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>> GOOD AFTERNOON, EVERYONE.
WELCOME TO THE CITY OF BOSTON
HEARING ON DOCKET 1068, MEDICAL
MARIJUANA DISPENSARY IN WEST
ROXBURY SPONSORED BY COUNCILLOR
MATT O'MALLEY.
MY NAME IS MICHELLE WU.
I CHAIR THE COMMITTEE.
THIS IS BEING RECORDED IN
BROADCAST ON COMCAST CHANNEL 8
AND 82.
SILENCE YOUR CELL PHONES,
ET CETERA.
WE WILL HEAR FROM COUNCILLORS
WHO WISH TO GIVE AN OPENING
STATIONS.
WE'LL TAKE QUESTIONS AND OPEN
TESTIMONY.
IF YOU WISH TO TESTIFY, CHECK
THE BOX ON THE SIGN-IN SHEET.
I'LL HAND IT OVER TO THE SPONSOR
OF THIS AND MATT O'MALLEY.
>> THANK YOU, MADAM CHAIR.
THANK YOU, COUNCILLOR FLYNN FOR
JOINING US THIS AFTERNOON.
LOOK FORWARD TO OUR SPIRITED

DISCUSSION.
I WANTED TO GIVE MY THOUGHTS ON
HOW WE GOT HERE FOR THOSE AT
HOME.
IT WAS A BETTER THAN A YEAR AGO.
MANY CAME TO MY INTEREST AND
EXPRESSED OPENING A MEDICAL
MARIJUANA DISPENSARY.
I HAD TWO REQUESTS.
ONE THAT THEY CONDUCT AS
ROBUSTLY BUSINESS AS EVERY CIVIC
GROUP AFFECTED BY THIS PROPOSED
FACILITY AS WELL AS THE BOSTON
TRAILER PARK.
BOSTON'S ONLY TRAILER PARK IS
DIRECTLY ACROSS THE STREET FROM
THIS PROPOSED LOCATION.
THE SECOND ASK IS THIS
DISPENSARY BE A MEDICINAL
DISPENSARY ONLY.
AS MANY OF US KNOW, RECREATIONAL

MARIJUANA WILL BE LEGAL IN THE COMMONWEALTH AND IN ORDER FOR MY SUPPORT OF THIS, WE NEED TO MAKE SURE IT'S MEDICINAL ONLY.

IT'S BEEN USED ON TWO DISPENSARIES SO FAR, ONE ON NEWBERRY STREET AND ANOTHER ONE THAT WENT THROUGH THIS PROCESS BEFORE DBA AND BOTH AGREED TO BE -- THE LANGUAGE READS, PROVISIO IS LIMITED TO MEDICAL MARIJUANA USE ONLY.

THEY HAVE AGREED TO THAT PROVISIO AND CONDUCTED A VERY ROBUST COMMUNITY PROCESS, WHICH I KNOW THEY'LL GET INTO MORE SPECIFICS. AS A RESULT OF THAT PROCESS, WITH MEETINGS IN THE WEST ROXBURY NEIGHBORHOOD COUNCIL, THE CHARLES RIVER SPRING VALLEY ASSOCIATION AS WELL AS THE TRAILER PARK ASSOCIATION, ALL FOUR ENTITIES HAVE WRITTEN LETTERS OR OFFERED THEIR NONOPPOSITION TO THIS FACILITY AGAIN PROVIDED THAT IS MEDICAL ONLY.

SO WE'RE JOINED TODAY BY THE PRESIDENT AND CEO OF THE COMPASSION CENTER.

I KNOW I HAVE SOME QUESTIONS BUT WANTED TO OFFER YOU TWO AN OPPORTUNITY TO GET INTO SOME OPENING REMARKS.

>> THANKS FOR ALLOWING TO US PRESENT TODAY.

I'M RENA.

I'M THE PRESIDENT OF THE COMPASSION CENTER.

I'M EXCITED TO SHARE OUR PLAN TO BELIEVE ONE OF THE BEST MEDICAL MARIJUANA FACILITIES IN THE STATE.

OUR PROPOSED LOW CAKES IS 1524 VFW PARKWAY IN REST ROXBURY, AROUND THE CORNER OF THE VETERANS HOSPITAL.

I'D LIKE TO TAKE A FEW MINUTES TO GIVE YOU AN OVERVIEW.

WE'RE ONE OF THE FEW GROUPS IN THE INDUSTRY THAT IS A FEMALE LED ORGANIZATION.

WE'RE HERE TO ASK FOR A LETTER OF SUPPORT OR NONOPPOSITION TO

ALLOW US TO MOVE FORWARD WITH
THE DEPARTMENT OF PUBLIC HEALTH
AND THE ZONING BOARD TO BECOME
LICENSED.

WE HAVE RECEIVED A LETTER OF
SUPPORT FROM AND LETTERS OF
NONOPPOSITION FROM CHARLES RIVER
SPRING VALLEY ASSOCIATION AND
THE TRAILER PARK ASSOCIATION AS
COUNCILLOR O'MALLEY HAD SAID.

WE HAD A GREAT MEETING WITH THE
WEST ROXBURY MAIN STREET
DIRECTOR EVEN THOUGH THAT
LOCATION IS OUTSIDE THEIR
GEOGRAPHIC TERRITORY ON THE VFW
PARKWAY.

