

NUESTRA, LLC MRN283974

BACKGROUND & APPLICATION OF INTENT REVIEW

1. Name and address of the proposed Marijuana Establishment:

Nuestra, LLC d/b/a The Boston Garden 1185 Chestnut Street, Newton, Massachusetts, 02464

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):

Туре	Status	Location
Retail	Provisional License	Cambridge

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	Executive/Officer

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

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Entity	Role
Commonwealth Farm 1761, Inc.	Investor/Contributor
Mikaz, LLC	Partner
Herban Legends of Boston, LLC	Partner

6. Applicant's priority status:

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

- 7. The applicant and municipality executed a Host Community Agreement on January 22, 2021.
- 8. The applicant conducted a community outreach meeting on February 22, 2021 and provided documentation demonstrating compliance with Commission regulations.
- 9. The Commission received a municipal response from the municipality on March 5, 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 CORI sealing clinics to four (4) individuals from a geographical
	location designated as an area 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 nine (9) months of receiving the provisional license(s).
- 14. The applicant's proposed hours of operation are the following:

Monday – Saturday: 10:00 a.m. – 8:00 p.m.

Sunday: 11:00 a.m. − 8:00 p.m.

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- 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 (20%), veterans, people with
	disabilities and people identifying as LGBTQ+ (10%).

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, an updated Positive Impact Plan that includes outreach to other areas of disproportionate impact, including identified census tracks in Boston.
- 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.