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DCR Application #LA-R-24-101739-ANN 6200 Wilton Pla Los Angeles CA 90047

1 message

Tina <riverstina@sbcglobal.net>

Sat, Mar 16, 2024 at 10:33 AM

To: "cannabiscommission@lacity.org" <cannabiscommission@lacity.org>

Please see attached letter against selling cannabis at [6200 Wilton Blvd. Los Angeles 90047](#) which will only add more problems to the troubled neighborhood:



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From:

**Ernestine Rivers
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March 15, 2024**

Los Angeles Department of Cannabis Regulation
201 N. Figueroa Street, Suite 9th Floor
Los Angeles, CA 90012

Dear Los Angeles Department of Cannabis Regulation,

Re: DCR Application no: LA-R-24-101739-ANN

I am writing to express my concerns regarding the current process and criteria for issuing cannabis license at 6200 S Wilton Place, Los Angeles CA 90047. As a property owner in Los Angeles and an active member of the community, I have observed several issues that I believe warrant your attention and action.

Firstly, we are constantly contacting the City to have encampments removed in that area. The proliferation of cannabis dispensaries has reached a point where it is negatively impacting the character and safety of neighborhoods. The oversaturation of these businesses often leads to increased traffic, noise, and a general decline in the area where efforts are continuously being made to improve the neighborhood. The area also has many senior citizens who could be negatively affected by the clintele of such a business.

Secondly, there is a growing concern about the accessibility of cannabis to minors. Despite regulations, there have been instances where underage individuals have obtained cannabis products, which poses a significant risk to their health and well-being.

Lastly, the environmental impact of cannabis cultivation has not been adequately addressed. The energy consumption and waste generated by these operations contribute to our city's carbon footprint, undermining our efforts to combat climate change and promote sustainability.

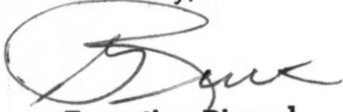
I urge the Department to reconsider the current licensing policies and implement stricter guidelines that prioritize the well-being of Los Angeles residents and the

environment. It is crucial that we take a more responsible and cautious approach to the expansion of the cannabis industry in our city.

The name of the business is deceitful because it's not really about Caregiving, I beg you, not to allow this Cannabis business into the neighborhood.

Thank you for your attention to this matter. I look forward to your response and the actions you will take to address these concerns.

Sincerely,



Ernestine Rivers]



Letter of OBJECTION to Annual Application LA-R-24-101742-ANN

1 message

Michael Sweeney <michael.sweeney@eaglerockcouncil.org>

Thu, Mar 28, 2024 at 7:27 AM

To: CannabisCommission@lacity.org

Cc: Councilmember de Leon <councilmember.kevindeleon@lacity.org>, "councilmember.hernandez@lacity.org" <councilmember.hernandez@lacity.org>

Please distribute this letter of objection to all Cannabis Commissioners in advance of tomorrow's public hearing and include it in the case-file.

thank you,

MPS

Michael P. Sweeney, AIA
President
Subdistrict 2 Representative



Letter of Objection to Green Earth Annual Permit - LA-R-24-101742-ANN.pdf

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LETTER OF OBJECTION TO THE ANNUAL LICENSE FOR “GREEN EARTH VITALITY COLLECTIVE” AT 4801 YORK BOULEVARD [DCR RECORD: LA-R-24-101742-ANN]

March 27, 2024

Cannabis Regulation Commission
221 N. Figueroa St, Suite 1245
Los Angeles, CA 90012

Via email: cannabiscommission@lacity.org

Dear Cannabis Regulation Commissioners,

We declare that on March 20, 2024, a Brown Act noticed public Special meeting was held by the Eagle Rock Neighborhood Council (ERNC) at which a quorum was present. The following motion passed unanimously:

We request the rejection of Green Earth Vitality Collective’s requested Annual License for their dispensary at 4801 York Boulevard (DCR Record #LA-R-24-101742-ANN). The public comment received at our Special Meeting clearly indicate that the majority of issues listed in our October 22, 2021 request for revocation of Green Earth’s Temporary License (see attached “exhibit A”) still exist.

