

**SOLAR RETAIL NORTON, LLC**  
MRN283896

**BACKGROUND & APPLICATION OF INTENT REVIEW**

1. Name and address of the proposed Marijuana Establishment:

Solar Retail Norton, LLC  
242 Mansfield Avenue, Norton, MA 02766

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):

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
Andre Arzumanyan	Executive / Officer
Andreas Nicolos	Executive / Officer

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 November 12, 2020.
8. The applicant conducted a community outreach meeting on December 12, 2020 and provided documentation demonstrating compliance with Commission regulations.
9. The Commission received a municipal response from the municipality on February 8, 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	Prioritize hiring of individuals from identified areas of disproportionate impact, specifically Mansfield and Taunton.
2	Conduct at least four (4) one-hour industry specific educational seminars annually.
3	Hold at least one (1) annual informational session regarding the process for sealing and expunging criminal records.

### **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 five (5) months of receiving the provisional license(s).
14. The applicant's proposed hours of operation are the following:  
  
Monday – Sunday: 9:00 a.m. – 10:00 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
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1	Recruit women (50%), minorities (30%), veterans (15%), persons with disabilities (15%) and individuals that identify as LGBTQ+ (15%) for its hiring initiatives.
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17. Plan for obtaining marijuana or marijuana products (if applicable):

Solar Retail Norton, 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 includes hiring goals and projected number of employees;
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.

