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Subject: Fwd: Beacon Compassion Center

Please place on consent agenda for Thursday meeting

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Subject: Beacon Compassion Center

Good evening, Friends,

Please forward this message to Ian and Naomi as I don't have an email address for them.

This afternoon, my son, TJ and I had a very productive meeting with Steve Angelo and Rina Cametti regarding their application to open a medical marijuana dispensary in New Bedford, and we believe that they and their organization,

Beacon Compassion Centers share the vision, passion, and commitment that CALM wanted to bring to our community. We will be at Thursday evening's meeting to show CALM's full support of them. As you will remember, my husband, Dr. Souza, my son, Isidro "TJ Thomas, Jr. and I, being the officers of the Center for Alternative Medicine (CALM) invested three and one-half years to bringing this endeavor to fruition. For a number of reasons, it didn't happen then, but I do believe that together, we can make it a reality for those thousands of New Bedford area residents who supported a local dispensary at so many levels.

You have always been there to listen, ask appropriate questions and take the issues back to your constituents, and I know we can continue to count on you going forward with this. You all understood from the beginning that the overwhelming majority of voters in this city approved medical marijuana. You understood from the beginning that there was a real need for this alternative medicine, now more than ever. And most of all, you understood that our community would benefit from the jobs and revenue a dispensary would bring.

On Thursday, we can talk about my role as Community Liaison with Beacon in more detail, but rest assured, I am and will continue to stay involved with them.

Sincerely,

Dawn Blake Souza