob Gregory spoke about his business in Somerville and this new opportunity. Jamie Crumb stated he has been involved in the cannabis business since 2014. He has consulted around the United States and out of the country as well. He also discussed*

*his experience in the business. Scott Jenkins discussed his experience and the security that will be in place for the establishment. A discussion transpired about how delivery of the product will be handled. Commissioner Lynch expressed concern about the outdoor patio seating and safety. Maria Caccioa spoke of her banking experience. She discussed having an ATM and they are also researching a Cashless ATM on the premises to reduce the amount of cash in the premises. Steve Siragusa discussed delivery of the product and parking. He believes 75% of people will be walking, biking and taking public transportation. There will be 8-10 parking spaces at the site (for all the businesses). A discussion ensued about product delivery, public safety and delivery times. Also discussed was safety of the product and the current ban on vaping products in Massachusetts. There will be 5 points of sale with 2 of those being used for on-line sales, all of these sales would be by appointment only. A brief discussion of edibles, safety and directions of use, also ensued. Robert Gregory spoke of an App for those who are waiting for service, and other businesses in the community, who could also benefit from this App. He would also like to participate in a Marijuana Task Force with other Recreational Marijuana establishments, with City representation as well. The Hours of operation would be Mon-Thu, 10am-8pm, Fri-Sat, 10am-10pm & Sun 12pm-5pm. The applicant will send the secretary this information. The signed Host Agreement is also needed. They may be able to open within 6 months pending all city and state approvals. Commissioner Lynch expressed a concern about transporting the product through a parking lot with patrons of another restaurant being present. Jamie Crumb feels that a once a day delivery prior to opening hours could help on this matter.*

*Nick Sarantopoulos, Somerville resident and tenant of Mr. Poutahidis (owner of the building) spoke in support of this application. George Dardonis, owner of Davis Square Donuts and Bagels spoke in support of this application.*

*Commissioner Lynch suggested the applicant keep the channels open with the neighbors, both businesses and residents.*

*The commission requested the secretary, to enter into the record, any comments submitted. See all comments submitted at the end of these minutes.*

*The commission approved this application with the following conditions, an appointment by only business, for both pickup and onsite orders and consultations, for the 1<sup>st</sup> six (6) months after they commence operation, submittal of the hours of operation and the fully executed Community Host Agreement must be submitted.*

#### All Forms Alcoholic Beverages 7 Day Restaurant Licenses

##### 5. 2AM Closing Reviews

Date Approved

Business

Address

12/21/05

Casey's

171 Broadway

*Daniel Fitzgerald appeared for this renewal. Sgt. Chaille reported no violations or incidents this year.*

*The commission approved this 2am license renewal*

2/26/07

The Burren

247 Elm Street

*Brendan Quirke appeared for this renewal. Sgt. Chaille reports 2 minor incidents, in June and February. One on Saturday at 11:30 pm, 2 parties separated from a fight, no incident with this issue. The other incident was Friday into Saturday, it came into the police dept. as a fight, however, this was verbal, not physical. The owners called the police department for both incidents and no violations were issued.*

*The commission approved this 2am license renewal*

12/14/09

Orleans Restaurant

59-65 Holland St.

*No one appeared for this renewal. The commission made note that the Licensee failed to appear last year for the 2am renewal and the commission granted the renewal at that time.*

*The commission revoked this 2am License. The Licensee will need to reapply for a 2am license.*

2/22/16

Earl's Kitchen & Bar

698 Assembly Row #102

*Dillon Todd appeared for this renewal. Sgt. Chaille reported no violations or incidents this year.*

*The commission approved this 2am license renewal*

## Communications

### Continued from 9/16/19 & 10/21/19 Meetings

6. Commissioner Allen proposes a discussion and the adoption of the rough draft of the Standing Rules submitted by City Clerk John Long at the Somerville Licensing Commission Meeting on 4/8/19. This will be used as a starting point. Additions and finalized language will be discussed

*The commission decided to wait on voting on this matter because it was felt full participation of all the commissioners was important. (Commissioner McKenna was absent at the previous meeting).*

*The Commission continued this item until the January 13, 2020 meeting*

7. Commissioner Allen to propose Marijuana Policies and Procedures including a discussion of the proposed rules. A vote will be taken on this proposal to implement the adoption of these Policies and Procedures

*Commissioner Allen stated that the original draft memo was provided by Alex Mello. In his opinion, both of their analysis' pertaining to the CMR and CCC regulations, cover everything in exceedingly thorough detail, except for a couple of details, for example ownership interest and/or contractual agreements. Commissioner Lynch stated he believed a decision was made to wait on voting on this matter because it was felt full participation of all the commissioners was important. (Commissioner McKenna was absent at the previous meeting). There was a short discussion of the wording to be used, Marijuana or Cannabis. The CCC uses both terms. Commissioner Lynch stated the commission may wish to reach out to the public on this matter. The City of Somerville is currently using the term Marijuana, however this could be changed. Commissioner Lynch would like to submit something in Draft form to the Office of Strategic Planning and Community Development, to open this up to the public for comment. Commissioner Allen suggests using the draft memo submitted by Alex Mello with one additional control bullet point to be added. Commissioner Lynch would like this to be one of the first action items in January, with the hope that Commissioner McKenna will be in attendance for the discussion*

*Thomas Morales spoke on this matter, he was part of the 1<sup>st</sup> round of Adult Use Marijuana Applications. He had questions about how the process would look for the 2<sup>nd</sup> round of applications. Commissioner Lynch explained the process with the MAC (who made the recommendations), and then the recommended applications brought before the commission for review and/or approval. He also indicated George Proakis*

*has stated the process is reopening up again and Mr. Morales stated he already reapplied last week.*

*2 other gentlemen were in attendance, Dave thanked the commission. Another gentleman had a question about Café's opening in the future. Commissioner Lynch stated this is at the state level and the CCC level, and would also require City Council input.*