WE HAVE SPOKEN WITH THE VA
HOSPITAL THAT COULD NOT FORMALLY
SUPPORT US BECAUSE OF FEDERAL
LAWS, BUT THEY UNDERSTAND THIS
MEDICINE BEING AVAILABLE AND
WALKING DISTANCE WILL BE HELPFUL
TO OUR VETERANS.

EVERY GROUP WE HAVE ASKED DO NOT
OPPOSE US.

WE PROMOTE WELLNESS AND A WARM,
FRIENDLY PATIENT-FOCUSED
ENVIRONMENT.

QUALIFIED REGISTERED PATIENT CAN
SAFELY AND CONVENIENTLY ACCESS
MEDICAL GRADE CANNABIS AND
EDUCATIONAL TEARS.

THE STAFF WILL TREAT EACH
PATIENT WITH RESPECT WHILE
GUIDING THEM THROUGH THE
PROCESS.

WE WILL PARTNER WITH THE
COMMUNITY THROUGH DONATIONS TO
LOCAL CHARITIES, COMMUNITY
EVENTS AND NONPROFITS.

BEACON WILL OBSERVE AND WHENEVER
POSSIBLE EXCEED ALL STATE AND
LOCAL REGULATIONS.

BEACON HAS COMMITTED TO HELP THE
ELDERLY RESIDENTS THAT DON'T
HAVE THE MEANS TO PURCHASE.

A LITTLE BACKGROUND.

I'VE BEEN A REAL ESTATE
APPRAISAL COMPANY OWNER.

I'VE BEEN A NATIVE OF
MASSACHUSETTS MY ENTIRE LIFE AND
ALWAYS LIVED 15 TO 20 MINUTES
FROM WEST ROXBURY.

I WAS BORN IN HYDE PARK.

MY FAMILY ALL LIVED THERE FOR MANY YEARS.

OVER 25 YEARS AGO, I PURCHASED A HOME IN REIDVILLE AND MY DAUGHTER WAS BORN THERE AS WELL. THE CITY OF BOSTON IS VERY DEAR TO MY HEART AND ALWAYS BEEN MY HOME.

IT'S IMPORTANT TO ME AS IT IS TO YOU THAT THE GROUP THAT WOULD HAVE THE HONOR TO BE LOCATED IN WEST ROXBURY WOULD HAVE THE RESPECT OF THIS COMMUNITY.

BECAUSE MY PARTNER AND I LIVE IN A SHORT DISTANCE OF THIS PROPOSELE FACILITY, WE HAVE GIVEN ALL OF OUR PERSONAL INFORMATION INCLUDING CELL PHONES NUMBERS TO THE RESIDENTS WE MET WITH AS WELL AS COUNCILLOR O'MALLEY.

WE WILL BE PERSONALLY RESPONSIVE TO ANY ISSUES BROUGHT TO OUR ATTENTION.

WITH ME THIS AFTERNOON IS STEVE ANGELO.

STEVE IS OUR EXECUTIVE DIRECTOR. HIS BACKGROUND IS IN I.T. TECHNOLOGY AND COMPLIANCE. STEVE HAS SPENT MANY YEARS WORKING FOR INSTAR WHERE HE IS RESPONSIBLE FOR I.T. SECURITY AND GOVERNANCE PROGRAMS.

ALSO PART OF OUR TEAM IS DOUG RHODES.

HE STARTED HIS CAREER AS A CHEF WORKING IN FINE DINING AFTER RECEIVING A DEGREE IN FOOD SCIENCE.

DOUG WENT ON TO LEADERSHIP ROLES BRINGING HIS COMMITMENT TO HEALTHY LIVING AND ORGANIZATION EXCELLENCE WITH HIM.

HE DECIDED TO FURTHER HIS PASSION FOR HEALTH EDUCATION BY BECOMING A REGISTERED NURSE.

DOUG WILL BE ONE OF THE R.N.s THAT WILL HOLD A POSITION AS PATIENT SERVICES MANAGER TO EDUCATE PATIENTS AND STAFF ON THE HEALTH BENEFITS OF CANNABIS.

WE PUT TOGETHER ALSO AN OUTSTANDING BOARD OF DIRECTORS THAT INCLUDE BOB LeBELL, WHO YOU

INVITED INTO YOUR LIVING ROOM
NOR DECADES.

BOB IS A MEDICAL MARIJUANA
PATIENT AND HOPING TO SHINE A
SPOTLIGHT ON THE NEED TO OPEN
DISPENSARIES IN MASSACHUSETTS.
ALSO ON OUR BOARD, IS DR. EDGAR
BALLANAS.

HE WORKS IN PATIENTS IN
RECOVERING FROM ADDICTION.
AND WE HAVE A LICENSED
PHARMACIST.

TONY SIBITONO, ANOTHER MEDICAL
MARIJUANA PATIENT.
HIS CHILDREN ATTENDED HOLY NAME
SCHOOL.

STEPHEN O'REILLY, A FORMER STATE
TROOPER WITH DECADES OF
EXPERIENCE OVERSEEING SEVERAL
DRUG UNITS.

TRACY QUICK IS A LICENSE SOCIAL
WORKER.

WE'RE PROUD OF OUR TEAM THAT
BRING TOGETHER BUSINESS,
HEALTHCARE AND PATIENT
EXPERIENCE.

EACH OF OUR BOARD MEMBERS AND
THE REST OF OUR ORGANIZATION ALL
LIVE IN MASSACHUSETTS AND WE
WERE BORN HERE.

MOST WERE BORN HERE AND THIS IS
OUR HOME.