The ERNC has for years dealt with complaints about this dispensary’s operations and the direct impacts of its operations, operators, and customers on the immediate surrounding neighbors. The public comments we heard on 3/20/24 (minutes are attached as “exhibit B”) echo comments we have heard over the years; enough time has passed for all of these issues to have been resolved. The fact that they have not is evidence enough that this business cannot or will not operate in a manner that minimizes impact on the Eagle Rock and Highland Park communities and the Cannabis Regulation Commission must reject this proposed permit and close this dispensary.

Please distribute this communication to each Commissioner, place this letter in the case file, and acknowledge its receipt via email to: executive@ernc.la. Thank you.

Respectfully,

Michael P. Sweeney
President, Eagle Rock Neighborhood Council

cc: Office of Councilmember Kevin De Leon
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**LETTER IN OPPOSITION TO THE CONTINUED
OPERATION OF THE GREEN EARTH COLLECTIVE
(4801 YORK BLVD. & 1402 CAMPUS ROAD)**

October 22, 2021

Councilmember Kevin de León
Los Angeles City Council
200 N. Spring Street
Los Angeles, CA 90012

Dear Councilmember de Leon

We declare that on August 3, 2021, a Brown Act noticed public meeting was held by the Eagle Rock Neighborhood Council (ERNC) at which a quorum was present. The following motion passed unanimously:

For years, the Green Earth Collective (GEC) has been operating under a “temporary” permit and for years the ERNC has received complaints about their operations from our constituents. In light of this track record and the [killing committed by their own employee](#) in June 2021, we request that the City of Los Angeles suspend or terminate their license to sell and distribute cannabis products pending further inquiry into community complaints regarding GEC’s business operations.

GEC operates a cannabis dispensary and delivery service located at 4801 York Boulevard in Highland Park licensed for medical and adult-use distribution. Over the years and recently during several ERNC Board meetings, Highland Park stakeholders and residents repeatedly voiced serious public safety concerns tied to GEC’s business practices, including several incidents of alleged criminal activity and violence near GEC’s storefront. All of the neighborhood’s complaints reflect similar community outcries in the past against bars, clubs, and other liquor businesses creating a public nuisance, jeopardizing public safety and operating outside of the scope of their permits. The complaints against GEC and/or deleterious community incidents happening within close proximity to GEC’s business include:

- Purported Crime, including the killing allegedly committed by their own security guard
- Customers disrupting the neighbor’s quiet enjoyment of their own properties
- Parking intrusion, illegal parking, and/or blocking of driveways by customers
- Use of GEC’s required on-site parking spaces for the long-term storage of a semi-trailer
- Excessive noise or odors emanating from the business, its premises, and its customers
- Littering and failure to police customers’ behavior outside the premises
- Changing the entrance location away from its permitted location
- Potential CalOSHA violations
- Ambiguity about the conditions and limitations of their permit

However, unlike Conditional Use Beverage/Permits allowing the on-premise sale of liquor, to our knowledge GEC's business has never gone through a single community hearing, it has never received a Conditional Use Permit, its permit and conditions are not easily findable to the public on ZIMAS, and it has never been held responsible for these repeated violations.

While the ERNC appreciates that the Department of Cannabis Regulation ("DCR") listened and engaged with the members of the impacted community, as well as representatives of GEC, during our August Board meeting, we are unaware of any further action taken to address GEC-related concerns. While the DCR noted its lack of staff resources slows its ability to respond to public complaints, these concerns can no longer go unaddressed.. We believe the City has ample regulatory and punitive mechanisms to respond to repeated bad behavior in the sale and distribution of cannabis products akin to its control over licensed businesses. In addition, the City already possesses the clear authority to shutter public nuisances and public-safety dangers.

In response to the public testimony, we ask that the City of Los Angeles immediately follow up on the public comments in the attached minutes and either revoke or suspend GEC's "temporary" license until such time as there are demonstrable, verifiable solutions to the community's complaints. If DCR is unable to appropriately investigate or 'regulate' cannabis businesses, then the City Council should direct LAPD, the City Attorney, LADBS, and all of its other departments to fill that gap.