*The Commission continued this item until the January 13, 2020 meeting*

### SPECIAL FARMER WINERY LICENSE

8. Daniel Clapp d/b/a 1634 Meadery, 3 Short St., Ipswich, MA requesting approval of a Special Farmer Winery License to sell Mead produced by the licensee for off-premises consumption for The Somerville Winter Farmers' Market to be held at The Armory at 191 Highland Ave. on Saturdays', December 14, & 21, 2019, January 18, February 15, March 21, & April 11, 2020 from 9:30am-2:00pm  
(SFW19-000007)

*Max Sorger, employee, delivery driver and bartender appeared for this application.*

*Mr. Sorger is Tips Certified and will be serving. If anyone else serves, they will be Tips certified as well. They have been doing this farmers market for 5 years. They also do approximately 15 other Farmers Markets.*

*The commission approved this Special Farmers Winery License*

9. Jonathan Carr d/b/a Carr's Ciderhouse, 295 River Drive, Hadley, MA requesting approval of a Special Farmer Winery License to sell Hard Cider produced by the licensee for off-premises consumption for The Somerville Winter Farmers' Market to be held at The Armory at 191 Highland Ave. on Saturdays', December 14, 2019, January 4, February 1, 15, 29, March 14, 28, & April 11, 2020 from 9:00am-1:00pm  
(SFW19-000008)

*Leah Russio from Arts at the Armory, Market Manager, appeared for this application. They have co managed this market in the past with Groundworks Somerville. This will be their 1<sup>st</sup> year managing the market alone. Ms. Russio states the application hours are incorrect (these are the summer hours). Winter hours should be 9:30am – 2:00pm. There should also be another date added, January 18, 2020. The secretary will check the state paperwork to ensure these changes are part of the approval.*

*The commission approved this Special Farmers Winery License*

10. Far From Tree, 102 Jackson St., Salem MA requesting approval of a Special Farmer Winery License to sell Hard Cider produced by the licensee for off-premises consumption for The Somerville Winter Farmers' Market to be held at The Armory at 191 Highland Ave. on Saturdays', Weekly, from December 4, 2019 through April 4, 2020 from 9:30am-2:00pm  
(SFW19-000009)

*Nathaniel Sisson appeared for this application.*

*Application should read every other Saturday. They are alternating with Carr's. All servers are Tips Certified. Far From The Tree has been in business since 2013 and started at Farmers Markets.*

*The commission approved this Special Farmers Winery License*

### Special Alcohol License

11. Mapou Entertainment Inc., One Marina Park Drive, Suite 1410, Boston, MA 02210 requesting approval of a Special Alcohol License for the purpose of dispensing and/or selling alcoholic beverages for Griotfest to be held Outdoors at Sylvester Baxter Riverfront Park on Saturday, April 25, 2020 from 2:00pm – 10:00pm with a Rain Date of 4/26/2020  
(PEL19-000238)

*No applicant appeared for this application. The Commission continued this item until the January 13, 2020 meeting.*

12. Saint Anthony of Padua Parish, 12 Properzi Way requesting approval of a Special Alcohol License for the purpose of dispensing and selling alcoholic beverages for a New Year's Eve Party to be held Indoors at Saint Anthony Church Hall, 12 Properzi Way on Tuesday, December 31, 2019 from 7:00pm – 12:00am with a Rain Date of 1/4/20  
(PEL19-000245) – *corrected the Citizen Serve license number*

*LuiZ Castro appeared for this application.*

*This is an annual event, that has transpired for the past 10–12 years. The alcohol is purchased from a wholesaler. The servers will be Tips Certified. Approximately 360-400 attendee's. A police detail will be hired. A rain date was requested for parking reasons.*

*The commission approved this Special Alcohol License.*

13. Brooklyn Boulders, 12A Tyler St. requesting approval of a Special Alcohol License for the purpose of dispensing and/or selling alcoholic beverages for The Lizzy Strong Benefit



to support Lizzy's journey to healing, to be held Indoors at Brooklyn Boulders, 12A Tyler St. on December 7, 2019 from 4:00pm – 7:00pm (PEL19-000246)

*Typo - Removed Broadway from the description*

*Alexis Anderson appeared for this application.*

*Sierra Nevada will be catering this event. Approximately 30-60 attendee's.*

*The commission approved this Special Alcohol License.*

**Existing Common Victualler**

**Change of Manager and Change of Hours**

14. J.P. Licks at Assembly Row, Inc.  
d/b/a J.P. Licks  
611 Assembly Row  
Paul Johnston

Requesting a Change of Manager and a Change of Hours:

Proposed Hours – Mon-Thu 7:00am-11:00pm, Fri 7:00am-12:00am and Sat-Sun 8:00am-12:00am

Current Hours – Sun-Sat 8:00am-12:00am

Change of Manger– from Meagan Lynch to Lourdes Arroyo  
(ALM19-000030)

*Tom Army, District Manager, appeared for this application. They would like to open early to serve coffee. The new manager has worked for the company for approximately 8-10 years.*

*The commission approved this Change of Hours and Change of Manager*

**Existing Alcohol License**

**City License**

**All Forms 7 Day Restaurant License**

**Requesting**

**Entertainment by Performers**

**ENHANCEMENT Area**

**Chapter 142, Acts of 2016**

15. Rincon Mexicano Inc. d/b/a Rincon Mexicano, 99 Broadway requesting approval for an Entertainment by Performers License (ALM19-000009)

This is the Notice of a Public Hearing for this Item. The Public is welcome to attend and be heard.

