

WHISK & JANE LLC

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December 27, 2018

Honorable Mayor of New Bedford Jon Mitchell

CC: New Bedford City Council President Linda Morad

CC: New Bedford City Councilor Brian Gomes and Members of the New Bedford City Council

133 William St.

New Bedford, MA 02740

CC: Attorney General Maura Healey

CC: CCC Commissioner Doyle

RE: Immediate Action RE Correspondence Submitted on 12/24/18 and Favorable Recommendation

Dear Honorable Mayor Mitchell:

Whisk & JANE LLC demands IMMEDIATE ACTION be taken in regards to the correspondence submitted to the City of New Bedford on 12/24/18. We have exhausted all avenues of communication to resolve the zoning and HCA matters as they pertain to the establishment of our recreational cannabis business - to be located at 161 Popes Island. We question how the city could provide multiple quotes (from key officials) to the Standard Times (12/26/18), but, has not responded directly to Whisk & JANE LLC in regards to the above mentioned matter, to HCA negotiations or the correction of the blatant extortion requirements that are part of the prescreening packet (acknowledged on the record 12/19/18).

Anything less than an immediate favorable recommendation from you the Honorable Mayor of New Bedford and an exercise of Mayoral authority/power to call an immediate emergency executive meeting/session (within 72 hours of this letter) for the City Council to address the correspondence submitted on 12/24/18 will be considered as the City of New Bedford knowingly and willingly impeding on our legal rights by prohibiting Whisk & JANE from owning and operating within New Bedford (under MA Gen Law 94G sec. 3, the Massachusetts Guidelines for Establishment of the Adult Use of Recreational Cannabis and our State Approved Economic Empowerment Certifications)- directly causing our company to lose hundreds of thousands of dollars per day in revenue and further blocking our ability to better the community of New Bedford.

We are aware of four businesses that are actively trying to come to New Bedford and all four businesses are on the record (at some point) over the course of the last 7 months expressing concerns and flat out grievances in regards to the zoning. How much more

evidence is needed to prove to City Officials that New Bedford has caused unnecessary burden to cannabis businesses and their zoning and HCA requirements are not working, for anyone; we are almost 3 months beyond the expiration of the moratoria ending and not one business has opened or even entered into HCA negotiations; there is a problem. The administration and elected officials can no longer turn a blind eye to what New Bedford needs; job creation, an influx of tax revenue, innovative industries to help boost tourism, sustainable businesses to help balance the economy and companies seeking to positively impact the community; Whisk & JANE is exactly what New Bedford needs. The will of the people and the vote has continued to be ignored. Please take immediate action and further note we will make ourselves available to attend an emergency meeting on this matter (12/31/18).

Let's work together to resolve this unnecessary issue before the New Year so that WE can give the community of New Bedford something to look forward to as we welcome in 2019 and Whisk & JANE.

Best,

Ericca Kennedy / Whisk & JANE LLC