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Office of Clerk of Committees  
Committee on Licensing and Zoning for Cannabis  
133 William Street  
New Bedford, MA 02740

City Councillor Ian Abreu, Committee Chairman

City Councillor Joe Lopes

Dear Committee Members,

Thank you for your invitation to attend the Licensing and Zoning for Cannabis meeting on Wednesday December 19, 2018. Unfortunately, due to the rescheduling of the meeting, I have a scheduling conflict and will not be able to attend in person. I will be sending a representative on my behalf who can address some of your questions and concerns. He may not be privy to all the details of certain aspects of the business plan, but if there are any questions he cannot answer I will be sure to follow up as necessary. Feel free to reach out to me directly by email or telephone.

I would like to reiterate that SoCo Green is fully committed in moving forward to seek a Marijuana Retail License in the City of New Bedford. We have two potential locations that we are considering, one location in the north end of New Bedford, and one location near Industrial Park. The current zoning bylaws have presented some challenges, specifically parcel line to parcel line buffer zones. We have also encountered several errors on the Proposed Marijuana Zoning Bylaw maps to add further difficulties. We are slightly behind schedule from our initial timeline due to the objections from most landlords who control potential sites within the City. We are also being very selective in our possible site location as we are taking into consideration site/building security, potential traffic concerns, parking availability, and access to major highways.

Once we have selected a location that will best fit our business plan, we will be prepared to submit the prescreening application and all related materials.

Once again, thank you very much for the invitation and we look forward to working with the City of New Bedford in this unchartered territory.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read "Antoine J. Khalife".

Antoine J. Khalife  
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