In closing, it is important to note that the vast majority of the public commenters and the Board members who spoke during our meetings voiced support for the legal adult use of cannabis. Nothing in this letter should be construed or interpreted as the ERNC or its members opposing the laws of the State of California on this point or that the Board opposes the emerging adult-use recreational cannabis industry in Los Angeles writ large. What we are all loudly asking is that DCR effectively and efficiently regulate cannabis and specifically GEC's cannabis business to ensure public safety and allow good faith cannabis business operators to thrive.

Please place this letter in the case file, and acknowledge its receipt via email to: executive@ernc.la. Thank you.

Respectfully,



Richard Loew
President, Eagle Rock Neighborhood Council

cc: Mayor Garcetti
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EAGLE ROCK NEIGHBORHOOD COUNCIL BOARD MEETING MINUTES

Wednesday, March 20, 2024 7PM

1. OPENING BUSINESS

a. CALL TO ORDER: ERNC President Michael Sweeney called the meeting to order at 7:02 p.m. He welcomed the public and noted procedures to be followed.

b. ROLL CALL: 12 board members were present. (ERNC quorum is 10 members).

Present were: Michael Sweeney, Richard Loew, Kate Davis Caldwell, Alisa Sandoval, Craig Hirsch, Noah Segan, Gatsby Coram, Flor Chaidez, Margaret Irwin Elder, Neil Muntzel, Andrew Jacobs, and Natalie Freidberg. **Absent:** Zev Brown, Avrielle Corti, Laura Gonzalez, Michelle Helseth, Amanda Matti, and Fred Dresch.

2. PUBLIC COMMENT ON NON-AGENDA ITEMS: There were no public comments.

3. ANNOUNCEMENTS: There were no public official announcements.

4. NEW BUSINESS

a. Discussion / Action: Green Earth Collective Annual License: Michael stated that due to the timing of the upcoming hearing on this license on March 29th, there was a need to schedule a Special Meeting.

Green Earth Collective General Manager Daniel Reisbord introduced himself then turned the discussion over Lisa Selan, their attorney. Lisa stated that since 2009, GEC has been engaged in cannabis compliance and regulation. She represents retailers, manufacturers/distributors and testing labs and makes sure they are in compliance with all local and state laws. She spoke about the City's annual application process which just began this year saying it has taken six years to be implemented. The annual license is to let everyone know that they have a part in this process. She believes GEC has done an excellent job in running a very clean business.

Daniel then thanked the ERNC and spoke on behalf of Green Earth Collective. GEC is located on Eagle Rock Boulevard and has been at this location since 2007. They employ numerous local residents and have served tens of thousands of community members over the past 15 years. They previously were located on York Boulevard but were forced to move due to regulations.

Public Comments:

Eli, a neighbor who lives next to their parking lot, said violent crime has increased on their street including a fatal shooting, an armed robbery, arson attempts (within a few feet of their children's bedrooms), and attempted break-ins, as recently as last December, when his property was used for the escape attempt.

Mary, Eli's wife, asked the board to oppose the renewal of this business license. She said the crime Eli spoke about is taking place on their property and has escalated over the past two and a half years.

Abby, a neighbor of GEC, concurred with the previous statements.

Suzanne echoed everything the neighbors said. She said parking is a problem because GEC's customers park in the red zone and also block neighbors' driveways. This is creating lifestyle problems for the neighbors.

Charlton, Suzanne's husband, also asked that the license not be renewed. His sideview mirror was broken by one of their customers. He noted that their last location also had an increase in crime when this business was situated there.

Justin said he was concerned about the security guards who smoke in non-smoking areas and carry loaded guns. Their customers smoke cannabis on public benches and customers block access to residents with illegal parking. He has seen six of their employees smoking weed outside. They are not good neighbors or considerable of others.

Board Member Comments:

Margaret said she is for local business but she has heard these issues discussed previously and has a lot of concerns. She will vote against it and hopes they can find a better location that is not raising concerns.

Richard said he has a conflict with this. There have been a lot of discussions about this collective, even though there are other cannabis businesses in the area. He questioned whether this is endemic of pot shops.

Natalie asked Daniel if he has looked into any solutions to the problems neighbors are raising.

Noah wanted to go on record with his comments regarding the density issue where this business is located, close to residential neighbors. He feels this particular dispensary has more issues than any others.