WE'VE PARTNERED WITH OTHER
EXPERTS IN THE MEDICAL MARIJUANA
INDUSTRY TO ENSURE THE HIGHEST
STANDARDS OF OPERATIONS.

WITH DECADES OF EXPERIENCE, LAW
ENFORCEMENT, MEDICAL AND
PHARMACEUTICAL SERVICES, WE HAVE
THE SKILLS AND THE COMMITMENT
NECESSARY TO ENSURE A WELL-RUN,
WELL-MANAGED REGISTERED
MARIJUANA DISPENSARY.

OUR WOMEN-LED TEAM IS RESPECTED
AND HAS BEEN FREQUENTLY
RECOGNIZED FOR THEIR
CONTRIBUTIONS IN THEIR INDUSTRY.

WE DECIDED TO GET INTO THE
MEDICAL MARIJUANA INDUSTRY FOR
PERSONAL AND PROFESSIONAL
REASONS.

WE BELIEVE PASSIONATELY THAT IF
MEDICAL MARIJUANA HAD BEEN LEGAL
AT THE TIME, COULD HAVE HELPED

EASE OUR PAIN AND SUFFERING.
WE'RE PASSIONATE AND EXCITED TO
BRING THIS MEDICINE TO THE
RESIDENTS OF WEST ROXBURY.
BACK IN 2012, MASSACHUSETTS
VOTED, APPROVED THE MEDICAL
MARIJUANA PROGRAM THROUGH A
BALLOT INITIATIVE AND 60% VOTED
IN FAVOR TO PROVIDING MEDICAL
MARIJUANA TO PATIENT.
THE DEPARTMENT OF PUBLIC HEALTH
OVERSEES THE MEDICAL MARIJUANA
PROGRAM IN MASSACHUSETTS.
SOME OF THE CONDITIONS THAT
MEDICAL MARIJUANA HAVE BEEN
APPROVED FOR, HEPATITIS, AIDS,
M.S., PARKINSONS, CANCERS AND
OTHERS THAT ARE DETERMINED BY A
PATIENT'S DOCTOR.
WITH REGARDS TO THE PACKAGE,
NOTICE THERE'S NO REFERENCE TO
LEGALIZATION FOR ADULTS OVER 21.
THIS IS BECAUSE WE'RE A
MEDICALLY FOCUSED ORGANIZATION
AND OUR MISSION IS TO HELP
PATIENTS IN NEEDS.
WE'RE PRESENTING FOR A MEDICAL
MARIJUANA FACILITY ONLY AS OTHER
DISPENSARIES HAVE IN BOSTON,
THAT THE ZONING BOARD OF APPEALS
HAVE APPROVED AS MEDICAL
MARIJUANA ONLY.
I'D LIKE TO GIVE YOU AN UPDATE
WHERE WE ARE IN THE PROCESS.
WE PARTICIPATED BACK IN THE
2013-14 LICENSING PROCESS AND WE
RECEIVED THE FOURTH HIGHER SCORE
OF THE 181 APPLICANTS.
WE PARTICIPATED IN AN
APPLICATION PROCESS IN THE TOWN
OF -- THE CITY OF FRAMINGHAM
WITH FIVE OTHER GROUPS.
WE'RE THE HIGHEST SCORED GROUP
AND THE ONLY GROUP TO RECEIVE A
UNANIMOUS VOTE OF SUPPORT.
WE HOLD A PROVISIONAL LICENSE IN
FRAMINGHAM AND NEW BEDFORD WHERE
WE RECEIVED A UNANIMOUS VOTE OF
SUPPORT AS WELL.
IT'S IMPORTANT TO KNOW THAT AT
OUR DISPENSARY LOCATIONS, ALL
DISPENSARIES MUST RECEIVE A
RECOMMENDATION FROM A DOCTOR AND
WRECK ADMINISTERED WITH THE

DEPARTMENT OF PUBLIC HEALTH.
MEDICAL MARIJUANA CARDS ARE
ISSUED TO PATIENTS AFTER THE
INFORMATION IS VERIFIED.
THE CARD IS BAR-CODED AND
SIMILAR TO A DRIVER'S LICENSE.
WHEN PATIENTS COME TO THE
DISPENSARY, THEY WILL FIRST NEED
TO SHOW THEIR PATIENT I.D. AND
LICENSE TO THE SECURITY CARD VIA
CAMERA.

THEY WILL ENTERED INTO A MAN
TRAP AND THEIR INFORMATION IS
CHECKED AGAINST THE ONLINE
MONITORING SYSTEM.

ONCE CONFIRMED, THEN THEY'RE
ALLOWED INTO THE DISPENSARY.
BEACON COMPASSION IS COMMITTED
TO THE SAFETY OF EMPLOYEES AND
THE PUBLIC.

WE WILL BE IMPLEMENTING A STATE
OF THE ART SECURITY SYSTEM AT
OUR FACILITY WHICH INCLUDES
GUARDS, 24/7 VIDEO SURVEILLANCE
OF INSIDE AND OUTSIDE THE
FACILITY, BIOMETRIC AND OUR KEY
CARD ACCESS, SECURITY ZONES
WITHIN THE FACILITY TO ENSURE
ONLY THOSE THAT ARE REQUIRED
ACCESS ARE ALLOWED TO ENTER.
MULTIPLE PANIC ALARMS THAT WILL
BE DIRECTLY WIRED INTO THE WEST
ROXBURY POLICE DEPARTMENT.
WE WILL DISCUSS OUR SECURITY
PLANS WITH THE WEST ROXBURY
POLICE DEPARTMENT IN GREATER
DETAIL ONCE WE MOVE THROUGH THE
PROCESS TO ENSURE THE HIGHEST
LEVEL OF NEIGHBORHOOD SECURITY.
ADDITIONALLY, STEPHEN O'REILLY,
A MEMBER OF OUR BOARD, WILL
SERVICE AS DIRECTOR OF SECURITY.
HE HAS OVER 40 YEARS OF COMBINED
EXPERIENCE, OPERATING
SURVEILLANCE EQUIPMENT AND
PULLING SECURITY MEASURES AND
SET UP ALARMS AND ACCESS CONTROL
SYSTEMS.