*Lorenzo Reyes appeared for this application.*

*Mr. Reyes would like to have a Mariachi band, once a week to begin with. He needs to check with the band to confirm which day, possibly on Friday's at 6pm or 7pm. The entertainment hours will mirror the existing license hours.*

*Jen Atwood, East Somerville Main Streets, spoke in support of this application. She stated that Councilor Matt McLaughlin is also in support of this application.*

*The commission approved this Entertainment by Performers License.*

Existing Alcohol License  
City License  
All Forms 7 Day Restaurant License

Requesting  
Entertainment by Patrons and Performers  
Change of Hours  
& 2AM Closing License

ENHANCEMENT Area  
Chapter 142, Acts of 2016

16. Petiscos Group Inc. d/b/a La Posada Restaurant, 505 Medford St. requesting approval for an Entertainment by Patrons and Performers, 2AM Closing License and a Change of Hours from:  
Serving Food – *From: Sun.-Sat. 11:00am-1:00am to: Sun.-Sat. 10:00am-2:00am*  
Serving Alcohol – *From: Sun.-Sat 11:00am-1:00am to: Sun-Thu 10:00am-1:00am and Fri-Sat 10:00am-2:00am*  
(ALM19-000023)

This is the Notice of a Public Hearing for this Item. The Public is welcome to attend and be heard.

*Johel Posada appeared for this application.*

*Mr. Posada has been in business for 6 years in February, in 2 different locations. He would like to have live music and private parties. He would like to be able to rearrange the space for dancing. Lt. MacLaughlan stated Mr. Posada would need to bring the*

*rearranging of seating to the attention of ISD, Building Dept. and Fire Prevention, with the appropriate floor plans for approval. Sgt. Chaille stated that movement of tables and chairs has transpired in the past, and this has caused violations. Commissioner Lynch stated this is a safety issue. The secretary will check with the ABCC to see if approval of the floor plan (moving of furniture) is necessary.*

*The Entertainment by Performers approval, is contingent upon the floor plan being to ISD, Fire and the ABCC, for the movement of tables and chairs, for dancing/entertainment purposes*

*The commission approved the 2am closing*

**Existing Alcohol License**

**City License**

**All Forms 7 Day Restaurant License**

**Alteration of Premises and Outdoor Patio**

**City Wide Area For the Quota**

17. Federal Wine & Spirits Belmont, Inc. d/b/a Field and Vine, 9 Sanborn Ct. requesting approval for an Alteration of Premises for an Outdoor Patio License for 12 Seats (Private Property) and Indoor Seating to be increased to 20 seats in the 2<sup>nd</sup> Dining Room (ALM19-000024)

*Applicant request this to be continued to the January 2020 Licensing Commission Meeting to comply with Abutter's Notice Requirement*

*The commission continued this application to the January 13, 2019 meeting*

**Existing Common Victualler**

**Reopening (closed January 2019 without notification),**

**Change of Hours & Change of Manager**

18. Bozfam LLC  
d/b/a Manoa Poke Shop  
300 Beacon St.  
Josiah Bonsey & Sam Bonsey  
Current Hours on License are listed as: Mon.–Sun. 11:30am–9:30pm (AL17-000333)  
*Amendment application states current hours as – Fri. 5pm-9pm & Sat.-Mon. 11am-9pm*  
Proposed Hours – Tues.– Sun. 11:30am-9pm (ALM19-000025)  
Change of Manger– current license lists Armodo Leopardi as Manager (AL17-000333)  
*Amendment indicates current Manager is James Acer*  
Change of Manager should be from Armodo Leopardi to Jacob Afoa

(ALM19-000025)

*Continued from 10/21/19 Licensing Commission Meeting*

***No one appeared for this application. The commission instructed the secretary to send a notice by certified mail for the applicant to attend the January 13, 2020 Licensing Commission Meeting.***

**Existing Alcohol License**  
**City License**  
**All Forms 7 Day Restaurant License**  
**Requesting**  
**Change of LLC Manager**  
  
**Assembly Row**  
**Area**  
**Chapter 142, Acts of 2016**

19. Legal Sea Foods, LLC d/b/a Legal on the Mystic, 301 Great River Rd. #122 requesting approval for a Change of LLC Manager from Edward H. Pendergast to Eric Kriss (ALM19-000026)

*This item to be continued to the November 18, 2019 Licensing Commission Meeting per Attorney Heller's request.*

*Continued from 10/21/19 Licensing Commission Meeting*

***Donna Cruz, paralegal of the corporate office, appeared for this applicant. This amendment has already been approved by the ABCC (for multiple locations). The ABCC reviewed and were satisfied, that the transaction is consistent with the purposes of the law (M.G.L. C. 138) and would not result in the individual corporate licenses being deemed to be out of compliance with the applicable statute. Mr. Pendergast has retired.***

***The commission approved this Change of LLC Manager***

**Existing Alcohol License**  
**City License**  
**Wine and Malt Restaurant License**

**Requesting**  
**Change of Hours for FOOD SERVICE ONLY**

**ENHANCEMENT Area**  
**Chapter 142, Acts of 2016**

20. NLP 280 Elm St. Davis Square, LLC d/b/a Oath Craft Pizza, 278 Elm St. requesting approval for a Change in Hours for FOOD SERVICE ONLY

Current Hours for Food Service Only – Sun-Sat. 8:00am-11:00pm  
Proposed Hours for Food Service Only – Sun-Sat 8:00am-1:00am  
(ALM19-000031)

*Attorney Rashi Mangalick and Peter Croto, corporate representative, appeared for this application.*

*These hours are for food service only. Alcohol will not be served after 11:00p (Wine & Malt Licenses are not allowed to sell alcohol after 11pm).*

*The commission approved this Change of Hours, for Food Service Only*

**NEW City License**

**7 Day All Forms Alcohol License**  
**And Outdoor Patio (Public Property)**

**ENHANCEMENT Area**  
**Chapter 142, Acts of 2016**

21. Taco Party LLC, 711 Broadway requesting a NEW – Enhancement Area 7 Day All Forms Alcohol and Outdoor Patio (Public Property) License

Hours of Operation for Food Service Indoors/Outdoors and Alcohol Service Indoors and Outdoors: Mon-Sat 11:00am – 10:00pm and Sun 12:00pm – 7:00pm  
*Already has a CV and Entertainment by Devices License (AL17-000285)*  
(AL19-000036)

This is the Notice of a Public Hearing for this Item. The Public is welcome to attend and be heard.