Andrew agreed with other board members concerns. He wanted to know whether there would be a probationary period if they vote against it.

Flora said there is a dispensary across from her home but they don't have these types of concerns. She is very concerned about the losing the family-oriented nature of Eagle Rock.

Michael noted that there have been complaints about this business for the past six years. He stated that there has been no positive outreach from this business regarding complaints. He asked about the status of the grow operation and how operations have been changed since their staff member shot a gun into the neighborhood.

Daniel's responses:

In regards to the shooting, it was a resident who lived on Campus Road and another local resident. The security guard tried to stop the altercation outside of their business and a person was killed. He called it unfortunate but noted that gun violence has increased in other parts of the community.

He said they fired the security company they were using. They also moved their entrance to the back of their business. Since their shooting, he said no police incidents have occurred and no police reports filed.

Their cultivation of cannabis was moved to another location.

In regards to what outreach they have done, he noted that they are reaching out now to communicate to the ERNC.

Referring to the issue of customers blocking red zones, he said they don't serve people who park in the red zones. He added that they have not received any complaints directed to them in the last six months to a year about any of their procedures.

Lisa's responses:

She apologized to the neighbors about their complaints but said it could happen anywhere in the city. She pointed out that they provide \$600,000 in local tax revenue, jobs for people and millions in state tax revenue. She said that residents who live next to commercial zones experience will issues and then said that no police reports have been filed. She questioned whether 7 – 8 people saying they want to revoke a license was adequate when this business has spent millions on their business and that these neighbors just happen to be unfortunate in their location. She said this is the nature of crime today.

Other comments:

Bobbi Keith asked if GEC realizes the problems that cannabis has caused. Her son has full blown schizophrenia as a result of his cannabis use. She talked about the high THC concentration in cannabis and that it is genetically altered. She stated three reasons why cannabis should not be sold in Eagle Rock. 1) It is causing mental illness (schizophrenia), 2) cannabis is a gateway drug leading to methamphetamine, 3) 80% of dispensaries sell cannabis that is grown illegally and is full of pesticides.

Eli – there's been no outreach to neighbors from this collective.

Jose – the neighborhood liaison says he has been advocating for Green Earth. He talked about their food drives and toy drives. He wants to see how he can address concerns with neighbors if given the chance to.

Suzanna – talked about the many households that have complained and have called Green Earth directly or LAPD but have not received responses.

Mary – her home was broken into but she didn't file a report because they didn't take anything. She talked about children experiencing crime. She said there are many more people who can't be at this meeting to make public comments but would like to.

Trinnie - agreed with her neighbors. She talked about cannabis smoke coming into her home from customers and employees smoking outside.

Charlton – pointed out the inaccurate report about the shooting. He said he calls every week about people parking in the red and noted that none of the owners live in the neighborhood.

Abby – said there have been many complaints to the store. Her 10-year-old son also commented that he was scared to walk in the neighborhood.

Justin – sees problems constantly and has made complaints but they were not listened to.

Frank – Is the District Manager of Green Earth. Says they do make concerns a priority. He says they are doing the best that they can to make the neighborhood safe.

Jonathan – Director of Operations at Green Earth. Has been a community liaison. Said it's the same people who have complaints all the time. Parking in red zones has been an issue but they have addressed it. He also added that it is sometimes an issue with Uber drivers. He said employees who smoke will be told not to do that. He talked about changing the entrance to accommodate neighbors who didn't want people loitering on the sidewalk. He says they are trying to work with neighbors. He offered his personal phone number.

(Sweeney/Irwin Elder) moved to approve the letter opposing the annual license. (Lowe) requested the motion be changed as the letter may be outdated. (Hirsch) suggested the motion be shortened to one sentence.

The amended motion was then put up for a vote “ERNC opposes the renewal of the annual license for Green Earth Collective referencing testimony heard from community members and the previous items stated in the letter of 2021.” The motion carried unanimously: 11-0-0. (Sandavol was not present for the vote).

b. Discussion / Action: New Dispensary at 4527 York Boulevard within 700' of Toland Way Elementary

Michael said they have received zero communication about this license request; they only heard about it from someone at Land Use. He also showed a Zimas map which clearly shows that the dispensary seeking a license is not within the regulation of 700' distance from an elementary school.

