

## The Copley Connection, LLC

MRN284935

### APPLICATION OF INTENT REVIEW

1. Name and address of the proposed Marijuana Establishment:

Copley Connection, LLC  
d/b/a The Copley Connection  
551 Boylston St., Boston, MA 02116

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 three (3) 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 roles in the Marijuana Establishment:

Individual	Role
Senam Kumahia	Person Having Direct/Indirect Control
Joshua Zakim	Person Having Direct/Indirect Control

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 March 6, 2023.
8. The applicant conducted a community outreach meeting on October 9, 2023 and provided documentation demonstrating compliance with Commission regulations.
9. The Commission received a municipal response from the City/Town of Boston on December 26, 2023 stating the applicant was in compliance with all local ordinances or bylaws.
10. The applicant proposed the following goals for its Plan to Positively Impact Disproportionately Harmed People:

#	Goal
1	Recruit 16-20 individuals who are residents of Boston, specifically, census tracts 80300, 80401, 80601, 90100, 90200, 90300, 90400, 91200, 91400, 91700, 91800, 91900, 91200, 101001, 100100, 100200, 100601, 101101, 101102.
2	Donate \$10,000 to Back Bay Association and \$15,000 to The Friends of Copley Square.

**BACKGROUND CHECK 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 PROFILE REVIEW**

13. The applicant states that it can be operational within one (1) year of receiving the provisional license(s).
14. The applicant’s proposed hours of operation are the following:

Day(s)	Hours of Operation
Monday-Sunday	9:00 a.m. to 11:00 p.m.

15. 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.
16. The applicant proposed the following goals for its Diversity Plan:



#	Goal
1	Recruit 50% people of color, 50% women, 10% veterans, 10% LGBTQ+, and 5% people with disabilities for its hiring initiatives.
2	Create a safe, accepting, and respectful environment for all employees, customers, and vendors.
3	Contract with 20% of suppliers and vendors who are people of color, women, veterans, people with disabilities, and people who are members of the LGBTQ+ community.

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

The applicant 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, 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.