*Keith Schubert appeared for this application.*

*Mr. Schubert will not be serving alcohol outdoors on the public patio. The application needs to be updated. He has been opened since 2015, and had a Food Truck prior to opening this establishment. Mr. Shubert previously applied for an alcohol license, was approved by the Licensing Commission and the ABCC, however, ISD could not sign off on this, because a restroom is necessary for the premises. He is expanding into the space next door, which has restrooms.*

*The commission approved this All Forms Alcohol License only (applicant stated he will not be serving alcohol on the outdoor public patio).*

### 2020 License Renewals

22. 2020 License Renewals  
Requesting Approval for all 2019 License renewals

*The commission approved all 2020 licenses except, the 2am closing license for Orleans Restaurant (they will need to reapply for this license; no representative appeared for the renewal last year or this year.)*



CITY OF SOMERVILLE, MASSACHUSETTS  
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MEMO

October 21, 2019

TO: Somerville Licensing Commission; Chair Joseph Lynch  
FR: Somerville Prevention Services and Somerville Cares About Prevention (SCAP)  
Matthew Mitchell, LSW, Prevention Services Manager  
Lovelee Heller-Bottari, CPS, SCAP Program Director  
Kira Vaughan, LMHC, Substance Use Prevention Coordinator  
RE: Public Comments for Proposed Retail Sites for Adult-Use Marijuana Establishments & Youth Marijuana Use Prevention

Somerville Prevention Services, a division of City of Somerville's Health & Human Services Department, and Somerville Cares About Prevention, a community-based coalition supported by the City of Somerville, submit these public comments regarding the proposed retail sites for adult-use marijuana establishments in regards to youth marijuana prevention.

- 1.) Current Somerville policies around licensing of adult-use marijuana establishments, as in regards to youth:
  - a. Medical and adult-use marijuana establishments may operate only in certain areas of Somerville as stipulated by the Zoning Board of Appeals or Planning Board, and must obtain a Special Permit from one of those agencies (as of Dec 13, 2018<sup>i</sup>);
  - b. According to Ordinance No. 2018-21, Article 7 of the SZO, Permitted Uses, Section 7.16.2, marijuana retailers will comply with the requirements in the zoning map "with respect to distance from schools, daycare centers, and facilities in which children commonly congregate... may not be located within 300 feet of a principal entry door of a public or private school providing education in kindergarten or any of grades 1 through 12. These siting requirements have been developed to incorporate adequate separation..."<sup>ii</sup>
  - c. According to Ordinance No. 2018-21, Article 7 of the SZO, Permitted Uses, Section 7.16.5, "for marijuana retailers with a principal entry door proposed within 500 feet of a principal entry door of a public or private school providing education in kindergarten or any of grades 1 through 12, the special permit granting authority must make a finding that a proposed marijuana retailer is not detrimental to the educational and spiritual activities of that school."<sup>iii</sup>

2.) There are three proposed adult-use marijuana retailers:

- a. East Coast Remedies Corp., 76-82 Central Street;
- b. Union Leaf Inc., 71-72 Union Square;
- c. NorthEast Select Harvest Corp., 378a, 378b & 380 Highland Avenue;

As with any facility that sells substances (alcohol, tobacco/nicotine, etc.), there are concerns with youth access & exposure to these products including the impact of density, proximity to youth-friendly areas, and perceived social norms on youth use. Some of these concerns are highlighted below for careful consideration.

- a.) The proposed site for East Coast Remedies Corp. is less than 0.5 miles away from Cambridge Health Alliance (CHA) Central Street Care Center at 26 Central Street. CHA Central Street provides inpatient and outpatient mental health and addiction treatment services for youth, families, and adults. Additionally, this area is where SHS students get on and off the bus to and from school with a popular youth-frequented establishment nearby (Dunkin').
  - b.) The proposed site for Union Leaf Inc. is less than 300-ft. from the entrance to SCATV/Somerville Media Center and Massachusetts Alliance for Portuguese Speakers (MAPS), two organizations that operate regular afterschool programs for youth.
  - c.) The proposed site for NorthEast Select Harvest Corp. would be less than 0.1 miles away from Column Health Somerville at 401 Highland Avenue, an outpatient recovery center for patients 18 years and older in recovery from mental health and addiction issues. Their work in addiction recovery services is important for the Somerville community.
- 3.) According to the annual 2017-2018 Somerville High School Health Survey, 17% of students surveyed had used marijuana within the past 30 days, tying for alcohol as most commonly used substances of choice, with perceived risks of marijuana use amongst students significantly declining<sup>iv</sup>.

Current data and research indicates that marijuana usage can be harmful to youth development. Symptoms may include:

- a. Difficulties with memory, learning, and retaining information;
- b. Increased anxiety, fear, or panic, as well as mood changes;
- c. Worsening of pre-existing mental health conditions;
- d. Decline in academic/extracurricular/occupational performance and other behavioral changes; including increased risk taking behaviors.<sup>v</sup>
- e. Decreased coordination, slower body movements, and decreased reaction time;
- f. Decreased motivation;
- g. Psychosis;



h. Vaping marijuana has led to recent lung conditions and deaths.

Risk factors for youth substance use include:

- Pre-existing mental health conditions;
- Lack of education and awareness around risks of substance use;
- Social media and advertising meant to appeal to young consumers (this includes the promotion of 'flavored' products);
- Witnessing use of substances by family members, peers, and other community members as legalization and societal normalization of use occur;<sup>vi</sup>
- Increased density of marijuana dispensaries and retailers.<sup>vii</sup>

4.) Somerville Prevention Services and Somerville Cares About Prevention (SCAP) recommend prioritizing the safety and well-being of our youth, families, and individuals in recovery.

With these comments, any proposed adult-use marijuana facility location should be mindful of the environment in which they are potentially located to effectively reduce youth access and exposure to marijuana.

