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>> MY NAME IS BILL LINEHAN.
I'M THE CHAIR ON THE COMMITTEE
OF PLANNING AND DEVELOPMENT.
I'M HERE WITH FELLOW MEMBERS AND
COLLEAGUES.
TO MY RIGHT COUNCILOR SAL LA MA
TINO, COUNCILOR MARK CIOMMO,
COUNCILOR JOSH ZAKIM TO MY LEFT.
WE'RE EXPECTING COUNCILOR
FLAHERTY AT MY MOMENT.
THE SUBJECT OF THE HEARING IS
DOCKET 0881.
AN ORDER FOR A HEARING REGARDING
A MEDICAL MARIJUANA DISPENSARY
AT 331 NEWBERRY STREET IN THE
BACK BAY.
THIS MATTER IS SPONSORED BY
COUNCILOR JOSH ZAKIM AND
REFERRED TO THE COMMITTEE ON
JUNE 4th OF THIS YEAR.
I WOULD LIKE TO REMAINED FOLKS
THIS PARTICULAR HEARING IS BEING
RECORDED.
IT'S BEING RECORDED AND PLAYING
LIVE AT THIS TIME.
CITY COUNCIL TV IS NOW AVAILABLE
24 HOURS A DAY.
7 DAYS A WEEK FOR THOSE WHO WANT
TO CATCH UP ON HEARINGS AND THE
LIKE.
AT THIS TIME WE WANT TO WELCOME
THE PRESENTERS.
I WOULD SAY CONTEXT IS A GOOD
IDEA.
THE BOSTON SIT OWE COUNCIL BASED
ON STATE REGULATIONS NEEDS TO
APPROVE NON OPPOSITION TO A
DISPENSARY OF MEDICAL MARIJUANA
IN THE CITY OF BOSTON.
THAT'S IT.
THAT'S THE CRUX OF IT.
SO, WHAT WE DO IS LISTEN TO HOW
FOLKS WILL OPERATE AND WHERE
IT'S LOCATED, IMPACTS ON THE
COMMUNITY, SECURITY AND THE
LIKE.
THEN AFTER WE HEAR THIS WE HEAR
A OPPORTUNITY FOR THE PUBLIC AND
OTHERS TO TESTIMONY IF SO.
THEN WE WOULD

IF WE BRING THE MATTER FORWARD
OUT OF COMMITTEE IT WOULD THEN
BE A VOTE TO NOT OPPOSE OR
OPPOSE THIS PARTICULAR SITING
AND LOCATION OF A MARIJUANA
DISPENSARY.
WE WELCOME COUNCILOR FRANK BAKER
WHO HAS JOINED US.
WHO WILL START?
WE WOULD LIKE TO WELCOME BACK
OUR DEAR FRIEND AND PASS
COLLEAGUE, MICHAEL.
MICHAEL.
>> THANK YOU, MR. CHAIRMAN.
THANK YOU FOR SCHEDULING THE
HEARING AND HAVING US HERE
TODAY.
THANK YOU COUNCILORS LAMATTINA,
ZAKIM AND CIOMMO FOR BEING HERE.
MY NAME IS MIKE ROSS.
I'M AN ATTORNEY REPRESENTING
COMPASSIONATE ORGANICS WHO ARE
BEFORE YOU TODAY.
OUR PURPOSE HERE IS TO PRESENT
MATERIALS AND ANSWER QUESTIONS
OF THE COMMITTEE REGARDING A
PROPOSED MEDICAL MARIJUANA
DISPENSARY TO BE LOCATED AT 331
NEWBERRY STREET IN THE BACK BAY.
I'M JOINED BY THE FOLLOWING
MEMBERS OF OUR TEAM TODAY.
TO MY LEFT IS JEFF -- THE CEO OF
COMPASSIONATE ORGANICS.
NEXT TO HIM -- JOYCE OUR
COMMUNICATIONS CONSULTANT.
NEXT TO HER IS FRANK PETERSON.
HE'S FILLING IN TODAY FOR DAN
LINESKI.
DAN IS A FORMER MEMBER OF THE BOSTON
POLICE DEPARTMENT AND WORKS
AT -- SECURITY.
A RECOGNIZED INTERNATIONAL
SECURITY FIRM.
THEY'RE WORKING WITH
COMPASSIONATE ORGANICS TO
IMPLEMENT ALL SECURITY
MEASURES.
UNFORTUNATELY DAN LINESKI IS ON
THE WEST COAST TODAY.
WE LOOKED AT HIM FLYING IN FOR
THIS, BUT COULDN'T MAKE IT
HAPPEN.
FRANK OFFERED TO BE HERE
INSTEAD.

WE APPRECIATE FRANK'S PRESENCE
TO I JUST WANT TO, IF I MAY GO
OVER OUR PROPOSAL.
WE -RPBG AT THE TOP LEVEL AND
OPEN IT UP TO QUESTIONS AFTER WE
GO OVER THAT A LITTLE BIT.
WE HAVE -- ' LOOSELY BASED WITH
MORE DETAIL, MY COMMENTS WILL BE
LOOSELY BASED ON WHAT YOU HAVE
IN FRONT OF YOU.
COMPASSIONATE ORGANICS HAS BEEN
SEARCHING FOR THE PERFECT
LOCATION, MEETING THE STRICT
STATE AND LOCAL STANDARDS TO
OPERATE A MEDICAL MARIJUANA
DISPENSARY IN BOSTON.
SINCE JUST AFTER THE 2012 BALLOT
INITIATIVE.
THIS ORGANIZATION WAS FORMED BY
A LOCAL ENTREPRENEUR, JEFF, AND
HIS BOARD.
THEY ARE ALL MEMBERS OF OUR
COMMUNITY.
MANY LIVING IN BOSTON.
IN FACT WE HAVE BOARD MEMBERS IN
THE ATTENDANCE, ONE IS JOE
PIERCE, A BEAK ON HILL RESIDENT
AND A MEMBER OF THE BEACON HILL
ARCHITECTURE COMMISSION IN THE
MIDDLE OVER THERE.
APPRECIATE HIM BEING HERE AS
WELL.
SO, JEFF ALSO GREW UP ON
MARLBORO STREET IN THE BACK BAY,
LIVING THERE HIS WHOLE LIFE.
IN MANY WAYS IT BROUGHT HIM TO
THIS LOCATION.
THE LOCATIONS ON THE LAST BLOCK
OF NEWBERRY STREET.
IT SITS IN A COMMUNITY THAT
OVERWHELMINGLY APPROVED THE
BALLOT INITIATIVE BACK IN 2012
BY 77% OF THE RESIDENTS.
THE LOCATION MEETS ALL BUFFER
REQUIREMENTS.
SITS IN THE EXISTING ZONING.
APPLIES WITH THE AMENDMENT OF
THIS COUNCIL.
IT IS IN THE HALF MILE LOCATION.
IT'S ADA COMPLAINT.
THAT IS NOT AN EASY THING TO
FIND IN A HISTORIC DISTRICT.
IT'S ABOUT 3000 SQUARE FEET.
THERE ARE PLANS IN THE HANDOUT

WITH THE DISPENSARY SITED ON THE
GROUND FLOOR AND OFFICE SPACE
LOCATED IN THE BASEMENT.

THE DISPENSARY WILL SERVE THE
QUALIFYING PATIENTS WHO HAVE
CANCER, GLAUCOMA, CROHNS DISEASE
AND OTHER ALEMENTS.

OUR PROPOSAL IS TO BE OPEN 7
DAYS A WEEK 10:00 A.M. TO
8:00 A.M.

THE PLAN IS TO HAVE DAILY
DELIVERS FROM THE DISPENSARY.
SO NO MORE THAN ONE DAY SUPPLY
IS ON-SITE AT ANYTIME.

IN MASSACHUSETTS, THE SECURITY
PLAN ADVANCED BY DAN LINESKI AND
HIS TEAM CALL FOR RANDOMIZED
DELIVERIES MADE SAFELY AND
SKEWERLY BY MEMBER % OF OUR
SECURITY TEAM.

ALL OF THIS PRODUCT IS
PREPACKAGED IN CHILD PROOF
CONTAINERS.

SO IN NO CASE IS THERE ANY LOOSE
LEAF PRODUCTS.

IT'S ALL PACKAGED.

BOSTON HAS SOLID EXPERIENCE AS
YOU KNOW MR. CHAIRMAN IN --
DISPENSARIES.

THERE ARE TEN EXISTING
DISPENSARIES IN OPERATION IN
MASSACHUSETTS CURRENTLY TODAY, I
UNDERSTAND.

MANY MORE ARE SCHEDULED TO OPEN.
HERE IN BOSTON BY MY COUNT JUST
ONE IS OPEN AND AT LEAST THREE
MORE ARE IN THE PROCESS OF
OPENING.

WE KNOW A LOT MORE TODAY THEN
WHEN WE -- WHEN DISPENSARIES
FIRST OPENED.

WE KNOW THE AVERAGE PATIENT IS
JUST OVER 40 YEARS OLD.
THE COST PER TRANSACTION EXCEED
THAT OF THE BLACK MARKET.
THAT ANECDOTALLY THE SECURITY
THAT DISPENSARIES BRING TO
MEDIATE HOST COMMUNITY DO SO
MAKING THE COMMUNITY SAVER.

WE HAVE DAN THE COMMUNITY
PROCESS WITH REGARD TO THIS
LOCATION.

WE'RE MEETING -- WE HAVE BEEN IN
DISCUSSIONS WITH THE

NEIGHBORHOOD ASSOCIATION OF THE
BACK BAY.
WE HAVE A HEARING SCHEDULED WITH
THE LICENSING, SUB COMMITTEE IN
EARLY JULY.
THEIR CHAIR IS HERE WITH HIS
COLLEAGUE.
BOTH OF THE NEIGHBORHOOD
ASSOCIATE FOR THE BACK BAY.
THEY'RE HERE TODAY.
WE HAVE BEEN IN OTHER
DISCUSSIONS WITH OTHER
ORGANIZATIONS.
THE BACK BAY ASSOCIATION,
NEWBERRY STREET LEAGUE AND
OTHERS.

