

City of New Bedford

IN COMMITTEE

January 10, 2019

The Honorable City Council 133 William Street New Bedford, MA 02740

Dear Honorable Members of the City Council:

The Committee on Licensing and Zoning for Cannabis, at a Meeting held on Wednesday, December 19, 2018, considered a COMMUNICATION, Councillor Gomes, submitting information from Ericca and Justin Kennedy d/b/a Whisk & JANE LLC, regarding their startup recreational cannabis business and a possible Community Host Agreement with the City of New Bedford (Copy all Councillors 07/27/2018.) (Ref'd 8/16/18); a COMMUNICATION, Councillor Gomes, submitting a draft entitled "Guidance on Host Community Agreements" and "Local Equity", from the Massachusetts Cannabis Control Commission (Copy all Councillors 08/08/2018) (Ref'd 8/16/18); and a COMMUNICATION, Councillor Gomes submitting a copy of a letter to the City Council from Ericca Kennedy, Whisk & Jane, LLC, regarding a Cannabis Zoning Appeal to establish a recreational cannabis facility at 161 Pope's Island, New Bedford, MA. (Copy all Councillors via email 12/11/18) (Ref'd 12/13/18)

On motion by Councillor Gomes and seconded by Councillor Giesta, the Committee VOTED: To recommend to the City Council that the Host Agreement Committee, appointed by the Administration, review the current Cannabis Zoning Ordinance to see if they are able to identify any zoning and/or other issues that may affect the marijuana business application process and that they report their findings to the Ordinance Committee. This motion passed on a voice vote. (To be referred to the Ordinance Committee)

IN COMMITTEE ON LICENSING & ZONING FOR CANNABIS

Councillor Ian Abreu, Chairman

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