THE LOCATION OF OUR PROPOSED
DISPENSARY IS 1524 VFW PARKWAY.
WE HAVE OBTAINED A LEASE THAT
INCLUDES 5,000 SQUARE FEET IN
THE LOWER LEVEL.
IT'S FAR AWAY FROM PARKS,

SCHOOLS, CHURCHES AND AS STATED ABOVE, IT'S READILY ACCESSIBLE FOR V.A. PATIENTS. THE SIGNAGE WILL BE NONDESCRIPT. THE AVERAGE IT IS SENT WON'T KNOW IT'S THERE. THE LOCATION HAS AMPLE PARKING AND EASY ACCESS FOR PATIENTS. PATIENTS ARE NOT PERMITTED TO CONSUME PRODUCTS ON THE PROPERTY. WE ARE NOT PROPOSING TO DO ANY PATIENT DELIVERIES OUT OF THE FACILITY. THIS DECREASES THE CHANCE FOR ISSUES TO ARRIVE WITH BULK PRODUCT EXITING THE FACILITY. ALL PRODUCTS WILL BE PREWEIGHED, PACKAGED AND SEALED. THIS WILL HELP AND ENSURE THERE'S NO UNWANTED ODORS THAT LINGER OUTSIDE THE FACILITY AND WE WILL ENSURE THAT WE CAN MEET PATIENT DEMAND. WE WILL NOT PACKAGE OR PRODUCE ANY EDIBLE PRODUCT THAT IS MARKETED FOR ATTRACTED TO CHILDREN EVER. WE WILL ENSURE THAT OUR EDUCATIONAL INTAKE PROGRAMS ARE GEARED TO THE FIRST TIME OR NOVICE USER. WE WILL BE STOCKING THE FACILITY AND UTILIZING A JUST IN TIME DELIVERY METHOD WHICH WILL ENSURE THAT THERE IS NOT AN ABUNDANCE OF PRODUCT IN THE FACILITY AT ANY GIVEN TIME. THIS WILL FURTHER DECREASE THE ATTRACTIVENESS OF THE FACILITY FROM ANY POTENTIAL CRIME ACTIVITY. WE WILL UTILIZE A BOX SHELF CONCEPT BEHIND THE POINT OF SALE STATION AND THAT WILL ENSURE THERE'S NO PRODUCT IN THE PATIENT ACCESS AREA OF THE FACILITY. I'D LIKE TO TALK ABOUT THE COMMUNITY INVOLVEMENT. BEACON IS COMMITTED TO BEING PART OF THE COMMUNITY. WE WILL ENGAGE THE COMMUNITY IN A NUMBER OF WAYS INCLUDING

SPONSORING LOCAL HEALTH-BASED
EVENTS AS WELL AS PARTICIPATING.
WE WILL SUPPORT LOCAL CHARITIES,
NONPROFIT AGENCIES OR PROGRAMS
OF THE COMMUNITY'S CHOICE.
UPON APPROVAL, BY THE CITY
COUNCIL, WE WILL HAVE A SERIES
OF EVENTS AIMING TOWARDS
EDUCATING THE WEST ROXBURY
RESIDENTS AS WELL AS CONTACTING
FEEDBACK FROM THEM AS WELL.
BEACON WILL HIRE APPROXIMATELY
50 TO 20 PERMANENT FULL AND PART
TIME JOBS WITH WEST ROXBURY
RESIDENTS AND VETERANS.
THE FACILITY WILL BE PROPERLY
STAFFED AND DESIGNED TO ALLOW
FOR PATIENTS TO BE ASSISTED IN
AN EFFICIENT MANNER MINIMIZING
ISSUES SURROUNDING PARKING LOT
OR LONG WAIT TIMES.
IN ADDITION TO THE DIRECT
HIRING, WE WILL WORK IN A
NONDISCRIMINATORY MANNER TO HIRE
VENDORS AND CONTRACTORS WHEREVER
POSSIBLE.
BEACON WILL HAVE ROBUST
FINANCIAL HARDSHIP PROGRAM FOR
PATIENTS IN NEED THAT CANNOT
AFFORD TO PURCHASE AT RETAIL
PRICES.
OUR PROGRAM ENSURES NO PATIENT
IS WITHOUT MEDICINE FOR
FINANCIAL REASON.
ALSO, BEACON WILL COMMIT TO
BEING ACTIVELY -- TO ACTIVE --
TO BE ACTIVE FINANCIALLY IN
YOUTH AND SPORTS ORGANIZATIONS
AND ANY OTHER INITIATIVES LIKE
OPEN SPACE IMPROVEMENT THAT WILL
TAKE ITS LEAD FROM THE COUNCIL.
THANK YOU FOR YOUR TIME AND I
ASK FOR A VOTE OF NONOPPOSITION
OR LETTER OF SUPPORT AND WE
WOULD BE HAPPY TO ANSWER ANY
QUESTIONS.
THANK YOU.
>> THANK YOU VERY MUCH FOR THE
DETAILED INFORMATION.
I HAVE TWO QUICK QUESTIONS.
YOU MENTIONED PROVISIONAL
LICENSES ELSEWHERE.
WILL YOU BE OPERATING MULTIPLE
LOCATIONS?