COMMENTS MADE BY MEDIATE
NEIGHBORS IN A BOSTON HERALD
ARTICLE SAID THAT "WE ATTRACT AN
HE CAN ELECTRIC CLIENTELE.
SOME WOULD PROBABLY ENJOY A
DISSPENCERY.

"THE RESTAURANT OWNER SAID IT
WOULD BRING A LOT OF BUSINESS TO
THE AREA.

PEOPLE ARE LOOK FOR IT RIGHT NOW
I WOULD LIKE TO INTRODUCE THE
CEO, JEFF.

HIS REASONS FOR BEING INVOLVED
IN THE I OBJECT DUSTERY IS QUITE
COMPELLING.

A PERSON SUFFERING FROM MULTIPLE
SCLEROSIS SHE HAS BEEN HELPED
AND AIDED BY MEDICAL MARIJUANA.
SINCE BEGINNING THE TREATMENT
SHE HAS YET TO HAVE A RELAPSE OR
A FLARE FOR ALMOST 18 YEARS.

INDEED THE NATIONAL MULTIPLE
SCLEROSIS SOCIETY SUPPORTS THE
RIGHTS OF PATIENTS TO GAIN
ACCESS TO MARIJUANA TREATMENT.
ALSO A LIFE LONG RESIDENT OF THE
BACK BAY.

THAT MAKES THIS TRULY A LOCALLY
RAN BUSINESS.

FOR THIS INDUSTRY IT'S QUITE A
STATEMENT.

JEFF.

>> THANK YOU.

THANK YOU, COUNCILLORS AND THE
ENTIRE COMMITTEE.

I APPRECIATE THE OPPORTUNITY TO
PRESENT OUR PROPOSAL FOR.

[INAUDIBLE]

THE BUILDING IS PRIVATELY OWNED.
>> NO, IT'S NOT ON.
IS NO, THE BUTTON AT THE BOTTOM SHOULD BE GREEN.
>> THERE YOU GO.
>> TAKES A WOMAN.
>> SHOULD I START OVER --

>> THE REASON WE APPRECIATE THE LOCATION IT'S CLOSE TO TRANSPORTATION, ADA ACCESSIBLE, IT'S PRIVATELY OWNED AND LARGE ENOUGH TO ACCOMMODATE OUR USE. 77% OF THE REVENUE IN THE AREA VOTED FOR THIS USE IN 2012. THE BUILDING ITSELF IS IN -- AS MIKE SAID THAT MEANS ALL STATE AND LOCAL ZONING REGULATIONS SIGHTING GUIDE LINES. I HAVE WORKED TOWARDS FINDING THE RIGHT LOCATION IN BOSTON FOR SOME TIME. I WANT TO PUBLICLY A FIRM MY INTENTIONS TO RUN A TOP NOTCH FACILITY IN OUR CITY. SINCE LAST YEAR COMPASSION ORGANICS HAS ENLISTED -- ASSOCIATES. AS YOU KNOW -- DAN IS A 27 YEAR VETERAN AND CHIEF BPD. -- ATTORNEY MIKE ROSS NEXT TO ME. IN ADDITION REESTABLISH OUR COMMITMENT WITH THE BOARD OF DIRECTORS AND CONTINUE TO OFFER GUIDANCE AND ASSISTANCE TO THE ORGANIZATION. JOEL PIERCE IS IN THE BACK. I'M PROUD OF THE TEAM WE HAVE ASSEMBLED. LOCAL TALENT. LOCAL BOARD. LOCAL CAPITOL. I WANT TO TAKE THIS OPPORTUNITY TO APOLOGIZE FOR FALLING SHORT IN NOT OPENING A DISPENSARY IN AUSTIN. I'M NOT HAPPY HOW WE PERFORMED AS A TEAM, HOW I PERFORMED AND I WAS DISAPPOINTED BY THE RESULTS. I HAVE WRITTEN A LETTER APOLOGIZING TO COUNCILOR CIOMMO FOR NOT MEETING THE STANDARDS HE

AND YOU SHOULD ALL EXPECT AND
DEMAND FROM APPLICANTS LIKE ME.
UNDENIABLE.

ME AND THE APPLICATION ARE
BETTER, THE EXPERIENCE AND
OPPORTUNITY, THAT I AM HERE TO
PRESENT TO YOU TODAY.

THANK YOU FOR YOUR
CONSIDERATION.

WE LOOK FORWARD TO ADDRESSING
ANY QUESTIONS OR CONCERNS YOU
MAY HAVE ABOUT 331 NEWBERRY
STREET.

>> FINALLY, MR. CHAIR, WE WANT
TO OFFER FRANK PETERSON A
OPPORTUNITY TO ADDRESS THE
COMMITTEE, IF POSSIBLE.

>> YES.

>> FIRST THEM I WOULD LIKE TO
UNDERScore THE FACT I'M A
SUBSTITUTE FOR DANNY LINESKI.
HE GUARANTEED THERE WOULD BE NO
TOUGH QUESTIONS.

MY BACKGROUND IS I WAS A
PROBATION OFFICER IN SOUTH
BOSTON COURT.

FROM THERE SECURITY WITH WATER
AND SEWER THEN CHIEF OF THE
MUNICIPAL POLICE.

AND LANDED AS CHIEF OF SECURITY
HERE, AND RETIRED TWO YEARS AGO.

SINCE THEN I HAVE BEEN ON
CONTRACT WITH THIS ORGANIZATION
W DANNY LINESKI.

I WILL READ MY SCRIPT HERE TO
YOU PEOPLE.

NEXT GENERATION TECHNOLOGIES,
TALENTED SECURITY PROFESSIONALS
AND A COMPANY WIDE COMMITMENT TO
SAFETY.

-- SECURITY EFFORTS FOR THE
PROJECT DIRECT OUR SECURITY
DANIELLE P. LINESKI.

COMPASSIONATE ORGANICS HAS
ENGAGED OUR SERVICES TO ADDRESS
THE SAFETY AND SECURITY
PROTOCOLS WE BELIEVE NECESSARY
TO EXCEED THE STRICT STANDARDS
SET BY THE COMMONWEALTH OF
MASSACHUSETTS.

-- PROPOSED REGISTERED MEDICAL
MARIJUANA DISPENSARY AND
OPERATIONS.

COMPASSIONATE ORGANICS PROPOSED

LOCATION IS A CONVENIENT WELL LIT FACILITY THAT WILL PROVIDE DISPENSARY SERVICES ON THE MAIN FLOOR AND CORPORATE OFFICE SPACE ON THE LOWER LEVEL.

INCLUDING SEPARATE AND RECEIVING ENTRANCES.

THE BUILDING IS WELL SUITED FOR CAMERAS AND LIGHTING CYST -PLZ THAT WILL BE FULLY INTEGRATED WITH THE CITY'S CAMERA SYSTEM TO ALLOW BPD TO ACCESS MORE AREAS OF THE CITY.

THE TWO ALARM SECURITY SYSTEM WILL ALLOW FOR BACK UP AND REDUNDANCY IN THE FACILITY.

WE PLAN TO USE THIS WITH A SYSTEM TIED TO A CENTRAL MONITORING HUB STAFFED 24 HOURS, -P DAYS A WEEK.

OUR COMPANY IS HIGHLY REWARDED A AWARD WINNING GLOBAL SECURITY COMPANY.

HERE IN THE UNITED STATES, AFRICA AND ASIA.

IN THE SAFEGUARDING OUR FACILITY HERE ON NEWBERRY STREET WE WILL WORK IN PARTNERSHIP WITH THE SURROUNDED COMMUNITY AND THE BOSTON POLICE DEPARTMENT.

WE WILL REQUEST FOLLOW-UP MEETINGS WITH BPD TO ESTABLISH SECURITY CONCERNS AND HAVE OPEN LINES OF COMMUNITY CATION.

-- SECURITY PRINCIPLES GUIDE THE INNER WORKERS OF COMPASSIONATE ORGANIC SECURITY PLAN AND IT'S FEATURES INCLUDING SAFEGUARDING AND INCOMING TRANSFER STORAGE AND DISPENSATION OF THE MEDICINE.

A SECURITY ENVIRONMENT FOR THE STAFF AND PATIENTS.

MANAGING -- AND TO RESTRICT ACCESS AREAS WITHIN THE FACILITY.

INSURE STRICT COMPLIANCE WITH THE MASSACHUSETTS LAW AND THE DEPARTMENT OF PUBLIC HEALTH.

AS OUR AFFILIATES HAVE DONE IN OTHER JURISDICTIONS

COMPASSIONATE ORGANICS PLAN TO HIGHER SECURITY -- MILITARY SERVICE.

THANK YOU.

>> THANK YOU, FRANK.

>> I CAN REMEMBER YOUR TENURE
HERE, HOW LONG WERE YOU THE
CHIEF OF SECURITY HERE IN CITY
HALL?

>> I -- SEVEN YEARS.

>> SEVEN YEARS.

A FINE JOB.

DAN LINESKI HAS A GREAT
REPUTATION AS DO YOU.

WE'RE EXCITED YOU'RE INVOLVED.

>> THANK YOU.

>> THAT'S OUR FORMAL
PRESENTATION, MR. CHAIRMAN.

>> THANK YOU.

>> AT THIS TIME I WOULD LIKE TO
GIVE THE DISTRICT CITY COUNCILOR
FROM NEWBERRY STREET AREA,
COUNCILOR JOSH ZAKIM A CHANCE TO
ASK QUESTIONS.

>> THANK YOU, MR. CHAIRMAN, AND
YOU FOR YOUR PRESENTATION.