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<sup>i</sup> <https://www.somervillema.gov/departments/programs/adult-use-marijuana>

<sup>ii</sup> [https://www.somervillema.gov/sites/default/files/2018-21%20Zoning-Adult%20Use%20Marijuana\\_0.pdf](https://www.somervillema.gov/sites/default/files/2018-21%20Zoning-Adult%20Use%20Marijuana_0.pdf)

<sup>iii</sup> [https://www.somervillema.gov/sites/default/files/2018-21%20Zoning-Adult%20Use%20Marijuana\\_0.pdf](https://www.somervillema.gov/sites/default/files/2018-21%20Zoning-Adult%20Use%20Marijuana_0.pdf)

<sup>iv</sup> <https://www.somervillema.gov/sites/default/files/2018-high-school-youth-risk-behavior-survey-summary.pdf>

<sup>v</sup> <https://www.acped.org/the-college-speaks/position-statements/effect-of-marijuana-legalization-on-risky-behavior/marijuana-use-detrimental-to-youth>

<sup>vi</sup> <https://www.drugabuse.gov/publications/preventing-drug-abuse-among-children-adolescents/Introduction>

<sup>vii</sup> <https://learnaboutsam.org/wp-content/uploads/2019/07/2019LessonsFinal.pdf>

Lori J. Batzek

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From: Jacqueline Wilkinson [REDACTED]  
Sent: Monday, November 18, 2019 12:35 PM  
To: Lori J. Batzek  
Cc: Brian Wilkinson  
Subject: Oppose the location - meeting tonight

Hi,  
I'm writing to oppose the location of a legalized marijuana shop on Central and Highland. I believe that is too close to our high school.

Thank you,

Jacqueline Wilkinson  
[REDACTED]

Jacqueline

**Lori J. Batzek**

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**From:** Lovelee Heller [REDACTED]  
**Sent:** Monday, November 18, 2019 5:16 PM  
**To:** Lori J. Batzek  
**Subject:** Oppose Marijuana Stores on Central Street and Union Sq.

Dear Licensing Committee Members,

We are Opposed to the marijuana stores proposed for Central Street and Union Sq. because children and teens will be at higher risk for use due to exposure on their way to school at Somerville High School, Prospect Hill Academy and Argenzlano and after school activities at the Armory and Somerville Media Center. Please protect kids and teens! Say no!

Sincerely,

[REDACTED]  
Ward 3 Home and Play

## Lori J. Batzek

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**From:** LaGambina, Sebastian <SLagambina@k12.somerville.ma.us>  
**Sent:** Monday, November 18, 2019 1:19 PM  
**To:** Lori J. Batzek  
**Subject:** FW: TONIGHT - Hearing for Marijuana Shops in Somerville  
**Attachments:** 11-18-19 - Licensing Commission Meeting - Revised on 11-14-19 at 630pm.docx

**Importance:** High

Hello Lori,

Please be advised that I oppose the granting of any marijuana retail license of which the location of the retail business is within a 1 mile of Somerville High School. This business will almost certainly have a negative impact on the youth of Somerville and can pose a significant problem to the students at Somerville High School. As educators of the youth of Somerville, we face many challenges with regards to the social/emotional development of students and the potential for problems associated with marijuana use by students is one that does not need to be exacerbated by having a marijuana retail business in the school neighborhood.

Thank you,  
Sibby LaGambina

Sebastian LaGambina  
Principal  
Somerville High School  
81 Highland Ave  
Somerville, MA 02143  
617-625-6600 Ext. 6111



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**From:** Lori J. Batzek  
**Sent:** Thursday, November 14, 2019 6:41 PM  
**To:** Richard Di Girolamo; [unionleaf7172@gmail.com](mailto:unionleaf7172@gmail.com); [rob@redbones.com](mailto:rob@redbones.com); Dan Clapp; [nicole@carrsciderhouse.com](mailto:nicole@carrsciderhouse.com); [nsisson@farfromthetreecider.com](mailto:nsisson@farfromthetreecider.com); [Info@mapouentertainment.com](mailto:Info@mapouentertainment.com); [stanthonyssomer@aol.com](mailto:stanthonyssomer@aol.com); [alexis.anderson@iqvia.com](mailto:alexis.anderson@iqvia.com); [caltryn@gmail.com](mailto:caltryn@gmail.com); [DORIS@JPLICKS.COM](mailto:DORIS@JPLICKS.COM); Lorenzo Reyes of Rincón Mexicano; [johnelp@gmail.com](mailto:johnelp@gmail.com); Matthew Solomon; [tw@journeymanrestaurant.com](mailto:tw@journeymanrestaurant.com); [Info@journeymanrestaurant.com](mailto:Info@journeymanrestaurant.com); [jacob@manoa.fish](mailto:jacob@manoa.fish); [dcruz@legalseafoods.com](mailto:dcruz@legalseafoods.com); Heller, Richard; [josh@oathpizza.com](mailto:josh@oathpizza.com); [kelfh@tacopartytruck.com](mailto:kelfh@tacopartytruck.com); [fltz392002@comcast.net](mailto:fltz392002@comcast.net); [chriscurtmas@comcast.net](mailto:chriscurtmas@comcast.net); Joanne Conroy; [burren@burren.com](mailto:burren@burren.com); [michelle@superordinatingroup.com](mailto:michelle@superordinatingroup.com); [thomas\\_devlin@hotmail.com](mailto:thomas_devlin@hotmail.com); [kelly.tsang@earls.ca](mailto:kelly.tsang@earls.ca); [sprentice@earls.ca](mailto:sprentice@earls.ca); [gabriel.katsimpas@earls.ca](mailto:gabriel.katsimpas@earls.ca); All Fire Prevention; Benjamin Liphani; City Council; Charles Breen; Christopher Allen ([callen@callen.us](mailto:callen@callen.us)); Concetta Lorenti; Doug Kress; Elise K. Blotner; Ellen Schnelder Collins; Emily Mohea; Francis Wright; Glenn Lawler; Goran Smiljic; James Swanton; Jennifer Sousa; Jill Lathan; John Long; John McKenna; Joseph P. Lynch Jr.; Kenneth Silva; Kristen Stélljes; Lovelee Heller; Matthew Mitchell; Nick Schonberger; Nina Eichner; Open Meeting Law Notice Posting; Patrick Sullivan III; Paul Nohni; Pizza King - Old Owner; Robert MacLaughlan; Sunayana Thomas; Thomas

Galligan; Timothy Mitsakis; Warren Challe; pam@oathplzza.com; tianna@oathplzza.com; peter@oathplzza.com; julian@oathplzza.com; Ade Solarin; Nicholas Antahavica

**Subject:** November 18, 2019 Somerville Licensing Commission Agenda REVISED - added # 22 - PLEASE NOTE: THIS MEETING WILL TAKE PLACE IN THE CITY COUNCIL CHAMBERS, CITY HALL (93 HIGHLAND AVE.)

