

On Root, LLC DOA100179 MDA1301

APPLICATION OF INTENT REVIEW

1. Name and address of the proposed Marijuana Establishment:

On Root, LLC 82 Sanderson Avenue, Lynn, MA 01902

2. Type of license sought and information regarding the application submission:

Marijuana Courier Marijuana Delivery Operator

The application was reopened twice (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.

- 4. The applicant was pre-certified by the Commission for Marijuana Courier / Marijuana Delivery Operator on February 25, 2022. Pursuant to 935 CMR 500.101(2)(b), the applicant demonstrated a propensity to successfully operate a Marijuana Establishment.
- 5. List of all required individuals and their roles in the Marijuana Establishment:

Individual	Role
Gabriel Matias De Leon	Person Having Direct/Indirect Control
Kimberly Calaj	Person Having Direct/Indirect Control
Julio Hernandez	Person Having Direct/Indirect Control
Pedro Tavarez	Person Having Direct/Indirect Control / Capital Contributor

6. 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.

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7. Applicant's priority status:

Expedited Applicant - Social Equity Program Participant (Pedro Tavarez / 55% ownership / SE305692)

- 8. The applicant and municipality executed a Host Community Agreement on May 11, 2023.
- 9. The applicant conducted a community outreach meeting on October 13, 2023, and provided documentation demonstrating compliance with Commission regulations.
- 10. The Commission received a municipal response from the City/Town of Lynn on July 14, 2023, stating the applicant was in compliance with all local ordinances or bylaws.
- 11. The applicant proposed the following goals for its Plan to Positively Impact Disproportionately Harmed People:

#	Goal
1	Donate \$5,000 to the Aborn Elementary School Parent-Teacher Organization
	located in Lynn, MA.
2	Create a Paid Volunteering Program for its employees, enabling them to give
	back and help create meaningful change. As part of this program, On Root
	will provide each employee with eight paid volunteer hours per year.

BACKGROUND CHECK REVIEW

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

MANAGEMENT AND OPERATIONS PROFILE REVIEW

- 14. The applicant states that it can be operational within one year of receiving the provisional license(s).
- 15. The applicant's proposed hours of operation are the following:

Day(s)	Hours of Operation
Monday-Sunday	10:00 a.m. to 8:00 p.m.

16. The applicant submitted all 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.

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17. The applicant proposed the following goals for its Diversity Plan:

#	Goal
1	Recruit 75% people of color, particularly Black, African American, Hispanic,
	Latinx, and Indigenous people, 40% Women, 25% Veterans, 10% persons with
	disabilities and 20% individuals who identify as LGBTQ+ for its hiring
	initiatives.
2	Support diverse businesses by contracting with 20% of WBE's, 50% MBE's,
	20% VBE's, 15% persons with disabilities and, 15% of all contracts with
	businesses that are majority-owned or managed by individuals who identify as
	LGBTQ+.

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, local codes, ordinances or bylaws, and local licensing requirements.
- 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.

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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