Public Comments:

Bobbi Keith suggested that all dispensaries be shut down.

Carlos de la Torre, who is affiliated with Cornerstone, a legacy cannabis dispensary, and has helped write legislation regulating cannabis shops also suggested voting against this new dispensary's licensing. Cornerstone is the first Union dispensary. Carlos is also a community member and noted that the original ordinance stated that dispensaries had to be 900' from schools. It was then lowered by the City. He pointed out that this business is not in keeping with the regulation.

Craig: Talked about the dangers of smoking cigarettes and drinking alcohol.

(Sweeney/Jacobs) moved “**That ERNC send a letter to DCR to oppose the application for a license at this location because it is within 700' of Toland Elementary and in violation of the licensing of this operation.**”

Motion carried unanimously: 12 -0-0.

Michael announced that the next full board meeting of ERNC will be on Tuesday, April 2, 2024.

5. Meeting Adjourned at 8:30 p.m.



Green earth collective non renewal of licence

1 message

Corazon <ilovecorazon3@gmail.com>
To: dcrcompliance@lacity.org

Fri, Mar 29, 2024 at 11:41 PM

3/29/2024

Green Earth Collective/ BCC/ neighborhood council of Eagle rock

I am writing this letter to inform you that based on the business practices and conduct observed at Green Earth Collective, I believe that GEC should not have the right to renew their cannabis license for the establishment. Having been an employee at GEC since 2007, I have witnessed several instances of misconduct and unethical behavior that I can no longer overlook in good conscience.

One of the concerning issues at GEC is the lack of proper ownership involvement and adherence to California state regulations and business practices. It has come to my attention that since cannabis became legal, there have been multiple incidents where state laws and OSHA regulations were violated. Furthermore, there have been legal cases, including a sexual assault case, during the pandemic that have tarnished the reputation of the establishment.

Not only did the owner, Mr. Daniel Reisbord, fail to address these legal matters appropriately, but there have also been instances of discrimination in the workplace. The lack of a fair pay structure and favoritism towards non-minority individuals has created a toxic work environment that fosters inequality and injustice.

Moreover, GEC has not taken proactive steps to address community issues such as parking concerns, customers smoking in front of residences, and overall negative impacts on the neighborhood. The mishandling of serious incidents, including a shooting and multiple break-ins, reflects poorly on the establishment and its commitment to the community.

Given the significant number of legal cases and complaints against the establishment in recent years, I believe it is imperative to conduct a thorough investigation into the business practices at GEC. I am willing to provide contact information for current and former employees who may have experienced similar issues to aid in this investigation.

In conclusion, I firmly believe that the license for Green Earth Collective should not be renewed due to the recurring issues of misconduct, discrimination, and negligence. I hope that the appropriate authorities will take swift action to address these concerns and ensure that such practices are not tolerated in our community.

Thank you for your attention to this matter.

Sincerely,

Alan Pastor "Corazon"



Exclusive Caregivers of California Inc. Memorandum in Support of Annual Application (LA-R-24-01739-ANN)

1 message

Molly Pitluck <mpitluck@enso.law>

Wed, Apr 10, 2024 at 5:51 PM


To: "CannabisCommission@lacity.org" <cannabiscommission@lacity.org>, Licensing Group <licensing@enso.law>

Hi Cannabis Commission,


Attached please find a memorandum in support of Exclusive Caregivers of California, Inc.'s ("ECC"), LA-R-24-01739-ANN, for ECC's commission hearing next Thursday, April 18th. Please let us know if any questions/issues. We will submit the authorization letter before the 16th. Thank you so much and have a great evening!

Best,

Molly



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To: City of Los Angeles (“City”) Cannabis Regulation Commission (“Commission”)
From: Maria Camacho and Exclusive Caregivers of California, Inc.
Date: April 10, 2024
Re: Exclusive Caregivers of California, Inc. Annual Dispensary License (LA-R-24-101739-ANN)

MEMORANDUM IN SUPPORT OF APPLICATION

Exclusive Caregivers of California, Inc. (“ECC”) submits this Memorandum in support of its annual dispensary license (LA-R-24-101739-ANN) with the Department of Cannabis Regulations (“DCR”). ECC is a Phase 1 pre-ICO with City and state licenses for retail dispensary, cultivation, manufacturer and distribution operations operating at its current location since 2011 at 6200 S South Wilton Pl, Los Angeles, CA 90047 (“Licensed Premises”).