>> YES.
THREE LICENSES.
>> AND ARE THE OTHERS UP AND RUN
SOMETHING.
>> THEY ARE NOT AT THIS TIME.
WE HAVE THE PROVISIONAL
LICENSES.
WE'RE GETTING CULTIVATION UP AND
RUNNING, ET CETERA.
THAT'S THE FIRST PIECE OF IT.
ONCE THAT IS DONE, THEN WE CAN
WORK ON OUR RETAIL FACILITIES.
>> AT THIS LOCATION, HOW MANY
PATIENTS DO YOU ANTICIPATE
DAILY?
>> ABOUT 100 PATIENTS A DAY,
MAYBE 150.
AND ALSO, AS WE SPOKE TO IN
REGARDS TO THE PREPACKAGING,
WE'RE HOPING THE WAIT TIME WHEN
PATIENTS COME IN WOULD BE
DECREASED BECAUSE OF THAT METHOD
OF DISPENSING THE MEDICINE.
>> THANK YOU.
COUNCILLOR O'MALLEY?
>> THANK YOU, MADAM CHAIR AND
THANK YOU FOR THAT THOROUGH
OVERVIEW.
OFF THE BAT, DO YOU AGREE RIGHT
NOW THAT WE WILL -- SHOULD THIS
GO THROUGH THE COUNCIL BEFORE
DBA, THERE WILL BE A PROVISIO AT
THE ZONING BOARD OF APPEALS
WHICH READS THE TREATMENT CENTER
IS LIMITED TO MEDICAL MARIJUANA
USE ONLY?
>> ABSOLUTELY.
>> GREAT.
OKAY.
GLAD TO HEAR.
I APPRECIATE THAT.
TALK A LITTLE BIT MORE ABOUT THE
SECURITY.
YOU MENTIONED A DIRECTOR OF
SECURITY, WILL BE A FULL-TIME
STAFFER.
WILL YOU BE WORKING WITH BOSTON
POLICE FOR DETAILS?
CAN YOU TALK ABOUT THAT?
>> IN THE VERY BEGINNING WE'LL
TAKE ADVANTAGE OF THE POLICE
DETAIL.
JUST SO THAT WE -- FOR THE FLOW
OF TRAFFIC, ET CETERA.

WE WILL UTILIZE THEIR SERVICES
IN THE BEGINNING.
ONGOING MOST LIKELY AS NEEDED, A
FULL TIME ON-SITE SECURITY
GUARD.

>> FOR ALL HOURS OF OPERATION?
>> CORRECT.

>> WHAT THE ARE THE HOURS OF
OPERATION?

>> APPROXIMATELY FROM 10:00 A.M.
TO 7:00 P.M. WITH PROBABLY
LESSER HOURS ON SUNDAYS.
PROBABLY TILL 5:00 OR 6:00.

>> SO SEVEN DAY AS WEEK, REDUCED
SCHEDULE SUNDAY.

WHAT ABOUT 10 TO 7:00 PER DAY?
>> YEAH.

WE DON'T HAVE AN ANTICIPATION OF
BEING OPEN MORE THAN THAT.

>> WHERE IS YOUR CULTIVATION
FACILITY?

>> WE'RE WORKING WITH THE CITY
OF ATTLEBORO AT THIS TIME.

>> SO I KNOW THESE THINGS TAKE A
LOT OF TIME.

SO PROVIDED THAT WE GO FORWARD
AND FRAMINGHAM AND NEW BEDFORD,
THERE WILL BE A CULTIVATION
CENTER THAT WILL FEED THE THREE.

>> CORRECT.

>> AND WILL THE STOCK BE
DELIVERED I ASSUME BEFORE THE
CLINIC IS OPEN?

BEFORE THE DISPENSARY IS OPEN?
>> PROBABLY RIGHT BEFORE.

EXACTLY.

>> OKAY, A LATER START.
AND THE SIGNAGE WILL BE
NONDESCRIPT?

>> YES.

ACTUALLY THE STATE HAS
REGULATIONS FOR SIGNAGE AS WELL.
>> THAT'S GREAT.

15 TO 20 FULL AND PART TIME
EMPLOYEES.

TALK ABOUT THE MEDICAL
EXPERIENCE.

I KNOW YOU TALKED ABOUT THE
MEDICAL PROFESSIONALS THAT WILL
BE ON STAFF.

>> IF I COULD INTERJECT.

WE DO HAVE DOUG RHODES THAT IS
OUR PATIENT SERVICES MANAGER,
RN.

IF THERE'S SPECIFIC QUESTIONS,
HE WILL COME DOWN AND ANSWER
THOSE IF YOU'D LIKE.

>> SURE.

HI, MR. RHODES.

TALK A LITTLE BIT ABOUT YOUR
EXPERIENCE AS AN RN.

WILL THERE BE A DOCTOR ON SITE?

>> NO DOCTOR ON SITE.

EVERYBODY HAS TO SEE A DOCTOR TO
GET THE RECOMMENDATION.

>> THERE WILL BE NURSES ON SITE
OTHER THAN YOURSELF?