I APPRECIATE KNOWING MORE ABOUT
THE SPECIFICS OF THE PROJECT.

WE HAVE THIS NECESSARY STEP IN
THE APPROVAL PROCESS.

I NOTICE THE FOLKS OF THE
NEIGHBORHOOD ASSOCIATE ARE HERE
WITH COMMENTS LATER.

I THINK AS THIS MOVES FORWARD AT
THIS STAGE FOR A POTENT VOTE IN
THE COUNCIL, CONTINUING THROUGH
THE PROCESS, THE NEIGHBORHOOD
INPUT IS INCREDIBLY IMPORTANT.
IT'S NOISE ANECDOTALLY TO HEAR
FROM BUSINESS NEIGHBORS AND
RESIDENTS IN THE NEIGHBORHOOD
WHO MAY HAVE CONCERNS.

I HOPE YOU CONTINUE THE
OUTREACH.

CAN YOU TALK MORE ABOUT YOUR
TIMELINE IN THE APPROVAL PROCESS
BOTH HERE AND THE STATE.

WHAT SORT OF TIME FRAME ASK THAT
AND APPROVAL IF THIS COUNCIL
CHOOSES TO ACT FAVORABLY TO
TODAY'S HEARING.

>> THANK YOU, COUNCILOR.

IF YOU GO TO YOUR THIRD TO LAST
PAGE IN THE -- IN THE PACKET
THERE IS A FAIRLY HANDY
TIMELINE.

IT SHOWS WE'RE ACTUALLY PRETTY

VERY NEAR TO THE BEGINNING.
IT'S LISTED UNDER JUNE 2017.
THE SECOND BULLET POINT.
YOU WILL SEE THERE ARE SIX
BULLET POINTS TO THE RIGHT.
WITH ADDITIONAL BULLETS
UNDERNEATH.
THEY REPRESENT SUBSTANTIAL
NUMBER OF STEPS WE NEED TO
COMPLY WITH.
I GUESS THE BROAD BRUSH STROKES
FOR US, IMMEDIATELY, ARE NEXT,
THE NEXT STEP IS A MEETING WITH
THE NEIGHBORHOOD ASSOCIATION IN
THE BACK BAY.
WE MEET THEM THE SECOND WEEK OF
JULY.
YOU KNOW IT'S POSSIBLE WE MAY DO
ANOTHER MOATING WITH THEM.
THAT WILL BE UP TO THE
DISCRETION OF THAT COMMITTEE.
WE HAVE DONE INITIAL OUTREACH
WITH THE COMMUNITY.
I WOULD SAY THE NEXT GOOD MONTH
PLUS, COUPLE OF MONTHS WE WILL
DO THE COMMUNITY OUTREACH
PROCESS.
THAT IS ALL LEADING UP TO WHAT
IS ESSENTIALLY A ZONING CASE.
AS YOU LIKELY KNOW, MEDICAL
MARIJUANA IS A CONDITIONAL USE
IN THIS LOCATION.
SO, WE HAVE TO GO BEFORE THE
ZONING BOARD OF APPEAL FOR A
CONDITIONAL USE PERMIT.
WE HAVE NOT MADE SUCH AP AP I
WILL CAGE AT THIS TIME FOR AN
APPEAL.
THAT'S SKETCHED OUT SOMETIME IN
NOVEMBER AND DECEMBER THAT WE
ANTICIPATE.
THEN PROVIDING EVERYTHING GOES
WELL.
IF WE ARE APPROVED AT THAT POINT
WE THEN HAVE TO GO BACK TO THE
DEPARTMENT OF PUBLIC HEALTH TO
SUBMIT AND GET OUR APPROVAL.
I SKIPPED THIS STEP, UPON JUST
PRIOR TO THE ZONING PROCESS.
THE DEPARTMENT OF PUBLIC HEALTH
WITH PROVISIONALLY APPROVE US
FOR THE SITE.
IT'S PROVISIONAL ON OUR ABILITY
TO ACTUALLY GO FORWARD WITH THE

LOCAL ZONING

SO IF WE ARE SUCCESSFUL WITH THAT, WE GO BACK TO DPH, A LITTLE MORE PROCESS THROUGH THAT, AND THEN WE ALSO HAVE TO GO TO THE BOSTON PUBLIC HEALTH COMMISSION AND WE ALSO HAVE TO GO TO THE PUBLIC -- TO THE BACK BAY COMMISSION.

ANY CHANGES, SIGNAGE, ANYTHING ON THE OUTSIDE WILL REQUIRE THE COMMISSION.

THOSE ARE ALL FAIRLY SUBSTANTIAL STEPS.

ONCE ALL OF THOSE THINGS HAVE HAPPENED, WE CAN THEN BEGIN BUILDING THE PROPERTY OUT AND WE WOULD THEN EVENTUALLY GO FOR A FINAL CERTIFICATE OF REGISTRATION FOR THE DEPARTMENT OF PUBLIC HEALTH.

AND WE BELIEVE THAT THAT WOULD TAKE US ALL THE WAY OUT TO BASICALLY A YEAR FROM TODAY. AND THEN WE DON'T THINK WE'LL EVEN BE READY TO SELL UNTIL AUGUST OF 2018.

AND BUILDING OUT THE SITE IN PITTSBURGH, MASSACHUSETTS, SO THAT'S WHERE THEY'RE GROWING THE MARIJUANA.

AND NO WHERE ELSE BUT PITTSBURGH WILL THEY ARE DOING SO.

SO THAT ENTIRE SITE HAS TO GET UP AND RUNNING.

THERE'S A SUBSTANTIAL TIME LINE FOR THAT AS WELL.

IF EVERYTHING GOES PERFECT WE WILL BE GOOD BY AUGUST OF 2018, BUT THERE'S A LOT THAT HAS TO HAPPENED.

>> THERE ARE QUITE A FEW REGULATORY STEPPED BEYOND THIS. BESIDES THE USE HERE, TWO ASPECTS OF MY NEXT QUESTION.

THE STATE IS CONTINUOUSLY REVISING, I BELIEVE THEY ARE IN SESSION TODAY, I THINK, TO TALK ABOUT THEIR CHANGES TO BOTH MEDICAL AND RECREATIONAL MARIJUANA.

DO YOU ANTICIPATE MUCH OF THIS PROCESS CHANGING?

ARE YOU MONITORING WITH THE FACT

THAT MAYBE NO ONE KNOWS WHAT
THEY ARE DOING, BUT DO YOU
EXPECT CHANGES IN THE PROCESS?

>> NOT FOR MEDICAL.

WE ARE WATCHING WHAT HAPPENS AT
THE STATE LEVEL, AND, YOU KNOW,
WE OBVIOUSLY HAVE -- WE CARE
WHAT HAPPENS OUT OF THERE.

I MIGHT AS WELL ADDRESS THE
ISSUE IF YOU WANT ME TO
REGARDING RECREATIONAL.

>> THAT IS OBVIOUSLY SOMETHING
THAT, I THINK, IS IMPORTANT FOR
PEOPLE CONSIDERING WHETHER THIS
IS AN APPROPRIATE LOCATION.

OBVIOUSLY, I THINK THE IMPACTS
AND CITING OF THE MEDICAL
DISPENSARY ARE FAR DIFFERENT
THAN RECREATIONAL DISPENRY OR
STORE.

AND I DON'T KNOW WHAT YOUR
INTENTIONS ARE, OR WHAT
POTENTIAL WOULD BE.

AND TALKING ABOUT OTHER PLACES
IN THE STATE, THAT IT WAS A
MEDICAL DISPENRY REGARDLESS OF
STATE LAW.

IS THAT SOMETHING THAT YOU ARE
SIMILARLY COMMITTING TO?

WHERE ARE YOU ON THAT?

>> OUR ANSWER TO THAT IS WE'RE
GOING TO DO WHATEVER THE CITY
TELLS US TO DO.

AND WE'RE ALSO GOING TO DO
WHATEVER, TO THAT EXTENT, AS
INFORMED BY THE NEIGHBORHOOD.
WE WOULD WANT TO KEEP OUR
OPTIONS OPEN AS IT RELATES TO
RECREATIONAL.

IF WE ARE TOLD THAT IS NOT
DESIRED IN THIS LOCATION, THEN
WE'RE NOT GOING TO PURSUE IT.
WE DO THINK THERE'S AN ARGUMENT
WHERE WE MIGHT WANT TO BE
RECREATIONAL IN THE EYES OF THE
NEIGHBORHOOD OR POSSIBLY THE
CITY, DEPENDING ON HOW THE
LEGISLATION IS WRITTEN, NOT
HAVING A RECREATIONAL SITE IN
THAT LOCATION COULD CAUSE THE
NEED FOR A SECOND RECREATIONAL
SITE TO OPEN NEAR THAT LOCATION.
NOTWITHSTANDING THE HALF-MILE
RULE, WHICH STILL NEEDS TO BE

AMENDED ONCE THAT NEW ZONING CLASSIFICATION COMES IN. AND SO IF THAT WERE TO BE CHANGED OR AMENDED, PERHAPS THE HALF-MILE RULE WOULD HAVE BEEN EFFECT AROUND ZONING. THESE ARE ALL HYPOTHETICALS. IF THE STATE LAW ALLOWS THAT, DOESN'T ALLOW IT, THESE ARE THINGS WE HAVE TO WATCH.

>> IT'S HARD.

IN MY DISCUSSION WITH NEIGHBORS, IT IS HARD TO COME TO THESE DECISIONS BECAUSE SO MUCH IS IN LIMBO AT THE STATE HOUSE.

>> COUNCILOR, IN RESPONSE TO YOUR YES, THAT QUESTION IS ASKED A LOT.

WE DON'T KNOW WHERE THIS IS GOING, AND THAT'S OK FOR THE PROGRAM.

IT SHOULD BE EVOLVING AS WE GO DOWN THE ROAD.

ONE OF THE THINGS I SAY TO PEOPLE, I AM DOING THIS FOR MEDICAL.