1) ECC is Proud to Serve its Community for the Past Thirteen Years and Looks Forward to the Next Thirteen Years.

As an Existing Medical Marijuana Dispensary (“EMMD”) in Los Angeles, ECC has worked hard to serve its community over the past 13 years. In recognition of its “model business in the new cannabis industry,” ECC received a Certificate of Recognition from its Councilmember in 2018, which still hangs in the premises, and states that Exclusive Caregivers makes the “City of Los Angeles a better place in which to live.”¹ ECC was one of the first EMMDs to work with an oncology group regarding the ability of cannabis and CBD to provide relief from the negative side effects of cancer treatments, such as nausea and pain. ECC has also worked with the Berkely University’s research team regarding the ability of cannabis and CBD to provide relief for the symptoms of debilitating diseases, such as cancer, epilepsy and arthritis, sharing its genetics and other information.

As a result, ECC has developed meaningful relationships with its patients and customers during its 13 years in the community and takes the safety of its customers, patients and neighbors very seriously. ECC keeps its Licensed Premises and surrounding area clean and well maintained, has proper indoor and outdoor lighting and all security cameras record the inside and outside of the Licensed Premises to ensure safe operations, which security guards monitor closely during operating hours. Several times, and even recently, ECC has worked with the LAPD to help solve crimes unrelated to ECC occurring in the neighborhood which were recorded by ECC’s security cameras, including sexual and domestic violence. In addition, ECC strictly prohibits loitering and consumption on or around the Licensed Premises to avoid any nuisance issues in the neighborhood, notices of which are posted throughout the parking lot.

¹ Please see Attachment B (Certificate of Recognition).

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Over the years, ECC has worked hard to get all of its licenses issued and maintain compliance with the state and City, first in compliance with Proposition D then through all the iterations of the DCR's amendments to the Los Angeles Municipal Code, the California Medicinal and Adult Use Cannabis Regulation and Safety Act ("MAUCRSA") and Department of Cannabis Control ("DCC")'s regulations. ECC has paid all of its licensing and compliance fees and taxes in a timely manner, including hundreds of thousands of dollars. As required, ECC contacted its neighborhood council offering to speak with the council about its application but was not ultimately requested to do so.

Most important to the Commission, ECC meets all of the criteria for issuance of an annual dispensary license under Los Angeles Municipal Code ("LAMC") section 104.04.

2) None of the General Denial Reasons Apply to ECC under LAMC 104.04(a).

ECC's Licensed Premises is substantially the same as that submitted to the DCR, including the size, layout, location of egress and egress, limited access areas and location of doorways/passageways. The DCR and DCC have always been allowed access to the Licensed Premises and provided with requested accurate, truthful information, forms and documents in a timely manner, including annual renewals with the DCR and DCC and required CEQA information. ECC is not aware of any complaint issued against it and there is no history with or documentation from law enforcement that ECC would create a significant public safety problem. ECC's temporary approval is in good standing and it has passed its required City inspections to date. Finally, ECC has never been denied a license, permit or other authorization to engage in commercial cannabis activity and has always adhered to the requirements of the LAMC and DCR regulations.

3) None of the Business Premises Denial Reasons Apply to ECC under LAMC 104.04(b).

The Licensed Premises meet all applicable requirements of LAMC 105.00, et. seq., including the limited grandfathering authorized for EMMDs in the City. ECC is located in the South Los Angeles community plan area, which has not reached undue concentration according to the DCR's licensing map. ECC's landlord, the owner of the Licensed Premises, does not hold office in any government agency related to commercial cannabis activity or otherwise. Furthermore, there have not been any convictions related to the Licensed Premises regarding any type of illegal and/or unlicensed commercial cannabis activity for the past 13 years that ECC has occupied the facility, including no utility disconnections or padlocking of the Licensed Premises.

4) None of the Ownership Denial or Disqualification of Primary Personnel Reasons Apply to ECC under LAMC 104.04(c) and (d).