>> YES ALL OF OUR LOCATIONS WILL
BE STAFFED WITH A NURSE FOR THE
HOURS THAT WE'RE OPENED.

ONE OF THE THINGS WE WANT TO DO
IS CREATE CANNABIS CARE PLANS
FOR THE PATIENTS THAT COME IN TO
MAKE SURE THAT THEY'RE TREATING
IT AND TAKING THE MEDICAL
APPROACH TO IT.

YOU'D NEVER GO TO YOUR DOCTOR
AND HAVE THEM SEND YOU HOME WITH
A BOTTLE OF VOLUME THAT WOULDN'T
BE MEDICALLY SOUND.

SO WE DON'T WANT TO SEND PEOPLE
HOME WITHOUT THEM BEING
THOROUGHLY EDUCATED AS FAR AS
WHAT THEY HAVE, WHAT TO EXPECT.

>> THAT'S GREAT.

ANY OTHER SORT OF CLINICIANS OR
SOCIAL WORKERS OR -- TALK A
LITTLE BIT ABOUT THE TYPE OF
EMPLOYEES THAT YOU NEED AT A
DISPENSARY.

YOU NEED SOMEONE WITH MEDICAL
BACKGROUND, BUSINESS BACKGROUND.
CAN YOU TALK --

>> OUR BOARD OF DIRECTORS IS
MADE UP OF PHARMACISTS AND
SOCIAL WORKERS BECAUSE WE'RE
TAKING THE MEDICAL APPROACH.
AS A TEAM, WE HAVE COME UP WITH
A WAY WE'RE GOING TO DO PATIENT
INTERACTION.

WE'RE FOCUSING ON IT BEING A
LITTLE DIFFERENT THAN THE
INDUSTRY STANDARD.

IT REALLY WILL BE FULLY MEDICAL
APPROACH.

>> SO STAFFED AT THE RETAIL
FACILITIES THEMSELVES WILL BE A
PATIENT SERVICES MANAGER, THE

FRONT END PATIENT SERVICES STAFF
AND INVENTORY CONTROL AND
SECURITY PERSONNEL PRIMARILY AT
THE RETAIL CENTERS.

THERE WILL BE ADDITIONAL LEVELS
OF INDIVIDUALS THAT FLOAT AROUND
BUT FROM A DAY TO DAY STAFFING
PERSPECTIVE, IT'S MOSTLY THE
FRONT END FACING SECURITY AND
CONTROL AT THE RETAIL CENTERS.
SO YES, THERE'S A SOCIAL WORKER
AS PART OF THE BOARD AS WELL AND
TO BRING ALL OF THIS TOGETHER,
YOU KNOW, IN THE PROGRAMS AND
THE EDUCATION IS REALLY THE MARK
THAT WE'RE GOING FOR HERE TO
BRING A SERVICE AND NOT JUST A
PRODUCT.

>> NO.

I APPRECIATE THAT.

AND THIS IS ALMOST AN ENTIRELY
CASH BUSINESS BECAUSE OF SORT OF
FEDERAL CONFLICTING GUIDELINES,
CORRECT?

>> YES AND NO.

SO EVERY DISPENSARY IN
OPERATIONS TODAY, IN THE STATE
OF MASSACHUSETTS AND 18 OR 19 AT
THIS POINT, ALL TAKE DEBIT
CARDS.

SO DEBIT TRANSACTIONS ARE THE
NORM.

YOU KNOW, LOOK AT DATA.

SEE WHERE THE PERCENTAGE COMES
IN.

A SIGNIFICANT PERCENTAGE DOES
COME IN.

THAT'S NOT TO SUGGEST THERE'S
NOT A CASH ISSUE ITSELF.

AND OUR PLAN WOULD BE TO GET
CASH.

JUST AS WE HAD DESCRIBED EARLIER
ON THE JUST IN TIME DELIVERY
METHOD, WE DON'T WANT TO HAVE A
MONTH WORTH OF PRODUCTS FOR NO
REASON.

SO JUST WITH THAT, WE WOULDN'T
HAVE, YOU KNOW, ALL OF THIS CASH
SITTING THERE EITHER.

SO THAT CASH WOULD BE GETTING
OUT OF A FACILITY JUST AS
QUICKLY AS WE WOULD BE
DELIVERING PRODUCT INTO THE
FACILITY FOR JUST IN TIME SALE