I WILL FOREVER SELL MEDICAL MARIJUANA AT 331 DEGREES STREET. I WILL BE BOUND BY THE MEDICAL REQUIREMENTS OF MARIJUANA.

NOW THERE MAY BE REASONS WHY THE STATE OR CITY WANTS ME, I MAY ALSO CHOOSE TO BE RECREATIONAL, BUT I WILL STILL BE BOUND BY THE PARAMETERS.

USUALLY WHEN PEOPLE SAY NO RECREATIONAL THEY DON'T WANT IN LINES OUTSIDE I CAN'T HAVE THAT AS MEDICAL, WHAT SOME PEOPLE FEAR.

IT IS SOMETHING WE CAN ABSOLUTELY COMMIT TO, NOT KNOWING HOW THINGS WILL TAKE SHAPE IN THE FUTURE.

THAT SHOULD GIVE YOU PIECE OF MIND WE WILL BE BOUND BY TIGHT RESTRICTIONS FOR MEDICAL AS LONG AS WE ARE IN EXISTENCE.

>> AND MY COLLEAGUES ALSO HAVE QUESTION.

AS FAR AS YOU HAVE A GREAT GRAPHIC OF THE SURROUNDING AREA, AND WHERE YOU USED TO REGULARLY GATHER.

SOME OF MY NEIGHBORS ASKED ABOUT
A PROGRAM AT THE BOSTON

ARCHITECTICAL COLLEGE THAT IS
WITHIN THE RADIUS OF YOUR ROW

-- LOCATION.

DO YOU KNOW ANYTHING ABOUT THE
SUMMER ENRICHMENT PROGRAM THEY
RUN?

DOES IT FALL UNDER THE
PROHIBITION?

HAVE YOU LOOKED INTO THAT AT
ALL?

>> YEAH, WE ARE AWARE OF THAT
PROGRAM.

I WILL PREFACE SAYING WE
ORIGINALLY HAD A SITE ON
MASSACHUSETTS AVENUE THAT WAS
WITHIN 500 FEET OF A PLACE WE
FELT WAS SUBSTANTIALLY MORE A
PLACE WHERE CHILDREN COMMONLY
GATHER.

EVEN THAT WAS SOMEWHAT OF A JUMP
BALL.

THESE THINGS ARE NOT BLACK AND
WHITE.

THE EXTENT OF THE PROGRAM,
REGULARNESS OF THE PROGRAM,
CONSISTENCY OF THE PROGRAM,
ADVERTISING OF THE PROGRAM, ALL
OF THOSE THINGS CONTRIBUTE.

NOW THIS HAS BEEN OUT FOR A FEW
YEARS, THERE'S A LITTLE BIT OF
CASE LAW ON IT, A LITTLE BIT.

SO WE HAVE A BETTER
UNDERSTANDING OF WHAT THAT
MEANS.

IT WAS RELATIVELY VAGUE
LANGUAGE.

WE MADE THE DECISION TO MOVE
FROM MASS AVE TO THIS OTHER SITE
KNOWING WHAT IS AROUND US,
INCLUDING THE PROGRAM YOU
REFERENCED.

WE DO NOT BELIEVE THAT PROGRAM
RISES TO THE LEVEL OF THE
LANGUAGE IN THE STATUE.

>> AND DPH MAKES THAT
DETERMINATION DURING THEIR NEXT
STEP OF THE PROCESS?

>> BOTH THE STATE AND THE CITY
THROUGH THE BOSTON PUBLIC HEALTH

COMMISSION, THE DPH WILL DETERMINE THAT.

IN THE EVENT, WE WOULD JUST PROPOSE AND THE REGULATIONS ALLOW FOR AMENDING OUR LICENSE SO NOT TO OPEN DURING THE BRIEF PERIOD THAT THAT PARTICULAR PROGRAM IS IN PLAY.

>> THANK YOU.

>> YEP.

>> THANK YOU COUNCILOR ZAKIM.

VICE-CHAIRMAN FLAHERTY.

>> CONFIRMING THIS LOCATION IS A HALF MILE FROM THE NEXT CLOSEST MEDICINAL FACILITY?

>> YES, IT IS.

>> THE CULTIVATION FACILITY, IS THAT CURRENTLY UP AND RUNNING?

>> NOT YET.

WE HAVE A SITE AND LOCATION, BUT NOT HAVE BEGUN CONSTRUCTION.

>> AND THAT POTENTIAL OPENING DAY OF AUGUST 2018 IF THE CULTIVATION FACILITY IS NOT RUNNING OR PRODUCT IS NOT AVAILABLE, WHAT HAPPENS THEN?

>> WE WILL NOT BE ABLE TO OPEN.

THERE IS A PROVISION IN THE LEGISLATION THAT ALLOWS FOR UP TO 30% TO BE PURCHASED FROM ANOTHER CULTIVATION SITE FOR CERTAIN CIRCUMSTANCES, AND FOR EMERGENCY CIRCUMSTANCES.

PROVIDES THAT HE CAN DEMONSTRATE THE LEVEL OF THE STATUTE, BUT MORE THAN LIKELY WE WOULD NOT OPEN UNTIL OUR OWN PRODUCT IS READY.

>> IS THE CULTIVATION FACILITY NOT UP AND RUNNING BECAUSE YOU'RE STILL WAITING FOR COUNCIL APPROVAL?

>> THAT IS CORRECT.

IN ORDER TO PROCEED TO THE NEXT STEP WE NEED BOTH THE CULTIVATION AND DISPENSECY.

WE CAN HAVE AT LEAST ONE BUT YOU NEED UP TO THREE TO MOVE TO THE NEXT LEVEL BEFORE WE CAN BUILT THE CULTIVATION CENTER AND BE APPROVED BY DPH TO DO SO.

>> IS THE CULTIVATION SERVING OTHERS OR --

>> IT MAY SERVE OTHERS IT JEFF

CHOOSES TO DO SO.
UP TILL NOW JEFF IS FOCUSED ON A
SINGLE DISPENSARY AND NOW THIS
IS HIS SINGLE FOCUS.
>> THANK YOU.
>> THANK YOU COUNCILOR FLAHERTY.
COUNCILOR CIOMMO.
>> THANKS.
FIRST, I REALLY APPRECIATE THE
APOLOGY AND ACCEPT IT.
WE HAD A ROUGH GO, WITHOUT
QUESTION.
>> YEAH, WE DID.
>> BUT WE'RE HERE NOW.
IT'S IN MY COLLEAGUE'S DISTRICT
AND, YOU KNOW, I AM ANXIOUS TO
HEAR FROM SOME OF YOUR RESIDENTS
AND SOME OF THE OTHER FOLKS THAT
ARE HERE TODAY.
BUT I HAVE NO QUESTIONS, BECAUSE
MY COLLEAGUES ASKED AND THEY
WERE ANSWERED, SO THANK YOU.
>> THANK YOU COUNCILOR CIOMMO.
COUNCILOR LAMATTINA.
>> THANK YOU, MR. CHAIRMAN.
FIRST YOU HAVE A NICE GROUP
WORKING FOR YOU, SO IT IS GREAT
TO SEE THAT.
WE JUST APPROVED ONE IN EAST
BOSTON, SOMETHING THAT IN EAST
BOSTON VOTED TO SUPPORT IT
OVERWHELMINGLY IN RESPONSE TO
MEDICAL MARIJUANA.
AND SOMETHING WE LEARNED,
SOMETIMES WHEN YOU GO THROUGH
NEIGHBORHOOD GROUPS --
>> YOU BETTER GET THAT.
>> I AM SORRY.
SOMETIMES THE NEIGHBORHOOD
GROUPS OPPOSE IT, AND THAT'S
WHAT HAPPENED IN EAST BOSTON.
AND THEY OPPOSED THE ONE&ON THE
HIGHWAY AND IT PASSED.
I HOPE IT IS THE RIGHT THING IN
REGARDS TO IT WENT THROUGH
COLORADO, THE MEDICAL AND
RECREATIONAL AT THE SAME SITE SO
YOU DON'T HAVE DIFFERENT SITES
IN ONE NEIGHBORHOOD.
AND I AM ALSO CONCERNED ABOUT
YOUR ONE DAY OF SUPPLY.
HOW IS THAT GOING TO HELP YOU IN
THE WINTER TIME IF THERE IS A
SNOWSTORM.

THE PATIENTS MIGHT NEED IT.
>> DO YOU WANT THAT FRANK?
>> CAN YOU GROW MORE THAN
ONE-DAY SUPPLY?
>> IT IS MY UNDERSTANDING FROM
DAN LINSKI THAT WE WILL HAVE AN
ARMED SECURITY SERVICE THAT WILL
BE ABLE TO TRANSPORT FROM THE
PITTSBURGH AREA.
YEAH.
THAT'S THE BEST I CAN TELL YOU
AT THIS POINT.
>> MY CONCERN IS IF THERE IS A
SNOWSTORM.
WILL YOU FILL IN THE DETAILS ON
THAT.
>> THE OPERATING PRINCIPLE IS TO
GO WITH ONE DAY.
SIMPLY BECAUSE WHEN MARIJUANA IS
DELIVERED TO THE DISPENSARY,
THIS IS NOT A TRUCK PACKING UP
THIS IS A VERY SMALL, LIGHT
IMPACT IN TERMS OF AUTOMOBILE
AND ACCESS, SO THE IMPACT IS
VERY SMALL, NUMBER ONE.
NUMBER TWO, WE HAVE AN EXISTING
PARKING SPACE IN THE BACK OF OUR
BUILDING, AND WE DON'T WANT TO
GET TOO FAR INTO THE DETAILS OF
HOW WE'RE GOING TO BRING THAT
IN, BUT WE ARE HAPPY TO IN A
SESSION IF YOU WOULD LIKE US TO.
OUR PLAN WOULD BE TO DO ONCE PER
DAY JUST SO THAT WE DON'T HAVE
AN ATTRACTIVE NUANCE IN OUR
ORGANIZATION FOR SOMEONE TO COME
ALONG AND SEE A TARGET, AN
OPPORTUNITY.
OF COURSE WE WILL HAVE THE
ABILITY TO FORECAST A COUPLE FEW
DAYS.
IT'S NOT A SIZE ISSUE, MORE OF A
SECURITY ISSUE.
>> YEAH.
WE SAW THE RECENT ONE, I HAD NO
IDEA THAT WAS THE LOCATION.
HOPEFULLY THE SAME THING WILL
HAPPEN OVER HERE.
BUT TO ME IT LOOKS LIKE THEY
HAVE A GOOD PROPOSAL.
BUT AGAIN, I WILL WAIT TO HEAR
FROM MY DISTRICT CITY COUNCILOR
DISTRICT.
>> THANK YOU, COUNCILOR

LAMATTINA.

