

## The Blue Jay Botanicals

DOA100159

### APPLICATION OF INTENT REVIEW

1. Name and address of the proposed Marijuana Establishment:

The Blue Jay Botanicals  
d/b/a Boston Garden Dispensary  
22 Chestnut Hill Avenue, Athol, MA 01331

2. Type of license sought (if cultivation, its tier level and outside/inside operation) and information regarding the application submission:

Marijuana Courier

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	Commence Operations	Athol
Marijuana Delivery Operator	Pre-Certification	N/A

Please note that individuals and/or entities associated with the proposed application(s) are also associated with other adult-use cultivation, product manufacturing, and retail licenses under the names of Nuestra, LLC. and Commonwealth Farm 1761, Inc.

4. The applicant was pre-certified by the Commission for a Marijuana Courier license on December 14, 2021. 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
Renata Caines	Person Having Direct/Indirect Control
Ivelise Rivera	Person Having Direct/Indirect Control

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Shaquille Anderson	Person Having Direct/Indirect Control
Jonathan Tucker	Person Having Direct/Indirect Control
Tara Tucker	Person Having Direct/Indirect Control

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

Entity	Role
Nuestra, LLC	Entity Having Direct/Indirect Control
Herban Legends of Boston, LLC	Entity Having Direct/Indirect Control
Mikaz, LLC	Entity Having Direct/Indirect Control
Commonwealth Farm 1761, Inc.	Entity Having Direct/Indirect Control

7. Applicant's priority status:

Expedited Applicant

Economic Empowerment Priority Applicant  
(Ivelise Rivera / 26% ownership / EE202121)

Social Equity Program Participant  
(Renata Caines / 25% ownership / SE303838)

8. The applicant and municipality executed a Host Community Agreement on October 18, 2021.
9. The applicant conducted a community outreach meeting on December 22, 2021 and provided documentation demonstrating compliance with Commission regulations.
10. The Commission received a municipal response from the City/Town of Athol on October 11, 2022 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	Host four (4) CORI sealing clinics annually to support Massachusetts residents who have past drug convictions.
2	Recruit at least 5% of staff that are Greenfield residents and at least 5% of staff that are Massachusetts residents who have past drug convictions.

## **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.

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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 two (2) months of receiving the provisional license(s).
15. The applicant's proposed hours of operation are the following:

<b>Day(s)</b>	<b>Hours of Operation</b>
Monday-Sunday	10:00 a.m. to 9:00 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.
17. The applicant proposed the following goals for its Diversity Plan:

<b>#</b>	<b>Goal</b>
1	Recruit 50% women; 20% minorities; 5% veterans; 5% persons with disabilities; and 5% persons who identify as LGBTQ+ for its hiring initiatives.
2	Participate in at least one (1) job fair annually.

### **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.