PERSPECTIVE.
>> WELLS FARGO OR SOME BANK THAT
WILL DELIVER IT, ARMORED TRUCK
SAFETY AND --
>> CORRECT.
>> AND MEDICARE KIT DOESN'T PAY
IT?
>> NO UNDERSTAND PAYS.
>> NO INSURANCE.
WHEN YOU TALK ABOUT OUTREACH TO
VETERANS AND SENIORS AND I
APPRECIATE THAT, ANOTHER ASK
THAT WE MADE, TALK ABOUT -- DID
YOU MENTION A SLIDING SCALE FOR
THOSE IN NEED?
>> HARDSHIP PROGRAMS.
>> HOW WILL THAT WORK?
>> WE WILL BE WORKING THROUGH
THE DETAILS NOW.
IT WILL BE DISCOUNTED MEDICINE
FOR CERTAIN INDIVIDUALS THAT
WILL QUALIFY.
>> BASED ON THE LEVEL OF NEED.
WE HAVE DIFFERENT STAGGERED
PRICING BASED ON THE LEVEL OF
NEED.
>> OKAY.
THIS IS -- AND TALK ABOUT MAN
TRAP OR THE SALLY PORT.
I WALK IN AND JUST -- WALK US
THROUGH.
>> BEFORE YOU EVEN ARE BUZZED
INTO THE BUSINESS, THERE'S AN
EXTERIOR CAMERA THAT IS -- THE
SECURITY GUARD IS VIEWING.
YOU NEED TO SHOW YOUR PATIENT
I.D. AT THE CAMERA.
SECURITY GUARD BUZZES YOU IN.
YOU COME TO A MAN TRAP.
AT THAT AREA IS WHERE YOU GIVE
YOUR LICENSE AND PATIENT I.D.
THE SECURITY GUARD TAKES THAT
INFORMATION AND VALIDATES IT
WITH DPH'S ONLINE MONITORING
SYSTEM.
SO RIGHT THEN AND THERE, YOU'LL
KNOW IF THEY'RE TRULY A PATIENT.
AND IF THEY DO QUALIFY FOR
ADDITIONAL MEDICINE.
SO IF THEY'VE GONE TO ANOTHER
DISPENSARY BECAUSE THERE'S
LIMITS THAT YOU CAN PURCHASE.
SO THAT'S ALL BEING TRACKED.
IF THEY COME IN, THEY HAVE GONE

ABOVE THEIR ALLOWANCE THAT THE
DEPARTM
WILL NOT ABLE TO ENTER AT THAT
POINT.

ONCE THE INFORMATION IS
VERIFIED, THEY'RE BUZZED IN
AGAIN INTO THE DISPENSARY AND
THEN THEY WILL BE -- HAVE
PAPERWORK TO FILL OUT IF IT'S
THE FIRST TIME THEY'RE THERE,
MEET WITH A CONSULTANT FOR LACK
OF A BETTER TERM AT THIS POINT,
IF THEY NEED TO SIT DOWN WITH
SOMEBODY, THERE'S SOMEBODY TO
TALK TO.

WE WANT TO MAKE SURE ANYBODY
GETTING INTO THIS MEDICINE FOR
THE FIRST TIME IS WELL-EDUCATED
AND UNDERSTAND ALL PARTS OF IT.
WE WANT THEM TO WALK AWAY
FEELING COMFORTABLE WITH WHAT
THEY HAVE JUST CHOSEN, THE PATH
THAT THEY HAVE CHOSEN TO GO
DOWN.

>> THANK YOU.

YOU KNOW, THIS IS A BUSY ROAD, A
STATE HIGHWAY, FOUR LANE
PARKWAY, HIGHWAY.

AND I DO THINK THAT YOU'VE GONE
TO GREAT LENGTHS TO MAKE SURE
IT'S NOT CLOSE TO A SCHOOL OR
PARK OR PLAYGROUND.

THERE IS A CHILDREN'S CENTER,
WHERE KIDS -- LIKE A --

>> LIKE AN INDOOR PLAYGROUND.

>> YES.

THAT IS RELATIVELY CLOSE.

WHAT IS IT CALLED?

WHAT IS THE DISTANCE FROM THAT?

>> OVER 500 FEET.

JUST TO CONFIRM, WE HAD A
SURVEYOR GO OUT TO THE PROPERTY
AND MEASURE THE FACILITY TO
THAT.

IT'S IN THE PACKET THERE.

IT'S OVER 500 FEET.

>> THANK YOU.

AN INDEPENDENT SURVEYOR PROVIDED
THE DOCUMENTATION FOR THAT.

>> YES.

>> I DO APPRECIATE YOUR
COMMITMENT TO BEING A GOOD
NEIGHBOR AND SUPPORTING THE
GREAT NEIGHBORHOOD AND THE GREAT

CITY OF BOSTON.

SO THAT IS ALL I HAVE AT THIS
TIME RIGHT NOW, MADAM CHAIR.

THANK YOU.

>> THANK YOU.

COUNCILLOR FLYNN.

>> THANK YOU.

THE COMMUNITY PROCESS IS
CRITICAL ON THIS DEBATE.
I'M GOING TO FOLLOW THE DEBATE
CLOSELY OVER THE WEEK AND MONTHS
AHEAD.

I KNOW THIS ISSUE WILL IMPACT
EVERY DISTRICT ACROSS THE CITY.
SPECIFICALLY WHAT ROLE THE
COMMUNITY AND NEIGHBORHOOD
ORGANIZATIONS WILL PLAY IN THE
PROCESS.

I'M ALSO GOING TO STUDY,
HOPEFULLY STUDY, LESSONED
LEARNED AS THIS DEBATE CONTINUES
THROUGHOUT OUR CITY.

I WANT TO BE SURE AND I KNOW OUR
CITY COUNCIL COLLEAGUES SHARE
THIS VIEW AS WELL, WITH THE
ROLL-OUT, THAT THE PROCESS IS
RESPECTED AND THAT IMPACTED
NEIGHBORHOODS HAVE A VOICE.

I HAVE ONE QUESTION.

CAN YOU TALK A LITTLE ABOUT THE
INTERACTION YOU HAD WITH THE VA
MEDICAL STAFF ON THIS ISSUE?

>> I BELIEVE --

>> YEAH.

ONE OF THE OTHER TEAM MEMBERS
HAD ENGAGED THE V.A. HOSPITAL.
I DON'T HAVE THE EXACT
SPECIFICS.

BUT I CAN CERTAINLY -- CERTAINLY
GET THOSE TO YOU.

ONE OF OUR TEAM MEMBERS HAD
ENGAGED THE V.A.