No owner of ECC holds office in any government agency related to commercial cannabis activity or otherwise. There is no entity owner of ECC, including a foreign entity incorporated outside of the United States. In addition, no owner or primary personnel of ECC has been

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convicted of a crime involving cannabis, wage or labor violations, selling tobacco or alcohol to minors, a violent or serious felony or felony involving guns, sex, hate crimes or offenses against children. Nor has an owner or primary personnel been convicted of a felony involving fraud, deceit or embezzlement or incurred a civil judgment regarding illegal commercial cannabis activity.

CONCLUSION

Based upon the foregoing, ECC respectfully requests the Commission approve the issuance of its annual city commercial cannabis dispensary license so that ECC may continue to operate in its community it holds dear and move forward with its state renewals and City requirements.

ATTACHMENT A

**EXCLUSIVE CAREGIVERS OF
CALIFORNIA, INC.**

CERTIFICATE OF RECOGNITION



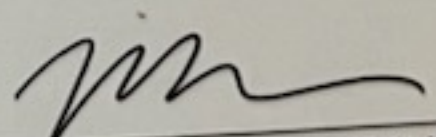
Certificate of Recognition

Exclusive Caregivers of California

The City of Los Angeles and Council District Eight join in recognizing Juan and Maria Camacho, providing a model business in the new cannabis industry. Your commitment and dedication has helped make the City of Los Angeles a better place in which to live. Best wishes in your future endeavors.

April 20, 2018




MARQUEECE HARRIS-DAWSON
Los Angeles City Councilmember
8th Council District



Natural Remedies Caregivers Inc. (LA-R-24-100612-ANN) Memorandum in Support of Issuance of Retail License

Molly Pitluck <mpitluck@enso.law>

Thu, Apr 11, 2024 at 12:42 PM

To: "CannabisCommission@lacity.org" <cannabiscommission@lacity.org>, Licensing Group <licensing@enso.law>


Hi Cannabis Commission,

Attached please find the memorandum in support of Natural Remedies Caregivers Inc.'s (LA-R-24-100612-ANN) annual license for the Commission's consideration.


Please let us know if any questions/issues. We will submit the authorization prior to the 16th. Thank you so much and have a great day!

Best,

Molly




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To: City of Los Angeles (“City”) Cannabis Regulation Commission (“Commission”)
From: Boris Sokol and Natural Remedies Caregivers Inc.
Date: April 10, 2024
Re: Natural Remedies Caregivers Inc. Annual Dispensary License (LA-R-24-100612-ANN)

MEMORANDUM IN SUPPORT OF APPLICATION

Natural Remedies Caregivers Inc. (“NRC”) submits this Memorandum in support of its annual dispensary license (LA-R-24-100612-ANN) with the Department of Cannabis Regulations (“DCR”). NRC is a Phase 1 pre-ICO with City and state licenses for retail dispensary, and distribution operations¹ operating at its current location since 2008 at 927 1/2 North Western Ave Los Angeles, CA 90029 (“Licensed Premises”), in the heart of Hollywood.

1) NRC is Proud to Serve its Community for the Past Seventeen Years and Looks Forward to the Next Seventeen Years.

As an Existing Medical Marijuana Dispensary (“EMMD”) in Los Angeles, NRC has worked hard to provide safe, tested cannabis to its patients and clients over the past 17 years. NRC truly cares for its patients and clients and has developed meaningful relationships with them to provide them safe and effective medicinal and recreational cannabis. NRC has worked hard to get all of its licenses issued and maintain compliance with the state and City, first in compliance with Proposition D then through all the iterations of the DCR’s amendments to the Los Angeles Municipal Code, the California Medicinal and Adult Use Cannabis Regulation and Safety Act (“MAUCRSA”) and Department of Cannabis Control (“DCC”)’s regulations.

During its almost two decades of operation, NRC has not received a single complaint about its operations or facilities to or from the City and prides itself in being part of the local community. For example, NRC serves approximately 500+ medicinal patients per month seeking relief from various health issues, such as providing relief for nausea and insomnia related to cancer treatments and epilepsy.

