

## MASSACHUSETTS CITIZENS FOR SOCIAL EQUITY LLC

MRN284009

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

1. Name and address of the proposed Marijuana Establishment:

Massachusetts Citizens for Social Equity LLC  
561 Dudley Street, Boston, MA 02125

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 once (1) for additional information.

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

Type	Status	Location
Retail	Application Submitted	Boston

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

Individual	Role
Brian Chavez	Executive / Owner

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



7. The applicant and municipality executed a Host Community Agreement on September 11, 2020.
8. The applicant conducted a community outreach meeting on December 11, 2020 and provided documentation demonstrating compliance with Commission regulations.
9. The Commission received a municipal response from the municipality on April 13, 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	Hire at least 25% of its employees from Target Areas (Boston), and/or Massachusetts residents who have, or have parents or spouses who have, past drug convictions
2	Contribute \$5,000.00 annually to the Archdale Community Center Council Inc.
3	Provide educational programs and informational sessions geared towards individuals from the Target Areas (Boston) and/or Massachusetts Residents who have, or have parents or spouses who have, past drug convictions that are interested in the cannabis industry, with specific focuses on marijuana retailers and entrepreneurship

### **SUITABILITY REVIEW**

11. There were disclosures of any past civil or criminal actions, occupational license issues, or marijuana-related business interests in other jurisdictions. None of the disclosures raised suitability issues.
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 17 months of receiving the provisional license(s).
14. The applicant's proposed hours of operation are the following:

Monday – Friday: 9:00 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	Provide job opportunities to people of color, particularly Black, African American, Hispanic, Latinx, and Indigenous people, women, veterans, persons with disabilities, and LGBTQ+, in parity with workforce availability statistics for the Total Civilian Labor Force in Massachusetts is as follows: Women 49.2% and Minorities 25.2%.
2	One hundred percent (100%) of employees will receive education on diversity, implicit biases and sensitivity within the first ninety (90) days of employment and once annually thereafter.

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

The establishment will purchase marijuana products from Marijuana Establishments. that are licensed cultivators and processors under the Massachusetts Adult-Use of Marijuana program.

## **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 ensuring that all remaining required individuals be fingerprinted pursuant to previous Commission notifications;
4. The applicant shall cooperate with and provide information to Commission staff; and
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.