I SHOULD HAVE RECOGNIZED
COUNCILOR TIMOTHY MCCARTHY.

>> HE RECOGNIZED HIMSELF.

>> AND ALL OF OUR ATTENTION TO
HIM JUST A MINUTE AGO, COUNCILOR
BAKER YOU HAVE THE FLOOR.

>> THANK YOU, MR. CHAIR.

GOOD AFTERNOON AND THANKS FOR
BRINGING FRANK PETERSON WITH
YOU, WE DON'T GET TO SEE HIM
VERY MUCH.

MIKE, YOU HAD SAID THAT THE COST
AND THROUGH THE DATA AND WHAT
YOU ARE SEEING COMING IN, THE
COST IS EXCITING THE BLACK
MARKET NOW?

>> THAT'S CORRECT.

>> IS IT LIKE DOUBLE THE BLACK
MARKET?

IDEALLY I THINK THE END GAME
HERE IS TO ELIMINATE THE BLACK
MARKET.

>> YOU ARE RIGHT, IT IS TO BE
COMPETITIVE WITH THE BLACK
MARKET SO YOU ARE ELIMINATING
THAT WITH THIS INDUSTRY.

>> SO YOU FAR OUT OF LINE IS THE
PRICING?

>> I COULDN'T STATE BECAUSE THE
LAW DOES NOT ALLOW YOU TO
ADVERTISE THE PRICE OF MEDICAL
MARIJUANA, SO IT IS DIFFICULT TO
KNOW EXACTLY UNLESS YOU ARE A
PATIENT AT THE SITES.

I WOULD SAY THE MORE
DISPENSARIES COMING ONLINE SHALL
AS SUPPLY AND DEMAND WILL HAVE,
THE LOWER THE PRICE WILL COME.

>> OK THANK YOU.

JEFF, YOU'RE GOAL IN PITTSBURGH,
TALK ABOUT THE GOAL OF IT.
WHAT IS THE SQUARE FOOTAGE OF
YOUR ACTUAL GROW OPERATION.

>> SURE.

STARTING A BUILDING ALMOST
60,000 SQUARE FEET, UTILIZING
HALF OF IT TO START.
ROUGHLY 30 AND 30 IN CHANGE AND
WE'RE DOING WHAT IS CALLED
CONTROLLED ENVIRONMENT
AGRICULTURE.

SO WE'LL BE GOING AND YOU
ACTUALLY HAVE A FLOOR PLAN IN

YOUR PACKETS, AND EACH ROOM WILL BE GROWING A PARTICULAR AMOUNT. THE VEGETATIVE ROOMS, THEY WILL STACK THEM AND GO OUT TO THE FLOWER.

THAT WAY IF WE HAVE AN INFESTATION PROBLEM, IT IS MUCH, MUCH LOWER IN THE POPULATION. EVERYTHING IS INSIDE, NO CONTAMINATES.

IF I HAVE A PROBLEM IT IS ONLY 15 TO 17 ROOMS WITH A PROBLEM. AND TALKING ABOUT SUPPLY, WOULDN'T HAVE THE ISSUE. AND GOING THROUGH THE PROCESSING AND CURING STAGE AND THEN SHIPPED OUT OR UTILIZED.

>> AND YOU'RE IN HALF OF THE 60,000 SQUARE FEET.

DO YOU OWN THE BUILDING?

>> WE WILL ULTIMATELY OWN THE BUILDING AND EXPECT WE WILL GROW INTO THE OTHER HALF.

RIGHT NOW THERE IS AN XIFTH OPERATOR FROM THE PERSON WHO OWNED THE BUILDING AND THEY ARE KIND OF PHASING OUT OF THEIR BUSINESSES.

WE WILL GROW INTO IT AS THE NEEDS GROW.

>> WHAT IS THE BUILD-OUT?

A COUPLE MILLION?

>> IT IS UP THERE.

>> FOR NEIGHBORHOODS AND PEOPLE COMING IN, I THINK IT IS IMPORTANT YOU OWN THE BUILDING THAT YOU'RE DOING THE GROW IN.

>> AND AGAIN, WE HAVE WHAT IS CALLED A LEASE PURCHASE AGREEMENT.

LEASE FOR THREE YEARS AND THEN OWNED.

>> YOU'RE A USER, AND HELPING YOU WITH YOUR M.S.?

>> ENORMOUSLY.

IT'S HARD TO SAY IT IS THE MARIJUANA GIVEN ME WHAT IS DETERMINED THE IT.

BUT I HAVE CONTINUED IT.

>> A TABLET?

>> IT IS AN INJECTION.

M.S., AN INJECTION.

BUT THE MARIJUANA, SINCE THE ERUPTIONS AGAIN THAT HAS BEEN

COMPLETELY SILENT.
>> YOUR M.S. INJECTION, THAT'S NOT YOUR THC.
>> CORRECT.
I SMOKE.
AND OF COURSE HAVING DONE THAT TO AID MYSELF IN SLEEP.
I HAD SLEEPING ISSUES.
AND FOUND OUT WOW, IT'S BEEN A REALLY LONG TIME SINCE I HAVE BEEN WELL.
MAYBE IT IS THE MEDICINE.
>> DID YOU COME TO THAT ON YOUR OWN?
>> I STARTED TALKING TO MY DOCTOR, AND HE WAS LIKE OH, MY GOD.
AND THE M.S. FOUNDATION.
AND THIS STARTED QUITE A WHILE BACK.
AND THE FOUNDATION IS ALL ON BOARD WITH IT.
>> ARE THE AILMENTS, THE CONFLICTS IN THE BODY.
>> EPILEPSY, PTSD, YOUR BODY IS ATTACKING ITSELF.
M.S., MY BODY IS ATTACKING MYSELF.
MARIJUANA DOES SOMETHING WE DON'T UNDERSTAND.
>> WITH THE SEIZURES THEY WANT THE -- IS THAT A SIMILAR SITUATION WITH M.S.?
>> IT'S JUST A BLEND.
AGAIN, WE DON'T KNOW, AND IT'S FUNNY, I ALWAYS TALK ABOUT THE RED WINE, THEY TRY TO IDENTIFY THE PILL THAT IS RED WINE.
IT DOESN'T DO ANYTHING FOR THE HEALTH.
AND YOU DRINK ONE GLASS OF RED WINE AND IT IS HARD TO UNDERSTAND.
WE TRY TO WESTERNIZE NON-WESTERN MEDICINE.
>> AND WHEN ASKED HOW LONG WERE YOU HERE IS THAT A TOUGH QUESTION?
TOO MUCH?
>> THANK YOU.
[LAUGHTER]
>> THANK YOU COUNCILOR BAKER.
COUNCILOR MCCARTHY.
>> THANK YOU VERY MUCH, CHAIR.

I AM SORRY, I HAD SAL'S RING
TONE AND WANTED TO SEE HOW IT
SOUNDED.

AND YOU SURROUNDED YOURSELF AND
I HEARD MIKE'S VOICE GOING OVER
THE SPEAKER AND I HAD TO COME
OVER.

I HAVE NO FIGHT IN THE GAME, I
AM A DISTRICT FIVE CITY
COUNCILOR BUT I KNOW THAT
DISTRICT FIVE IS A PRIME TARGET
FOR ONE OF THE FACILITIES, SO I
AM TRYING TO LEARN AS MUCH AS WE
CAN ABOUT IT.

WE HAD A CANDID CONVERSATION.

I AM NOT A BIG FAN, BUT
SOMETIMES YOU WIN SOME,
SOMETIMES YOU LOSE SOME.

I WANT TO MAKE SURE THAT WE DO
WHATEVER IS BEST FOR EVERYBODY
IS THE INDUSTRY AND WE SPENT
SOME TIME IN DENVER AND I
LEARNED A LOT ABOUT MEDICAL
MARIJUANA AND CERTAINLY ABOUT
THE INDUSTRY ITSELF.

THE GOODS AND BADS AND
INDIFFERENTS.

AND I THINK THEY ARE DOING A
DECENT JOB IN BOSTON.

MOST OF THE PEOPLE IN DENVER
CONTINUE TO SAY ONCE THE
TOOTHPASTE IS OUT OF THE TUBE
YOU CAN'T GET IT BACK IN.

AND I THINK WE'RE TRYING TO BE
AS RESTRICTIVE AS TO BELIEVE.
NOT A NEGATIVE OF YOU AND YOUR
TEAM BUT THIS IS HOW IT GETS OUT
OF HAND QUICKLY.

AND YOU HAD SOME PEOPLE IN
DISTRICT FIVE AND I AM HERE TO
LISTEN AND LEARN.

AND I APPRECIATE YOU BEING HERE.
AND YOU SURROUND YOURSELF WITH
REALLY GOOD PEOPLE WHO I TRUST,
THAT'S A BONUS.

>> IT'S ABOUT THE TEAM.

>> THANKS, MR. CHAIR.

>> THANK YOU COUNCILOR.

A COUPLE OF QUESTIONS.