Attached Please Find the Somerville License Commission Agenda --REVISED on NOVEMBER 14, 2019 at 6:15pm -- ADDED #22

PLEASE NOTE: THIS MEETING IS BEING HELD IN THE CITY COUNCIL CHAMBERS IN CITY HALL, 2<sup>ND</sup> FLOOR AT 93 HIGHLAND AVE.

ALSO: THIS IS THE 2<sup>ND</sup> LICENSING COMMISSION MEETING FOR MARIJUANA RETAIL LICENSES. THE MEETING IS EXPECTED TO TAKE LONGER THAN USUAL. KINDLY PLAN ACCORDINGLY.

Hearing Date: Monday, November 18, 2019

Time: 6:00PM

Location: CITY HALL - City Council Chambers, 2<sup>nd</sup> Floor, 93 Highland Ave., Somerville, MA 02144

**In order for an application to be approved by the Commission, a representative of the applicant must appear at this meeting unless otherwise authorized in advance, and in writing, by a representative of the Commission.**

Cordially Yours,

*Lori Jean Batzek*

Lori Jean Batzek  
Secretary to the Somerville Licensing Commission  
617-625-6600 ext. 4108  
[ljbatzek@somervillema.gov](mailto:ljbatzek@somervillema.gov)

Lori J. Batzek

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From: JJ Gonson [REDACTED]  
Sent: Monday, November 18, 2019 3:26 PM  
To: Lori J. Batzek  
Subject: Hearing tonight

Hi Lori, I hope you are well

I got an email regarding the dispensary hearing, inviting feedback to you.

Honestly, I'm aware that dispensaries are coming, and I have little opinion. It's creating much of the same conversations as liquor stores, and I assume that fears and worries will be heard and managed by the authorities.

My only thoughts are that I know that I have neighbors who are very upset and disturbed. So, I am feeling concern for them, and for the parking problems we already have.

These are things I feel need to be given attention.

I'm going to try to make the hearing but I do have an obligation.

Best wishes, JJ

JJ Gonson  
Cuisine en Locale  
ONCE Somerville  
JJ Gonson Photography  
[REDACTED]

Lori J. Batzek

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**From:** Danny McLaughlin [REDACTED]  
**Sent:** Monday, November 18, 2019 3:53 PM  
**To:** Lori J. Batzek  
**Subject:** Support letter

To whom it may concern,

I am writing you today to express my support for all three Recreational Marijuana dispensaries in Somerville. In 2016 Massachusetts approved recreational Marijuana use, and the residents of Somerville overwhelmingly voted to support Question 4.

Over the past three years new Liquor stores and Bars have opened across Somerville in various locations, with little to no objection. Liquor stores are not questioned whether they are too close to a daycare or school because it is legal, and taxed by the state. Most Liquor stores also do not offer parking because they are neighborhood based, and people walk. There are actually twice as many Liquor stores in Somerville that do not have parking, than do have parking.

I know proponents will say the Central street location is close to Somerville High, but a quick look on Google maps will show almost 1/2 mile away from Somerville High. The Brookline dispensary is actually adjacent to a Brighter Horizons daycare. I do not believe there is specific zoning required on where in the City a Dispensary can/cannot be located.

In many legal states and cities walking past a recreational shop is no different than another business. Yes, there will be lines until more shops open up, but it would be the same if the City only had one Liquor store, or one Gas station. In order to make this a normal part of society like the Voters of Massachusetts have asked for. We cannot continue to use excuses like parking, and fearmongering to dictate what the Voters have asked for.

Main streets, and Squares are the best locations for the Recreational shops due to the Business nature already established in these areas. Having the Shops tucked away on the outskirts only adds to stigma, and creates a shady environment that could, and should be a mainstream business.

Thank you for your time,

Danny McLaughlin-Ward 4 Resident

## Lori J. Batzek

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**From:** Ben Ewen-Campen <benforward3@gmail.com>  
**Sent:** Monday, November 18, 2019 3:56 PM  
**To:** Lori J. Batzek  
**Cc:** Joe Lynch  
**Subject:** Notes on first community meeting for proposed Cannabis dispensary at 76-82 Central

Dear Lori and Chairman Lynch -

I see that the applicant for the proposed cannabis dispensary at 76-82 Central requested a continuance until January (at least), which I am glad to hear.

Because I know that "relationship with the neighborhood" is something that the Licensing Commission will be reviewing, I wanted to pass along my notes from the first community meeting on this proposal, which had somewhere between 50-100 attendees; I sent the following email to everyone who left their email address:

"Hello all -

Thank you very much for attending last week's first community meeting and/or emailing me regarding a proposed cannabis dispensary at 76-82 Oxford St. I'm writing to provide a brief summary of last week's meeting for those who weren't able to attend, and to outline next steps.

This email is a bit long (it was a well-attended meeting!) - for those who don't want to read the entire email below, here are the important headlines:

1) **I am working to schedule a second community meeting in the coming weeks** to give the applicant an opportunity to respond to the many concerns and issues that were raised last week, before they bring their application to the Licensing Commission. The date for that second community meeting has not yet been set, and I will let you all know as soon as it is scheduled.

