

Bernabe Rodriguez

From: Lori J. Batzek
Sent: Monday, March 21, 2022 3:38 PM
To: Lori J. Batzek
Cc: Kimberly Wells; Bernabe Rodriguez
Subject: FW: Comment on Botanica LLC Inc. - 620 Broadway

To the Commissioners.

Cordially Yours,

Lori Jean Batzek

Lori Jean Batzek
Secretary to the Somerville Licensing Commission
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ljbatzek@somervillema.gov

From: Beatriz Gomez-Mouakad <gomezmouakad.ward5@gmail.com>
Sent: Monday, March 21, 2022 3:28 PM
To: [REDACTED]; Lori J. Batzek <ljbatzek@somervillema.gov>
Subject: Re: Comment on Botanica LLC Inc. - 620 Broadway

Note, resending email below due to typo in one of the two emails.

Beatriz Gómez Mouakad
City Councilor Ward 5
SHE/HER/ELLA

[REDACTED]
[REDACTED]
[REDACTED]
[REDACTED]
email:gomezmouakad.ward5@gmail.com

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On Mon, Mar 21, 2022 at 3:24 PM Beatriz Gomez-Mouakad <gomezmouakad.ward5@gmail.com> wrote:

Dear Chair and Ms. Batzek,
Thank you for the opportunity to offer comments on the proposed application for a NEW Marijuana Retailer License for Botanica LLC. On March 7th I facilitated a Neighborhood meeting with Botanica LLC. Overall the neighbors expressed strong support for the applicant due to the community ties of the proponent for the project and their health care background. There were two constituents who are immediate abbutters expressing concerns regarding the establishment of a second retail Marihuana Dispensary in the Ball Square Neighborhood. I encourage the applicant to continue to work with these abutters to address their concerns and to continue to develop the project architecture, design and operation to enhance the urban fabric of the Ball Square Neighborhood.

Sincerely,

Beatriz Gómez Mouakad
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From: Elizabeth Shea [REDACTED]
Sent: Monday, March 21, 2022 5:00 PM
To: LICENSING; brodriguez@somerville.com
Subject: Tonight's Licensing Commission Meeting

Dear All:

I have to miss tonight's meeting as I'll be coaching youth soccer. I would like to add my support for the Botanica project. I think the design of the building looks great and will enhance the area. I am also very supportive of a woman owned business. And I know Brenda personally and I think she is super.

Thanks,
Liz Shea
[REDACTED]

Bernabe Rodriguez

From: Lori J. Batzek
Sent: Monday, March 21, 2022 5:47 PM
To: Lori J. Batzek
Cc: Kimberly Wells; Bernabe Rodriguez
Subject: FW: Botanical

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-----Original Message-----

From: Franfod [REDACTED]
Sent: Monday, March 21, 2022 5:29 PM
To: LICENSING <LICENSING@somervillema.gov>
Subject: Botanical

To whom this concerns,

I am writing to express support for the licensing of Botanica on Broadway.

I am a local business owner in Ball Square, Coin-Op Laundry. I recently had the opportunity to meet one of the owners of the business, I do feel confident that this group is deserving of the applied for license to operate.

Thank You

Frank Fodera

Sent from my iPhone

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From: Steve Nardone [REDACTED]
Sent: Monday, March 21, 2022 6:12 PM
To: LICENSING; brodriguez@somerville.gov
Subject: Support of Botanica

Dear Licensing Committee,

I am writing to you today in support of Botanica Cannabis, 620 Broadway Somerville.

I am a property and business owner that is located at [REDACTED] across the street from this proposed location. We have owned and operated at this location since 1995 and have witnessed the ups and downs of the existing gas station across the street for many years. We believe that the proposed new building and cafe will be a great fit and serve the community well in these changing times.

We have met the petitioners on several occasions through neighborhood business functions and can attest that they will be outstanding neighbors and a positive addition to our community.

I can be reached at [REDACTED] should you have any questions.

Sincerely, Steve

Stephen J. Nardone

[REDACTED]

“Thank you to all first responders, health care and essential professionals!”