ONE IS WHEN WE TALKED ABOUT
SUPPLY AND DEMAND AND THAT SORT
OF STUFF, SO HOW MANY
DISPENSARIES ARE OPERATING NOW
IN THE CITY OF BOSTON?

>> I THINK JUST ONE AT THIS POINT, MR. CHAIR. ONE IN YOUR DISTRICT, AND I BELIEVE THERE IS ABOUT THREE CUING UP. THERE ARE SOME VERY CLOSE TO NEWS NEWTON AND BURKELINE. AND THAT HAD SOME EXPERIENCE AND I HAD IN OTHER PARTS. WATERTOWN, SOME PENDING. AT THIS POINT I THINK ONLY ONE OPEN.

>> AND IT SEEMS LIKE TWO-YEAR EXERCISE JUST TO GET A PLACE OPEN?

>> CORRECT.

>> AND ON APPROVAL OR NONOPPOSITION, WHY DON'T YOU TELL ME A LITTLE BIT ABOUT THE EXISTING OPERATION. HOW ARE THEY DOING, YOU KNOW, FINANCIALLY HOW'S THAT WORKING OUT?

>> I WAS DIRECTLY INVOLVED IN THE PERMITTING OF THE 21 MILK STREET DISPENSARY. I HAVE NOT BEEN THERE SINCE IT OPENED, NOT FOR ANY PARTICULAR REASON, I JUST HAVEN'T BEEN THERE.

I AM IN TOUCH WITH THE PRINCIPLES OF THE COMPANY AND IT SEEMS TO BE WORKING. THE THING THAT I HEAR OVER AND OVER AND OVER IS THAT EVERYONE WALKS BY IT. THEY DIDN'T REALLY REALIZE IT WAS THERE. AND INTERESTINGLY, I WAS GRABBED BY SOMEONE WHO WAS VERY AGAINST

IT, RENO WHO ATTENDS THE REGULAR MEETINGS OF THE COMMUNITY, AND HE VOLUNTARILY GRABBED ME AND SAID I WANT TO LET YOU KNOW SOMETHING, AT THE MEETING THIS MONTH THE POLICE REPORT WAS VERY POSITIVE AND ACTUALLY SINGLED OUT THE DISPENSARY, SAYING THEY HAD ABSOLUTELY NO ISSUES WHATSOEVER AT THAT LOCATION. AND I WAS VERY PLEASED THAT SOMEONE WHO HAD OPPOSED THIS PROPOSAL HAD GONE OUT OF HIS WAY

TO WALK ACROSS THE ROOM AND TELL ME THAT.

AND IT WAS ALSO DURING THE LAST FEW WEEKS, MONTHS, I RECEIVED A PHONE CALL FROM ONE OF YOUR COLLEAGUES, AND I HONESTLY CANNOT REMEMBER WHICH COLLEAGUE, ASKING -- THEY HAPPENED TO BE THERE WITH ONE OR TWO OF THEIR COLLEAGUES.

IS IT POSSIBLE TO GET IN? THIS IS ONE OF THE BENEFITS OF HAVING A LOCAL APPLICANT.

BOB, WHO IS IT FROM HERE, WAS OBVIOUSLY AT HIS CELL PHONE, ANSWERED IMMEDIATELY, AND WAS ABLE TO OPEN THE DOOR IMMEDIATELY.

BECAUSE YOU CANNOT GO IN THERE UNLESS YOU -- NO NON-PATIENT CAN GO IN THERE A SITE VISIT ALLOWABLE, BUT IT HAS TO BE SANCTIONED AND HANDLED CORRECTLY AND WE ARE ABLE TO FACILITATE THAT RELATIVELY QUICKLY.

SO THEY WERE ABLE TO WALK IN, LOOK AT THE FACILITY QUICKLY, GET A SENSE FOR WHAT'S HAPPENING IN THERE.

AND THEN I HEARD FROM THAT THAT IT WAS GOOD.

IF TERMS OF NUMBERS AND THINGS, I DON'T HAVE ANY NUMBERS FOR YOU. I HOPE THEY'RE DOING WELL AND IT IS AS SUCCESSFUL, BECAUSE THEY SPENT A LOT OF TIME, A LOT OF MONEY TRYING TO GET THERE. AND NOW THEY'RE OPEN AND I'M GLAD TO SEE IT.

YOU KNOW, THAT'S WHAT I'VE BEEN FINDING IN THIS INDUSTRY, THIS IS A VERY SERIOUS EXERCISE AND REQUIRES PEOPLE WHO NOT ONLY HAVE THE FUNDS, BUT THE LONG GAME, THE PATIENCE AND ABILITY TO DO THIS AND TO DO IT RESPONSIBLY.

AND TO ENGENDER THE CREDIBILITY OF THE COMMUNITY IN WHICH THEY ARE SEEKING TO OPEN.

AND I THINK THAT'S ONE OF THE REASONS WE SPENT A GOOD, LONG TIME WORKING ON IT PARTICULAR TEAM WITH JEFF AND MAKING SURE

WE HIRED THE BEST PEOPLE FOR IT.
>> IF I MAY, I HAPPENED TO VISIT
ONE OF THE FACILITIES, AND SPOKE
WITH STAFF UNLESS THE BROOKLINE
POLICE AND THEY WERE ALL
PLEASED.

AS A MATTER OF FACT I TRIED
USING A BADGE THAT I HAD TO TRY
TO GET INTO THE THAT FACILITY,
BUT AS MIKE SAID THEY ARE NOT
LETTING ANYBODY IN UNLESS YOU
HAVE THE I.D. AND THE PROCEDURES
THEY FOLLOW ARE SECURE.

THE POLICE DEPARTMENT IS MORE
THAN HAPPY.

AS A MATTER OF FACT, IT WAS AN
OPPORTUNITY TO INTERACT WITH THE
CCTV THAT INTERACTS TO BE ABLE
TO APPREHEND SOMEONE WHO HAD
GONE BY.

THEY IDENTIFIED HIM THAT WAY.
THERE IS THE COOPERATION WITH
THE POLICE DEPARTMENT AND THE
DISPENSARIES.

>> THANK YOU FOR THAT.

DO YOU HAVE ANYTHING TO ADD?

>> YES, SIR, THANK YOU FOR
HAVING US HERE, WE VERY MUCH
APPRECIATE IT.

>> OK WELL THANK YOU FOR THE
PRESENTATION.

AT THIS TIME I'D LIKE TO ALLOW
FOLKS FOR PUBLIC TESTIMONY.
YOU ARE WELCOME TO STAY IF YOU'D
LIKE, AND YOU'RE WELCOME TO
LEAVE IF YOU'D LIKE.

THE FIRST PERSON UP IS MARVIN
ROLL.

AND THEN NICOLE SNOW.

GARY WALKER.

AND THEN ELLIOTT LARK.

MR. ROLL.

>> GOOD AFTERNOON, THANK YOU
ALL.

I'D LIKE TO PREFACE MY REMARKS
BY SAYING MY COMMENTS WERE
OBVIOUSLY WRITTEN BEFORE ANY OF
THE INFORMATION THAT YOU ALL
DISCUSSED TODAY WAS TALKED
ABOUT.

AND, OF COURSE, WE HAVE NOT YET
SEEN THE PRESENTATION THAT YOU
BROUGHT.

SO IT OUGHT TO BE LOOKED AT IN

THAT LIGHT.

MY NAME IS MARVIN ROLL.

I AM A 17-YEAR RESIDENT OF THE
BACK BAY.

I AM ALSO A PHYSICIAN AND I
PRACTICED INTERNAL MEDICINE FOR
25 YEARS.

ALSO FOR 14 YEARS I WAS THE
MEDICAL DISTRICTOR FOR TWO
DIFFERENT NOT-FOR-PROFIT HMOS IN
MASSACHUSETTS.

MY RESPONSIBILITIES INCLUDED
MANAGEMENT OF NOT ONLY
OUTPATIENT AND IN-PATIENT
SERVICES BUT ALSO FOR SCRIPT AND
DRUGS.

NOW RECREDIBLY I COME AT THIS
MOMENT TO OPPOSE THIS
APPLICATION, BECAUSE THE
EVIDENCE AVAILABLE TO ME TODAY,
PRIOR TO ANY NEW INFORMATION,
AND I SUSPECT TO MANY OTHERS WHO
HAVEN'T HEARD THIS BEFORE, IS
SIMPLY NOT SUFFICIENT AT THIS
POINT TO SUPPORT YOUR
APPLICATION.

IN FACT, IT'S QUITE THE
OPPOSITE.

FIRST, I'D LIKE TO MAKE A COUPLE
OF DISCLOSURES.

I HAVE LIVED IN ONE OF THE FOUR
APARTMENT BUILDINGS THAT ARE
BOTH APPLICANT PRINCIPLES LIVE,
BUT I DO NOT KNOW THEM.

SECONDLY, I HAVE NO AFFILIATION
WITH ANY OTHER REGISTERED
MARIJUANA DISPENSARY.

COUNCILORS, YOU ARE FAMILIAR
WITH COMPASSION ORGANICS, 10
MONTHS AGO YOU REJECTED ONE IN
ALLSTON.

AND NEITHER HAD EXPERIENCE IN
THE INDUSTRY, AND FURTHER THE
MASS DEPARTMENT OF PUBLIC HEALTH
HAS A SCORING SYSTEM FOR
APPLICANTS BY WHICH YOUR
APPLICATIONS WERE JUST ABOVE
50%.

ONLY 85 OUT OF 163.

NOW DURING YOUR ALLSTON
APPLICATION PROCESS NEARLY TWO
DOZEN DOCUMENTS WERE POSTED ON
THE WEBSITE.