2) **Your feedback to the Licensing Commission will be most effective after the second neighborhood meeting (but is welcome anytime.)** A number of folks have asked me how to most effectively voice their opinions on this proposal. While you are welcome to send questions & comments at any time, I would recommend waiting until after the second community meeting, and to direct them to me ([BenForWard3@gmail.com](mailto:BenForWard3@gmail.com)) and directly to the Planning Department ([planning@somervilleMA.gov](mailto:planning@somervilleMA.gov)) and Licensing Commission ([libatzek@somervillema.gov](mailto:libatzek@somervillema.gov)), who will be the ultimate decision makers here. These will become part of the formal "Public Hearing" for this proposal.

3) **If any neighbors would like to speak directly with the applicant, Gladys Vega, she is happy to talk directly with anyone and everyone who would like to have a one-on-one or small group conversation.** Her phone number is (857) 334-5925.

Meeting summary & overview of the proposal. The president and 51% owner of the proposed dispensary ("East Coast Remedies") is a woman named Gladys Vega. Ms. Vega falls into several categories that make her an "economic empowerment applicant" and thus a priority applicant for Somerville cannabis licenses - she is a woman and an immigrant, and is also the executive director of a non-profit in Chelsea, MA called The Chelsea Collaborative. Ms. Vega is new to the cannabis industry, and told us that her motivation is to raise money for



the Chelsea Collaborative. (For anyone interested in the details around the laws and regulations around how the cannabis industry in Somerville more generally, click [here](#) - the link "MAC Round One Recommendation" explains how the first round of applicants were selected.)

Ms. Vega brought with her a team of business partners/co-applicants, who presented various aspects of the proposal: **Scott Jenkins**, from "ACT Protective Services," outlined the security plan for the site, **Rich di Girolamo**, the owner of the building and the zoning lawyer, spoke about a number of neighborhood issues (more on these below.) **Tom Mourmouras** is the business partner with cannabis experience, and currently runs two cannabis dispensaries in Portland, Maine. **Steve Siragusa**, a traffic engineer with Design Consultants, Inc, spoke about they intend to address traffic and congestion issues (again, more below.)

A few basic details presented by the applicant:

- **Hours:** the proposed hours would be 10:00am-8:00p Monday-Saturday, 12:00-5:00p Sundays.
- **Lines:** at least to begin with, the store will be by appointment only (i.e. customers would order online, then go for a scheduled visit to pick up), and lines will not be allowed on the sidewalk. (In fact, Somerville will be requiring all cannabis dispensaries to be appointment-only to begin with, until the City has a clearer sense of how these businesses function in our community.)
- **Location details:** the proposed store would take the place of the four existing small businesses along Central St. (the landlord, Rich di Girolamo, claimed that he would work with these businesses to find new locations, but nothing specific was presented.)
- **Parking:** the applicant claims that this store would have some number of dedicated parking spots in one of the two parking lots owned by the building owner: one across Highland, and one just next to the storefront, on the corner of Gibbens.
- **Security:** ACT Protective Services will run the store's security, which includes four (unarmed) security guards, both inside and outside the store, as well as interior and exterior security cameras.

#### **Comments and concerns raised by neighbors:**

There were *many* questions and concerns raised by the neighborhood - I will not try to summarize in detail, but a few major issues stood out:

**Parking and traffic congestion were by far the most commonly raised issues.** As you all know, the intersection of Highland & Central is incredibly congested with traffic, and there was widespread concern that this business would bring in even more automobile traffic, and that customers would compete with residents for limited on-street parking. While there are indeed two parking lots for this location, *many* neighbors reported these lots are often filled to capacity (or more), especially when church is in session on Tuesdays, Thursdays, and Sundays.

Although the applicant brought a Traffic Consultant, it was abundantly clear that this consultant had not prepared any meaningful traffic and parking study or plan - they did not even seem to have a clear understanding of how many parking spots are in the available lots, and how these lots are occupied during various times of the day. To make a long story short, **the applicant committed to conducting a thorough traffic study**, which they will share with us at (or hopefully before) the next meeting.

Another set of issues that came up repeatedly is that **many abutters have not had a great relationship with the building owner**, and are therefore skeptical about various claims made about keeping the property clean, safe, well-regulated. Issues such as trash accumulating in the parking lots, snow shoveling, noise, etc. have been sources of conflict for years, and it is clear that there is much work to be done if any trust is going to be built (and, specific issues will need to be addressed in legally-binding language should this move forward.)

Many other issues were brought up, including: concern for the displacement of the four small businesses that currently exist in these spaces; proximity to a day-care; concern about cannabis usage in surrounding areas; neighbors who want/don't want added security guards in the neighborhood, residents who are fundamentally opposed to a cannabis dispensary opening in this neighborhood, and more.

Based on these concerns, we all agreed it was necessary to have at least one more neighborhood meeting, to give the applicant an opportunity to address these issues before going to the Licensing Commission.

**Next steps:**

As soon as I've scheduled the next neighborhood meeting, I will let you all know. As I wrote above, the final decision-makers will be the Licensing Commission, who will hold a Public Hearing at one of their monthly meetings, and will accept written and spoken testimony on this issue. The date for this process has not been set, but will be after the next community meeting - late December would be the earliest date for the Licensing Commission, and its quite possible it will be early next year. Once our second community meeting has been held, I will encourage all of you to reach out to the Licensing Commission (and me) with your thoughts on the proposal.

Thanks again for being involved in this process,

Sincerely,  
Ben

*PS: I've sent this email using BCC so avoid publicly sharing your email addresses without consent - if there are folks who would like to work together and/or discuss, let me know and I can share all your emails with one another (opt-in only).*

Ben Ewen-Campen  
Somerville Ward 3 City Councilor

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Somerville Redevelopment Authority  
Community Land Trust Working Group

**Lori J. Batzek**

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**From:** Heather McCormack [REDACTED]  
**Sent:** Monday, November 18, 2019 4:47 PM  
**To:** Lori J. Batzek  
**Subject:** Marijuana facilities

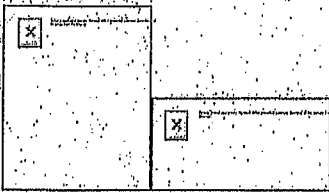
As a youth worker in Somerville for over 8 years, I would like to submit my support for the proposed adult marijuana shop locations. I know that the taxes provided by these spaces help fund youth programming, including substance abuse prevention, and that legal recreational shops are private, secure, do not display product, and do not sell to young people.

