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July 28, 2016

Dr. Monica Bharel, MD, MPH
Commissioner, Mass. Dept. of Public Health
250 Washington Street
Boston, MA 02108

Dear Dr. Bharel:

The New Bedford City Council, does hereby provide support to Beacon Compassion Center, Inc. to operate a Registered Marijuana Dispensary in New Bedford. I have been authorized to provide this letter on behalf of the New Bedford City Council by a vote taken at a duly noticed meeting held on July 21, 2016.

The New Bedford City Council states that New Bedford has no city ordinance in place related to the siting of a Registered Marijuana Dispensary.

In addition, I am writing to inform you that at a meeting held on July 21, 2016, the City Council of New Bedford, MA Adopted a Substitute Motion by Councillor Naomi R.A. Carney, *"Requesting, that the letter to the Massachusetts Director of Public Health be written as follows: On July 21, 2016, the New Bedford City Council voted, at an official meeting of the City Council, to publicly express its support of the efforts of Beacon Compassion Center, Inc., to operate a medical Registered Marijuana Dispensary specifically located at a suitable location in the City of New Bedford, Massachusetts. The City Council's expression of such support is conditioned upon the understanding that a host agreement shall be executed by the City and Beacon Compassion Center, Inc.; that the City Council will have the opportunity to negotiate and approve the host agreement; and that this specific RMD at an unnamed location will dispense marijuana used for medical purposes only and for no other purpose."*

On behalf of the Council, I thank you for your time and attention to this matter. Please feel free to contact me directly should you or your office require additional information.

With kind regards,

Dennis W. Farias
City Clerk/Clerk of the City Council

cc: Naomi R.A. Carney, Councillor at Large
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