



# *City of New Bedford*

IN COMMITTEE

December 06, 2022

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

Dear Honorable Members of the City Council:

The Special Committee on Cannabis Regulation and Host Community Agreements Review at a Meeting held on Thursday, November 17, 2022, considered a COMMUNICATION, Councillor Lopes, submitting a copy of a letter from SoCo Green LLC, requesting consideration for a Community Host Agreement with the City of New Bedford for a Marijuana Retailer License (Ref'd 08/16/18) (12/19/18-tabled 30 days).

On motion by Councillor Burgo and seconded by Councillor Lima, the Committee VOTED: To recommend that the City Council take "No Further Action" on the COMMUNICATION, Councillor Lopes, submitting a copy of a letter from SoCo Green LLC, requesting consideration for a Community Host Agreement with the City of New Bedford for a Marijuana Retailer License. This motion passed on a voice vote.

IN SPECIAL COMMITTEE ON CANNABIS  
REGULATION AND HOST COMMUNITY  
AGREEMENTS REVIEW

Councillor Ryan J. Pereira, Vice-Chairman

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August 3, 2018

Mayor of New Bedford, Jon Mitchell  
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CC: City of New Bedford, Solicitor's Office

CC: City of New Bedford, City Councilor Joe Lopes

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CITY CLERK

Dear Mayor Mitchell,

This letter is for the purpose of requesting consideration for a Community Host Agreement with the City of New Bedford for a Marijuana Retailer License. SoCo Green LLC will be a 100% self-funded, veteran owned business with no outside investors or outside involvement.

We are excited to hopefully be part of this new endeavor and the economic growth potential for the City of New Bedford. My family and I have been active retail business owners in New Bedford for over 25 years. Our retail businesses are currently 100% staffed by New Bedford residents. SoCo Green LLC will maintain this commitment to hire from within the city.

SoCo Green LLC has established a business plan including researching Marijuana employee training seminars that would be requirements for future employees. I understand and respect the necessity of responsible retailing from previous and current retail business experiences. SoCo Green LLC is in talks with several New Bedford property owners for purchase or leasing opportunities pending the outcome of the Cannabis Control Zoning and Retail License restrictions. SoCo Green LLC is ready to discuss any concerns regarding community impact, security, and potential retail regulation amendments in the future.

I see the potential the City of New Bedford has and I am committing to continue this growth. The economic opportunity that lies within the Community Host Agreement and corresponding Retail Licenses yields new tax revenues for New Bedford and job opportunities. Perhaps most importantly, this endeavor presents the chance for New Bedford to be the leading example of how Community Host Agreements can work and prosper within the State. SoCo Green LLC is eager to be a part of this groundbreaking and I personally look forward to working with the City of New Bedford in shaping this future. Please give SoCo Green LLC your full consideration for a Community Host Agreement as we are excited to work and grow with the City of New Bedford.

Sincerely,

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

Antoine J. Khalife  
President SoCo Green LLC  
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