

**HOME GROWN 617, LLC**  
MRN281626

**BACKGROUND & APPLICATION OF INTENT REVIEW**

1. Name and address of the proposed Marijuana Establishment:

Home Grown 617, LLC  
d/b/a Yamba  
580 Massachusetts Ave, Cambridge, Massachusetts 02139

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 twice (2) for additional information.

3. The applicant is not an applicant or licensee for any other license type.
4. List of all required individuals and their business roles in the Marijuana Establishment:

Individual	Role
Sieh Samura	Owner/Partner
Sean Hope	Owner/Partner
Binoj Pradhan	Board Member
Scott Zink	Board Member

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

Entity	Role
Home Grown 617, LLC	Parent Company

6. Applicant's priority status:

Priority Review (Economic Empowerment Priority Applicant)  
(Sieh Samura—51% ownership— EE201972)



7. The applicant and municipality executed a Host Community Agreement on October 2, 2020.
8. The applicant conducted a community outreach meeting on August 13, 2020 and provided documentation demonstrating compliance with Commission regulations.
9. The Commission received a municipal response from the municipality on February 11, 2021 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 mentorship and funding programs, hiring plans, and direct peer support for: Commission-designated Certified Economic Empowerment Priority recipients; Commission-designated Social Equity Program participants; Massachusetts residents who have past drug convictions; Massachusetts residents with parents or spouses who have drug convictions; and Past or present residents of and ADI. Home Grown seeks to assist at least 10-20 individuals falling into the above listed demographics.
2	Technical and Funding Assistance Program: identify one (1) Social Equity Participant and one (1) Economic Empowerment Applicant and provide \$5,000.00 per participant for funding assistance.
3	Give hiring preference (51%) to Past or present residents of communities designated by the Cannabis Control Commission as disproportionately impacted specifically the neighborhoods of Boston Roxbury, Dorchester, Mattapan, Jamaica Plain and Hyde Park. Commission-designated Certified Economic Empowerment Priority recipients; Commission-designated Social Equity Program participants; Massachusetts residents who have past drug convictions; and Massachusetts residents with parents or spouses who have drug convictions.

### **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 three (3) of receiving the provisional license(s).



14. The applicant's proposed hours of operation are the following:

Monday – Saturday: 10:00 a.m. – 9:00 p.m.

Sunday: 10:00 a.m. – 8:00 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 (50%), minorities (50%), veterans (10%), people with disabilities (10%), and people identifying as LGBTQ+ (10%).

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

Home Grown 617, 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. Final licensure is subject to the applicant providing Commission staff, upon inspection, an updated Diversity Plan that provides the projected number of employees the applicant intends to employ.
4. The applicant shall cooperate with and provide information to Commission staff.
5. Provisional licensure is subject to the payment of the appropriate license fee.

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.

