

# ALEXSOFIA, LLC MRN282926

#### **BACKGROUND & APPLICATION OF INTENT REVIEW**

1. Name and address of the proposed Marijuana Establishment:

Alexsofia, LLC d/b/a High Five 41 Strong Avenue, Northampton, MA 01060

2. Type of license sought (if cultivation, its tier level and outside/inside operation) and information regarding the application submission:

Retail

The application was reopened two (2) times for additional information.

3. The applicant is a licensee or applicant for other Marijuana Establishment and/or Medical Marijuana Treatment Center license(s):

The applicant is not an applicant or licensee for any other license type. However, the individual associated with this application is associated with two other applications under the business name "High Five, Inc."

4. List of all required individuals and their business roles in the Marijuana Establishment:

Individual	Role
Christos Christodoulou	Owner/Partner

5. List of all required entities and their roles in the Marijuana Establishment:

No other entity appears to have ownership or control over this proposed Marijuana Establishment.

6. Applicant's priority status:

General Applicant

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- 7. The applicant and municipality executed a Host Community Agreement on August 12, 2019.
- 8. The applicant conducted a community outreach meeting on July 9, 2019 and provided documentation demonstrating compliance with Commission regulations.
- 9. The Commission received a municipal response from the municipality on April 7, 2020 stating the applicant was in compliance with all local ordinances or bylaws.
- 10. The applicant proposed the following goals for its Positive Impact Plan:

#	Goal
1	Provide quarterly training seminars to individuals who are past or present
	residents of an area of disproportionate impact, specifically Holyoke;
	Commission-designated Economic Empowerment Priority Applicants;
	Commission-designated Social Equity Program Participants, Massachusetts
	residents who have past drug convictions; and Massachusetts residents with
	parents or spouses who have drug convictions.
2	Provide post-seminar mentorship and counseling to those seeking
	employment in the licensed marijuana industry.

## **SUITABILITY REVIEW**

- 11. There were no disclosures of any past civil or criminal actions, occupational license issues, or marijuana-related business interests in other jurisdictions.
- 12. There were no concerns arising from background checks on the individuals or entities associated with the application.

#### MANAGEMENT AND OPERATIONS REVIEW

- 13. The applicant states that it can be operational within four (4) months of receiving the provisional license(s).
- 14. The applicant's proposed hours of operation are the following:

Monday: 10:00 a.m. - 9:00 p.m.

Tuesday – Wednesday: 10:00 a.m. – 10:00 p.m.

Thursday: 10:00 a.m. – 11:00 p.m. Friday: 10:00 a.m. – 11:30 p.m. Saturday: 11:00 a.m. – 11:30 p.m. Sunday: 12:00 p.m. – 11:00 p.m.

- 15. The applicant submitted all applicable and required summaries of plans, policies, and procedures for the operation of the proposed establishment. The summaries were determined to be substantially compliant with the Commission's regulations.
- 16. The applicant proposed the following goals for its Diversity Plan:

#	Goal
1	Give hiring preference to women and/or veterans (20%).

17. Summary of cultivation plan (if applicable):

Not Applicable.

18. Summary of products to be produced and/or sold (if applicable):

Not Applicable.

19. Plan for obtaining marijuana or marijuana products (if applicable):

Alexsofia, LLC will obtain marijuana or marijuana products by contracting with other licensed establishments.

## **RECOMMENDATION**

Commission staff recommend provisional licensure with the following conditions:

- 1. Final license is subject to inspection to ascertain compliance with Commission regulations;
- 2. Final license is subject to inspection to ascertain compliance with applicable state laws and local codes, ordinances, and bylaws;
- 3. The applicant shall cooperate with and provide information to Commission staff;
- 4. Provisional licensure is subject to the payment of the appropriate license fee;
- 5. Final licensure is subject to the applicant ensuring that all remaining required individuals be fingerprinted pursuant to previous Commission notifications; and
- 6. Final licensure is subject to the applicant submitting to Commission staff, upon inspection, an updated Diversity Plan that modifies the goal relating to the percentage for women and/or veterans in retail and management positions to be objectively reasonable and to specify the basis of annual advertisements in The Athol Daily News and The Greenfield Recorder as a way to recruit women and/or veterans.

The applicant has demonstrated compliance with the laws and regulations of the Commonwealth and suitability for licensure. Therefore, the applicant is recommended for provisional licensure.



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