>> MARVIN, CAN YOU DO ME A FAVOR

AND ADDRESS US, THE CITY COUNCIL.
THIS IS NOT A GIVE-AND-TAKE WITH THE PROPONENT.
I APPRECIATE THAT.
>> DURING THE PROCESS, NEARLY TWO DOZEN DOCUMENTS WERE POSTED ON THE WEBSITE RANGING FROM THE ORIGINAL APPLICATION OF INTENT IN JUNE 2015 TO THE LAST ONE IN JUNE OF LAST YEAR.
SINCE THEN, ONLY A SINGLE ADDITIONAL DOCUMENT, DATED JUNE 1 THIS YEAR, WAS POSTED.
IT WAS AN APPLICATION OF INTENT AND THE ONLY 2017 CHANGES WERE AN INCREASE IN THE CAPITAL AND A CHANGE EFFECT.
NOW YOU ALL KNOW THAT THERE ARE THREE CRITICAL ELEMENTS WHERE LICENSING A SPECIFIC RMD AT A SPECIFIC SITE.
ONE IS THE ZONING OF THE SITE. WHICH THE ZBA IS ULTIMATELY RESPONSIBLE.
AND OTHER IS THE SPENT AND SOURCES OF THE APPLICANT'S FINANCING WHICH THE DPA DECIDES.
LAST, BUT HARDLY LEAST, IS THE EXPERIENCE AND QUALIFICATIONS OF THE OPERATOR.
LAST AUGUST, YOUR COUNCIL CONSIDERED THIS VERY CAREFULLY AND BY A UNANIMOUS VOTE FOUND THEM LACKING.
AND SINCE THEN NOT A SINGLE PUBLIC DOCUMENT UP UNTIL THIS MORNING SIGNALLED THAT ANYTHING IS DIFFERENT NOW THAN IT WAS.
NOW I'M SURE THAT THE APPLICANTS HAVE BEEN AT WORK IN THIS TIME.
NOW YOU ALL ON THE COUNCIL KNOW HOW IMPORTANT IT IS TO GET THIS RIGHT.
RMD SERVES SOME OF OUR MOST VULNERABLE NEIGHBORS.
NOW, WHAT I WOULD LIKE TO SUGGEST, ONLY SIX COUNCILORS ARE PRESENT TODAY.
THERE'S A LOT OF MATERIAL TO DIGEST, AND I HOPE THAT RATHER THAN GOING AHEAD WITH YOUR VOTE TOMORROW, YOU WOULD ALLOW SOME OF THE REST OF THIS TO PLAY OUT,

NAMELY THE CONTACT OF THE
APPLICANT, THE NEIGHBORHOODS IN
THE BUSINESS COMMUNITY, SO THAT
WE CAN BETTER UNDERSTAND.

THANK YOU.

>> THANK YOU FOR YOUR TESTIMONY.
NICOLE SNOW.

>> HELLO, GOOD AFTERNOON.
I AM NICOLE SNOW RESIDING AT 190
BRIDGE STREET IN SALEM,
MASSACHUSETTS.

I AM THE DIRECTOR OF THE
MASSACHUSETTS PATIENT ADVOCACY
ALLIANCE.

THAT ORGANIZATION STANDS FOR
PATIENTS THAT STAND TO SERVE
FROM THE MEDICAL MARIJUANA
PROGRAM IN MASSACHUSETTS.

I THANK YOU ALL FOR HAVING ME
AND IT'S GOOD TO SEE YOU ALL
GOOD.

I AM HAPPY TO SEE THE
COMPASSIONATE ORGANICS TEAM
REFRESHED AND READY TO ACHIEVE
STANDARDS MASSACHUSETTS EXPECTS.
I ALSO WANT TO SAY THAT I AM A
REGISTERED PATIENT, AND I SUFFER
FROM A DEBILITATING CONDITION, A
PAINFUL CONDITION IN MY NECK
RESULTING FROM CHRONIC
LONG-STANDING WHIPLASH AND
MULTIPLE CAR ACCIDENTS.

SO WHILE I MIGHT NOT HAVE A
TERMINAL CONDITION, I DO SUFFER
FROM DAILY DEBILITATING PAIN.
AND I AM A PROFESSIONAL WOMAN,
AND I FREQUENT BOSTON A LOT.
AND WHILE I'M ENCOURAGING THE
COUNCIL FOR THE MEDICAL
MARIJUANA PROGRAM IN THE CITY OF
BOSTON, I REALIZED THAT I WAS
ABLE TO CONDUCT BUSINESS AND POP
INTO 21 MILK STREET AND PICK UP
SOME MEDICINE FOR THE WEEK.
WHICH WAS UNDER \$25.

AND AT THAT HOME, I REALIZED WOW
I CAN DO ALL OF THESE THINGS, MY
WORK, VISIT SOMEBODY'S OFFICE,
AND THEN NOT SPEND A LOT OF MY
TIME GOING OUT TO LOOK FOR
MEDICAL MARIJUANA.

AND ALL OF THE CITY'S
NEIGHBORHOODS ARE VERY DIFFERENT
AND WONDERFUL, AND THEY ALL

BRING DIFFERENT VISITORS AND
DIFFERENT WORKERS TO THEIR
LOCALITY.

AND NEWBERRY STREET IS NO
DIFFERENT.

AND I LOVE NEWBERRY STREET AND I
KNOW PEOPLE WHO LOVE TO GO AND
VISIT AND SHOP AND WORK AND GO
TO SCHOOL.

AND THIS IS JUST GOING TO BE ONE
OF THOSE BOUTIQUE FACILITIES
THAT YOU'RE ABLE TO POP INTO,
PROVIDED THAT THIS ORGANIZATION
CONTINUES TO LIVE UP TO THOSE
STANDARDS THAT WE EXPECT.

AND THE MASSACHUSETTS PATIENT
ALLIANCE IS NO DIFFERENT.

AND WE WANT TO SEE HIGH
STANDARDS OF SECURITY,
ENVIRONMENT, CUSTOMER SERVICE,
AND DIGNITY AND RESPECT WHEN
DEALING WITH THESE CONDITIONS.
BECAUSE, YOU KNOW, WHEN WE'RE
TALKING ABOUT IT ALL YEAR, WE'RE
NOT TALKING ABOUT THE SAME KIND
EVER CONSUMER.

WE'RE TALKING ABOUT SOMEONE WHO
IS EXASPERATED, EXHAUSTED, AND
NEEDS ATTENTION.

AND THEY WANT A LITTLE MORE
GUIDANCE THAN SOMEONE WHO IS
USING IT TO GET HIGH ON A FRIDAY
NIGHT.

>> HOW WAS YOUR EXPERIENCE AT 21
MILK STREET?

>> IT WAS GREAT.

IT WAS MY FIRST TIME VISITING.
YOU WALK IN WITH YOUR CARD AND
YOUR I.D., AND EVERYONE IS VERY
CORDIAL AND INVITING.

AND THEIR PSA, THE PATIENT -- IS
IT CALLED PCA, THAT'S RIGHT.
AND EVERYONE IS KNOWLEDGEABLE
ABOUT WHAT THEY HAVE AVAILABLE
THAT DAY.

ABOUT WHAT DISCOUNTS MIGHT BE
HAPPENING THAT DAY, AND WHAT
MIGHT BE HELP TO ABLE MY
CONDITION THAT IS AVAILABLE THAT
DAY.

>> SURE.

>> AND I WAS ACTUALLY REALLY
KIND OF SURPRISED BECAUSE I
DIDN'T KNOW WHAT TO EXPECT, SO I

BROUGHT, YOU KNOW, A HANDY
AMOUNT OF MONEY WITH ME AND I
WOULD UP SPENDING LESS THAN \$30
FOR SOMETHING THAT I NEED.
AND I THINK THAT, YOU KNOW,
BEING ABLE TO DO THAT WHILE I'M
WORKING DOWNTOWN AND NOT SPEND A
LOT OF TIME AFTER I LEAVE
BOSTON, WITH CONCERNED FOR
ANOTHER PLACE TO FIND MEDICINE,
I THOUGHT THAT WAS FANTASTIC.
I HOPE THAT THIS COMMITTEE WOULD
ALSO THINK THAT WAY, TOO.
AND THANK YOU VERY MUCH.
>> I THANK YOU FOR YOUR
TESTIMONY, I APPRECIATE IT.
GARY WALKER.

>> YES, MR. CHAIRMAN, MEMBERS OF
THE CITY COUNCIL.
I THINK MOST OF YOU KNOW ME BUT
I AM GARY WALKER REPRESENTING
THE LOCAL WORKERS 103.
AND PROBABLY ASKING WHY IS
SOMEONE FROM LOCAL 103 SO
INTERESTED IN MEDICAL MARIJUANA
FACILITIES.

WELL, WE PRIDE OURSELVES ON WHEN
ANY INDUSTRY COMES TO THIS CITY,
WHETHER IT IS SOLAR ENERGY,
PHARMACEUTICAL, GAMBLING, WHEN
IT COMES TO OUR AREA WE TRY TO
GET AHEAD OF IT AND MAKE SURE WE
CAN TRY TO SECURE THE JOBS FOR
OUR MEMBERSHIP.
WHETHER THEY ARE BUILDING A
BUILDING OR WHATEVER THEY ARE
BUILDING.

AND WE REACH OUT TO A VARIETY OF
THESE DIFFERENT ENTITIES THAT
COME INTO THE CITY AND OTHER
PARTS OF THE AREA, AND THEY WERE
VERY, VERY RECEPTIVE TO US.
THEY COMMITTED RIGHT OFF THE BAT
TO BUILDING THESE FACILITIES
WITH THE MEN AND WOMEN FROM THE
CITY OF BOSTON THAT WORK UNDER
THAT.

AND YOU KNOW WHAT THAT MEANS,
OBVIOUSLY THEY ARE GOING TO HAVE
GOOD PENSIONS, HEALTH BENEFITS,
THE WHOLE NINE YARDS.