Thank you,

Heather McCormack  
Somerville Media Center

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**Heather McCormack**  
**Youth Media Coordinator &**  
**Boston Free Radio Manager**  
[REDACTED]

*she/her/hers or they/theirs*



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Lori J. Batzek

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From: kay ryan [REDACTED]  
Sent: Monday, November 18, 2019 4:52 PM  
To: Lori J. Batzek  
Subject: Oppose marijuana store locations

Dear licensing commission members,

I and many of my friends and family at 50 Washington St., Cobble Hill Apartments OPPOSE the proposed marijuana store locations on Central St and Union Sq. due to teen and child exposure on the way to and from school and after school programs.

Youth in our community should be prioritized over the marijuana industry and profits.

Thank you for your careful consideration.

Karen Ryan  
Ward 1

Lori J. Batzek


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**From:** Dave Bottari [REDACTED]  
**Sent:** Monday, November 18, 2019 4:59 PM  
**To:** Lori J. Batzek  
**Subject:** Opposed Central St and Union Sq marijuana store

Dear License Committee Members,

I oppose the Central Street and Union Square marijuana store locations due to youth exposure to and from school and likely increased traffic conditions making it unsafe for student travel.

David Bottari

Ward 3 



**Lori J. Batzek**

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**From:** Jackson, Amber <ajackson@k12.somerville.ma.us>  
**Sent:** Monday, November 18, 2019 5:08 PM  
**To:** Lori J. Batzek  
**Subject:** Potential Marijuana Shop on Highland Ave + Central St

I oppose this location.

Amber Jackson  
Mathematics Educator  
SHS Equity Specialist

DISCLOSURE BY NON-ELECTED MUNICIPAL EMPLOYEE OF FINANCIAL  
INTEREST  
AND DETERMINATION BY APPOINTING AUTHORITY  
AS REQUIRED BY G. L. c. 268A, § 19

MUNICIPAL EMPLOYEE  
INFORMATION

Name: j Joseph P. Lynch, Jr

Title or Position: Chair, Somerville

Licensing Commission

Municipal Agency: City of Somerville

Agency Address: 93 Highland Ave,

Somerville Ma 02145

Office Phone: 617-625-6600

Office E-mail:

My duties require me to participate in a particular matter, and I may not participate because of a financial interest that I am disclosing here. I request a determination from my appointing authority about how I should proceed.

PARTICULAR MATTER

CITY CLERK'S OFFICE  
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**Particular matter**

E.g., a judicial or other proceeding, application, submission, request for a ruling or other determination, contract, claim, controversy, charge, accusation, arrest, decision, determination, or finding.

Please describe the particular matter.

Application to the Somerville Licensing Commission for the establishment of a Retail Marijuana establishment located within 300 feet of the Somerville Media Center, 90 Union Square, Somerville. I am the President of the Board of Directors of the Somerville Media Center with direct fiduciary responsibility for its financial stability and soundness. The Media Center currently offers media education instruction/ classes/camps to youth ages 8 - 21 years of age throughout the year. There are fees associated with all classes/camps/after school programs. The total financial income impact is in excess of 5% of the total Media Center annual revenue.

**Your required participation in the particular matter:**

E.g., approval, disapproval, decision, recommendation, rendering advice, investigation, other.

Please describe the task you are required to perform with respect to the particular matter.

Chair of the quasi judicial hearings.

Deliberate and vote on all applications presented to the Commission. Also participates in requested complaints presented to the Commission.

**FINANCIAL INTEREST IN THE PARTICULAR MATTER**



Write an X by all that apply.

I have a financial interest in the matter.

My immediate family member has a financial interest in the matter.

My business partner has a financial interest in the matter.

I am an officer, director, trustee, partner or employee of a business organization, and the business organization has a financial interest in the matter.

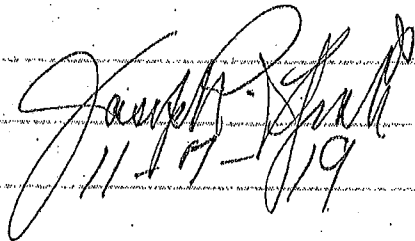
I am negotiating or have made an arrangement concerning future employment with a person or organization, and the person or organization has a financial interest in the matter.

Financial interest  
in the matter

Please explain the financial interest and include a dollar amount if you know it.

Close proximity of the proposed Marijuana Establishment to the Media Center could influence parents/guardians decisions to send their youth to the Media Center location for the above described classes/camps. Decline in the revenue received could negatively impact the Media Center annual revenue.

Employee signature:



Date:

### DETERMINATION BY APPOINTING OFFICIAL

### APPOINTING AUTHORITY INFORMATION

Name of Appointing Authority: Joseph  
A. Curatone

Title or Position: Mayor

Agency/Department: City of  
Somerville, Executive

Agency Address: 93 Highland Ave,  
Somerville, Ma 02145

Office Phone: 617-625-6600

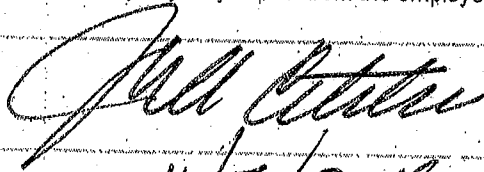
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### DETERMINATION

Determination by appointing authority:

As appointing official, as required by G.L. c. 268A, § 19, I have reviewed the particular matter and the financial interest identified above by a municipal employee. I have determined that the financial interest is not so substantial as to be deemed likely to affect the integrity of the services which the municipality may expect from the employee.

Appointing Authority  
signature:



Date:

11/7/2014

Comment:

Attach additional pages if necessary.

The appointing authority shall keep this Disclosure and Determination as a public record.

Form revised February, 2012