

**NUESTRA, LLC**  
MRN281469

**BACKGROUND & APPLICATION OF INTENT REVIEW**

1. Name and address of the proposed Marijuana Establishment:

Nuestra, LLC  
d/b/a The Boston Garden  
200 Monsignor O'Brien Highway, Cambridge, MA 02141

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):

Type	Status	Location
Retail	Application Submitted	Newton

Individuals and entities associated with this application are also associated with a retail application under the name The Blue Jay Botanicals, Inc d/b/a The Boston Garden Dispensary and a cultivation and product manufacturing application under the name Commonwealth Farm 1761, Inc.

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

Individual	Role
Renata Caines	Executive / Officer
Ivelise Rivera	Owner / Partner
Shaquille Anderson	Manager
Jonathan Tucker	Executive / Officer
Tara Tucker	Manager
Arthur White	Person with Direct or Indirect Authority

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

Entity	Role
Herban Legends of Boston, LLC	Entity with Direct or Indirect Authority
Mikaz, LLC	Entity with Direct or Indirect Authority
Commonwealth Farm 1761, Inc.	Capital Contributor

6. Applicant's priority status:

Economic Empowerment Applicant  
(Ivelise Rivera/Renata Caines—51% ownership—EE202121)

7. The applicant and municipality executed a Host Community Agreement on January 21, 2021.
8. The applicant conducted a community outreach meeting on July 14, 2020 and provided documentation demonstrating compliance with Commission regulations.
9. The Commission received a municipal response from the municipality on February 16, 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	Host a four (4) hour CORI sealing clinic, annually, in geographic areas of disproportionate impact, specifically Quincy and Chelsea.

### **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 seven (7) months of receiving the provisional license(s).
14. The applicant's proposed hours of operation are the following:

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Monday – Saturday: 10:00 a.m. – 9:00 p.m.  
Sunday: 12:00 p.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	Host at least one (1) job fair annually with at least 25% of all open positions filled with applicants hired from the fair, subject to the suitability of the applicants, and will specifically make best efforts to hire at least 50% employees that are women, 20% candidates that are minorities and 10% employees that identify as veterans, LGBTQ, and with a disability
2	Nuestra will offer promotions, career counseling, and training to provide all (100%) employees with equal opportunity for growth and to decrease turnover.

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

Nuestra, 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, a review of the Positive Impact Plan for outreach to other areas of Disproportionate Impact, including identified census tracts in Boston;
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.