I WILL BE VERY BRIEF, BUT THAT'S
IN A NUTSHELL WHY WE ARE HERE TO
SUPPORT THIS FACILITY, AND MAYBE

OTHERS IN THE COMMUNITY.
AND I APPRECIATE YOUR APPRAISAL.
>> CAN I ASK A QUESTION.
HAVE YOU BEEN INVOLVED IN ANY OF
THE GROWTH?
>> NOT YET.
WE ARE TALKING ABOUT THE
PITTSBURGH FACILITY.
NOW THE PITTSBURGH ISN'T IN OUR
AREA, THAT WOULD BE ANOTHER
JURISDICTION.
BUT WE ARE TALKING ABOUT IT AND
OBVIOUSLY SOMETHING WE ARE
INTERESTED IN.
OBVIOUSLY IT HAS LIGHTING.
BUT OBVIOUSLY HEAVY-DUTY
SECURITY SYSTEMS.
IT IS PRETTY INVOLVED FOR US.
OBVIOUSLY SOMETHING WE ARE
DEFINITELY LOOKING AT.
AND WE HAVE GOTTEN GOOD RESPONSE
TO SOME OF THOSE.
>> THANK YOU.
THANK YOU, MR. CHAIR.
>> SURE, THANK YOU.
>> THANK YOU FOR YOUR TESTIMONY.
>> MR. CHAIRMAN, MEMBERS OF THE
COMMITTEE, I DIDN'T EXPECT TO
TALK TODAY, WHICH IS WHY I DON'T
HAVE A TIE ON.
>> IT'S OK.
>> IT'S OK?
>> FRANK DOESN'T EITHER, SO.
>> HE'S ELECTED.
>> AND I JUST WANTED TO EXPLAIN
TO YOU WHERE THE NEIGHBORHOOD
ASSOCIATION IS IN THE PROCESS,
BECAUSE COUNCILOR S ARE HERE,
THEY WILL PROBABLY TELL YOUING
IS IT.
WE WILL TELL YOU THE PURPOSE OF
OUR MEETING THE WEEK AFTER NEXT
IS TO REALLY EVALUATE YOUR
PROPOSAL, WHICH WE HAVEN'T
STUDIED IN DETAIL, AND WITH
PEOPLE.
AND OUR COMMITTEE ABOUT THEN
MAKE A RECOMMENDATION TO OUR
EXECUTIVE COMMITTEE.
AS WE UNDERSTAND THE PROCESS,
THERE WAS A TIME CONSTRAINT THAT
SAID THAT COUNCIL NEEDED TO MOVE
OR THE APPLICATION WOULD EXPIRE.
AND THIS IS LARGELY CONFIRMING A

FACT THAT IF ZONING ALLOWS IT TO HAPPEN, THE COURT OF APPEALS ALLOWS IT TO HAPPEN AND WE EXPECT TO PRESENT OUR PHYSICIAN TO THE COURT OF APPEALS.

BUT WE DIDN'T WANT TO SAY WELL LET'S GET IN THE WAY RIGHT NOW WHEN THERE IS A TIME CONSTRAINT THAT APPEARS TO THEREBY AND SAY OK, WELL IT IS ALL OVER BECAUSE THE TIME CONSTRAINT IN THE WAY. AND WE THEN CAN'T ADVISE WHAT THE BOARD SUGGESTS BECAUSE WE HAVEN'T HAD THAT MEETING YET.
>> THANK YOU.

AND THANK YOU FOR YOUR SERVICE TO OUR CITY.

THERE ARE SO MANY YEARS IN THE GROUNDWATER TRUST AND ALL THE GOOD THINGS YOU DO.

>> AS WE GET OLDER AND OLDER AND OLDER, AND THANK YOU NOW THAT YOU ARE GOING TO BE JOINING US IN THE WORLD OF THE REST OF US NOT GETTING A PAYCHECK.

>> TAKE CARE, AND THANKS AGAIN. COUNCILORS HAVE ANY QUESTIONS?

>> NOT A QUESTION, JUST TO FOLLOW-UP ON ELLIOTT'S COMMENTS. SIMILAR TO MY UNDERSTANDING, IF COUNCIL WERE TO ACT FAVORABLY ON THIS IT IS MERELY NON-OPPOSITION OPPOSED TO AN ENDORSE MANY

-- ENDORSE MANY OR SUPPORT.

AND I WOULD FEEL TO RESERVE FINAL JUDGMENT WHETHER IT IS AN APPROPRIATE LOCATION AND OPERATOR, ALTHOUGH I THINK WE HEARD A LOT OF POSITIVE INFORMATION TODAY AND SEE THAT PLAN COME AS THE PROCESS CONTINUES.

AND RELYING ON THE DEPARTMENT OF PUBLIC HEALTH AND THE COMMUNITY PROCESS THROUGH THE ZONING BOARD OF APPEAL AND OTHERS TO CONTINUE THIS.

BUT I THINK IT IS IMPORTANT AND AS A NEIGHBOR I LIVE PROBABLY SEVEN, EIGHT BLOCKS AWAY. MAKING SURE AT FIRST BLUSH THIS IS NOT AN INAPPROPRIATE LOCATION, WHICH I THINK IS ALL WE ARE TALKING ABOUT TODAY, AND

RELYING ON THAT PROCESS, AND
RELYING ON PUBLIC HEALTH, AND
THE PUBLIC HEALTH COMMISSION IN
THE CITY TO LOOK AT THE FITNESS
AND ABILITY OF THE TEAM HERE.
AND THE ZONING BOARD OF APPEAL
WHICH HAS A ROBUST COMMUNITY
PROCESS TO MAKE SURE THAT BOTH
OUR BUSINESS AND RESIDENTIAL
NEIGHBORS ARE WELL HELPED.
OBVIOUSLY GIVEN TIME CONSTRAINTS
IT IS MOVING FASTER THAN IT
WOULD HAVE NORMALLY BEEN ABLE TO
ACT ON IT, BUT I THINK IF WE
WERE TO ACT FAVORABLY ON THIS AT
OUR UPCOMING MEETING, IT WOULD
CERTAINLY BE WITH THE
UNDERSTANDING THAT IT IS A
NON-OPPOSITION AND WE ARE
RESERVING JUDGMENT AND LOOKING
FORWARD TO THE COMMUNITY
PROCESS.

>> THANK YOU.

I WANT TO THANK YOU ALL FOR
COMING HERE AND PRESENTING.
I WOULD ADD THAT -- OH, I AM
SORRY.

JEREMIAH MCKINNON.

SOMEONE JUST SLID THAT UNDER MY
CHIN AND I DIDN'T PAY ATTENTION.
YOU'RE UP.

>> NO PROBLEM, THANK YOU VERY
MUCH.

THANK YOU, CHAIRMAN, AND THE
REST OF THE COUNCIL HERE H. I AM

JEREMIAH MCKINNON I RESIDE ON
CENTRAL STREET IN MASSACHUSETTS.
AND I PREVIOUS -- BRIEFLY WANT
TO SAY I AM A PATIENT WHO HELPS
AND WORKS WITH OTHER PATIENTS
GETTING THROUGH THE SYSTEM
FINDING THE APPROPRIATE
DISPENSARY.

A LOT OF PEOPLE ARE LOOKING FOR
SAFE ACCESS IN THEIR
NEIGHBORHOODS AND I ASK TO YOU
SUPPORT GRANDING A
NON-OPPOSITION LETTER TO AND I
THINK MOST PEOPLE ARE ABLE TO
FIND DISPENSARY WITH PUBLIC
TRANSPORTATION.

AND A COUPLE OF THINGS, THERE
ARE 11 DISPENSARIES OPEN, THE 11TH

OPENED IN GEORGETOWN IN MAY.
ABOUT THE PRICE OF MARIJUANA
GOING DOWN, AROUND 2014 WHEN THE
FIRST DISPENSARIES OPEN THE
AVERAGE PRICE ABOUT \$385 TO \$350
AN OUNCE.

AND NOW IN THIS YEAR, MULTIPLE
DISPENSARIES BROUGHT THE PRICES
DOWN IT CAN BE BROUGHT DOWN TO
325, 300, 292, 270, 250, ALL
SORTS OF DIFFERENT THINGS THAT
ARE GOING ON NOWADAYS, BRINGING
THE PRICES DOWN AS THE YOUNG
LADY MENTIONED.

AS THE NEW DISPENSARIES COME
OPEN THERE WILL BE MORE
COMPETITION AND THE PRICE
CONTINUES TO GO DOWN.

SO I ASK TO YOU SUPPORT THE
NON-OPPOSITION LETTER AND THANK
YOU FOR LETTING ME SPEAK TODAY.

>> DO YOU KNOW THE PRICE OF THE
BLACK MARKET PER OUNCE?

>> I WOULD SAY THEY ARE ALWAYS
TRYING TO UNDERCUT THE LEGAL
MARKET, SO I WOULD SAY GETTING
\$250 AN OUNCE IS GETTING VERY
CLOSE TO THE BLACK MARKET.

>> OK, THAT'S VERY HELPFUL.

>> NO PROBLEM.

>> THE POINT I WAS GOING TO MAKE
BEFORE JEREMIAH TESTIFIED WAS
ALSO THAT IN THE NEXT FEW WEEKS,
EITHER HAVING A HEARING FOR THE
SEVEN RE-APPOINTMENTS AND NEW
APPOINTMENTS OF THE ZBA, SO THEY
WILL BE HERE IN FRONT OF US AND
THE CITY COUNCIL PLAY AS
SIGNIFICANT ROLE EVEN AFTER THE
FACT THAT WE -- THAT WE MAY VOTE
ON NON-OPPOSITION AND I THOUGHT
THAT WAS KIND OF RELEVANT.

SO WITH ALL THAT GOOD NEWS, GOOD
LUCK AND THIS HEARING ONE ENDED,
THANK YOU.

>> THANK YOU.

>> THANK YOU.

[AT 3:44 P.M. ET THE HEARING WAS
CONCLUDED]