In addition, NRC keeps its facility and the surrounding area clean and well-kept to enhance the quality of life in the neighborhood. It has proper indoor and outdoor lighting to keep the surrounding neighbors and its patients safe. All security cameras record the inside and outside of the Licensed Premises to ensure safe operations, which security guards monitor closely during operating hours. The security guard also does an hourly perimeter check around the building. NRC strictly prohibits loitering and consumption on or around the Licensed Premises to avoid any nuisance issues in the neighborhood, notices of which are posted throughout the parking lot. Over the years, NRC has helped the LAPD numerous times by

¹ Please see Attachment A (State Unified License Search).

providing its security footage of crimes unrelated to NRC's business and Licensed Premises with its special 180 degree close up camera that films across the street from NRC. Combined, these safety measures not only create a pleasant and safe experience for patrons, but also deters general crime in the surrounding neighborhood.

Over the years, NRC has paid all of its licensing and compliance fees and taxes in a timely manner, including hundreds of thousands of dollars. In addition, NRC has recently passed its site inspection and is in the process of getting its public health permit and retail emblem issued as required by the DCR.

Most important to the Commission, NRC meets all of the criteria for issuance of an annual dispensary license under Los Angeles Municipal Code ("LAMC") section 104.04.

2) None of the General Denial Reasons Apply to NRC under LAMC 104.04(a).

NRC's Licensed Premises is substantially the same as that submitted to the DCR, including the size, layout, location of egress and egress, limited access areas and location of doorways/passageways. The DCR and DCC have always been allowed access to the Licensed Premises and provided with requested accurate, truthful information, forms and documents in a timely manner, including annual renewals with the DCR and DCC and required CEQA information. NRC is not aware of any complaint issued against it and there is no history with or documentation from law enforcement that NRC would create a significant public safety problem. NRC's temporary approval is in good standing and it has passed its required City inspections to date. Finally, NRC has never been denied a license, permit or other authorization to engage in commercial cannabis activity and has always adhered to the requirements of the LAMC and DCR regulations.

3) None of the Business Premises Denial Reasons Apply to NRC under LAMC 104.04(b).

The Licensed Premises meet all applicable requirements of LAMC 105.00, et. seq., including the limited grandfathering authorized for EMMDs in the City. NRC is located in the Hollywood community plan area, which has not reached undue concentration according to the DCR's licensing map. NRC's landlord, the owner of the Licensed Premises, does not hold office in any government agency related to commercial cannabis activity or otherwise. Furthermore, there have not been any convictions related to the Licensed Premises regarding any type of illegal and/or unlicensed commercial cannabis activity for the past seventeen (17) years that NRC has occupied the facility, including no utility disconnections or padlocking of the Licensed Premises.

4) None of the Ownership Denial or Disqualification of Primary Personnel Reasons Apply to NRC under LAMC 104.04(c) and (d).

No owner of NRC holds office in any government agency related to commercial cannabis activity or otherwise. There is no entity owner of NRC, including a foreign entity incorporated outside of the United States. In addition, no owner or primary personnel of NRC has been

convicted of a crime involving cannabis, wage or labor violations, selling tobacco or alcohol to minors, a violent or serious felony or felony involving guns, sex, hate crimes or offenses against children. Nor has an owner or primary personnel been convicted of a felony involving fraud, deceit or embezzlement or incurred a civil judgment regarding illegal commercial cannabis activity.

CONCLUSION

Based upon the foregoing, NRC respectfully requests the Commission approve the issuance of its annual city commercial cannabis dispensary license so that NRC may continue to operate in its community it holds dear and move forward with its state renewals and City requirements.

ATTACHMENT A

**NATURAL REMEDIES CAREGIVERS,
INC.**

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License Number ↑	License Type ↑	License Status ↑	DBA Name ↑	Legal Business Name ↑	County ↑	Effective Date ↑	Expiration Date ↑	License Stage ↑
∨ C10-0000424-LIC	Commercial - Retailer	Active	Data Not Available	Natural Remedies Caregivers	Los Angeles	2019-07-15	2024-07-14	Provisional
∨ C11-0000764-LIC	Commercial - Distributor	Active	NATURAL REMEDIES CAREGIVERS	Natural Remedies Caregivers	Los Angeles	2019-07-11	2024-07-10	Provisional

Last update of license data: 04/09/2024