



**CITY OF NEW BEDFORD**  
JONATHAN F. MITCHELL, MAYOR

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February 22, 2017

City Council President Joseph Lopes and  
Honorable Members of the City Council  
City of New Bedford  
133 William Street  
New Bedford, MA 02740

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Dear Council President Lopes and Honorable Members of the Council:

I write to inform the Council that my Administration has negotiated a Host Community Agreement with Beacon Compassion Center of Norwood. Beacon Compassion Center is presently seeking approval from the Massachusetts Department of Public Health to operate a medical marijuana dispensary facility at 366 Hathaway Road.

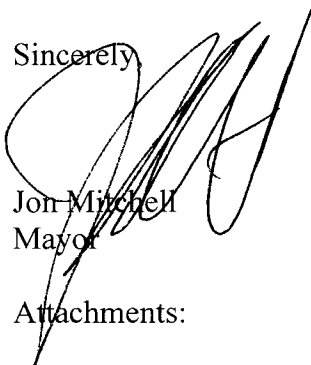
In return for the attached Letter of Support, Beacon Compassion Center has agreed to provide substantial benefits to the City and residents of New Bedford. Among these benefits:

- Beacon will not exercise its exemption from local taxes. Notwithstanding its nonprofit status, Beacon will pay all local taxes, and in doing so, help the City in its efforts to broaden the tax base and reduce the burden on residents and businesses.
- Once the facility is fully operational, Beacon will make annual payments to the City in an amount equal to 3.75% of gross sales. At a minimum the City will receive \$325,000 during the first five years of the agreement.
- It would be operated under a strong facility security plan, and the agreement requires Beacon to operate only at its designated location, which will have little or no neighborhood-level impact.
- Beacon will also work toward employment and vendor goals that advantage local residents and small businesses and support the City's job-creation efforts.

While the Host Community Agreement represents an important step, it is important to also note that many steps remain which are outside the ability of the City to control.

I ask for your support so that we can secure these benefits for New Bedford residents and businesses. Thank you for your consideration on this important matter.

Sincerely,



Jon Mitchell  
Mayor

Attachments:

Letter of Support w/ cover letter  
Host Community Agreement



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Catherine Cametti, President/CEO  
Beacon Compassion Center  
900 Washington Street, Suite A  
Norwood, MA 02062

Dear Ms. Cametti,

The City of New Bedford has concluded negotiations with Beacon Compassion on a Host Community Agreement that provides substantial benefits to New Bedford residents in conjunction with Beacon's operation of a medical marijuana dispensary facility at 366 Hathaway Road.

To ensure that the review of ARL's application continues to advance without delay at the Massachusetts Department of Public Health (MassDPH), I am providing the attached Letter of Support in advance of the New Bedford City Council's approval of the Agreement. I have directed City staff to work with Beacon to ensure the Council is fully briefed on the Agreement's terms so that the Council is in a position to provide its approval.

Sincerely,



Jon Mitchell  
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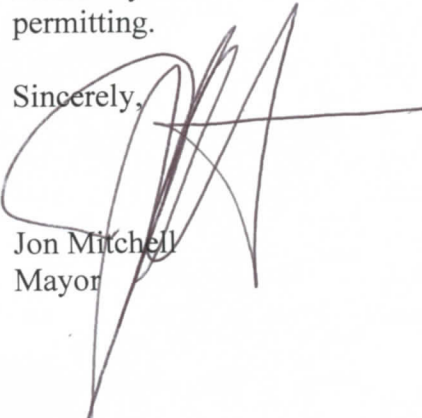
Catherine Cametti, President/CEO  
Beacon Compassion Center  
900 Washington Street, Suite A  
Norwood, MA 02062

Dear Ms. Cametti,

I do hereby confirm the City of New Bedford's support for Beacon Compassion Center, Inc. to operate a Registered Marijuana Dispensary ("RMD") in New Bedford at 366 Hathaway Road.

I have verified with the appropriate local officials that the proposed RMD facility at 366 Hathaway Road is located in a zoning district that allows such use by right or pursuant to local permitting.

Sincerely,

  
Jon Mitchell  
Mayor