IT WASN'T US PERSONALLY.

>> SO RATHER THAN CONVEY AN
EXACT REPRESENTATION, I CAN'T DO
THAT PERSONALLY.

>> AND TO THE V.A. WEIGH-IN ONE
WAY OR THE OTHER ON IF THEY WERE
IN SUPPORT OR NOT IN SUPPORT OR
NO OPINION?

>> THEY ESSENTIALLY SAID THEY
WOULDN'T OPPOSE US BUT COULDN'T
SAY YES, WE SUPPORT YOU BECAUSE
OF THE FEDERAL POSITION.

MANY VETERANS THAT USE CANNABIS
AND THEY'RE AWARE OF IT, TOO.
I THINK THAT THEIR HANDS ARE

TIED.

BUT THEY DID SAY THEY WOULDN'T
OPPOSE US.

>> THANK YOU.

>> COUNCILLOR BAKER?

>> GOOD MORNING.

>> OR AFTERNOON.

WHATEVER IT IS COMING IN.

RINA, CAN YOU TELL ME HOW YOU
GOT INTO THE MEDICAL BUSINESS,
MEDICAL MARIJUANA BUSINESS?

LIKE WHAT GOT YOU HERE?

YOU WERE IN REAL ESTATE.

>> AGAIN, BACK IN 12, VOTED IN
FAVOR OF IT.

AND WHEN THE LAW PASSED, JUST
KIND OF PUT THAT AS A TRUE
BELIEVER IN THIS.

AS WE STARTED JUST RESEARCHING
IT AND GETTING MORE AND MORE
INVOLVED IN IT, AS FAR AS
UNDERSTANDING WHAT THE DRUG
ACTUALLY DOES AND WHAT THE THE
MEDICINE AND HOW HELPFUL IT CAN
BE, WE STARTED MEETING WITH
PATIENT ADVOCACY GROUPS AND
HEARING THEIR STORIES ON HOW
THIS MEDICINE HAS HELPED THEM.
AND AFTER MEETING AFTER MEETING
AND RECOGNIZING THAT THIS
MEDICINE HAS TRULY HELPED PEOPLE
LIVE A BETTER LIFE AND BETTER
QUALITY OF LIFE, ESSENTIALLY IS
WHAT THIS IS ABOUT.

AS WE STARTED TO GET MORE
INFORMATION ON IT, WE JUST
PERSONALLY BECAME MORE
PASSIONATE ABOUT IT AND WANTED
TO BECOME MORE INVOLVED IN IT.
SO WE STARTED LOOKING INTO WHAT
THAT WOULD TAKE AND MET WITH --
WAITING FOR THE REGULATIONS TO
COME OUT AND WE SAID FIRST OF
ALL, WE NEED TO SEE WHAT THAT
LOOKS LIKE.

WHEN THE REGULATIONS CAME OUT
AND BECAUSE THEY WERE SO ROBUST,
WE DECIDED TO BE A PART OF IT.
WE LIKE THE FACT THAT IT'S VERY
REGULATED.

WE DON'T WANT GRAY AREAS.
WE WANT IT TO BE BLACK AND
WHITE.
TELL US WHAT TO DO AND WE'LL
FOLLOW THE RULES.
IF THE REGULATIONS WEREN'T SO
ROBUST, WE WOULDN'T HAVE ENTERED
INTO THIS.
AS THINGS WERE GOING, WE FIND
OURSELVES GOING, HOW DO WE NOT
GET INVOLVED IN THIS.
>> SO WHEN YOU SAY "WE" --
>> MY PARTNER AND I, STEVE.
>> AND WE WANT TO COMMEND
COUNCILLOR O'MALLEY FOR BEING
OPEN TO THIS.
I DO BELIEVE -- I BELIEVER ALSO.
I'VE HAD PEOPLE IN MY LIFE THAT
HAVE BENEFITTED.
I THINK THE BUSINESS NEEDS AN
OPPORTUNITY TO TAKE A FOOT HOLD
WITH THE CITY.
WITH COUNCILLOR O'MALLEY, WE
HAVE ONE MORE THAT WILL COME.
WE NEED TO GET ACROSS THE CITY
AND LET THE PEOPLE OF THE CITY
SEE WHAT THIS BUSINESS IS GOING
TO DO FOR A TWO OR TWO OR THREE
YEARS.
SO THANK YOU ON THAT, COUNCILLOR
O'MALLEY.
RINA, YOU TALKED ABOUT YOU
SCORED HIGH ON WHEN IT WAS
STATEWIDE AND IN FRAMINGHAM WHAT
MADE YOUR SCORES SO HIGH?
WHAT WAS YOUR PACKAGE --
>> IT'S THE PROFESSIONALISM WITH
US.
I THINK WE -- WE'RE SO
PASSIONATE ABOUT THIS.
WE WANT TO BRING THIS MEDICINE
AND BE A PART OF IT IN
MASSACHUSETTS.
IT SEEMED LIKE THERE WAS NO
OTHER PATH ONCE WE GOT INTO
INVOLVED IN IT.
>> YOU DON'T THINK THAT IN THREE
YEARS OR FOUR YEARS WITH THE
POOL OF RECREATIONAL AND YOU SEE
PEOPLE ACROSS THE CITY, YOU'RE
REALLY DOING A LOT OF BUSINESS
IN THE RECREATIONAL SPACE.
YOU DON'T THINK THAT YOU'RE
GOING TO NEED TO GO TO THAT

OR --

>> BUT FOR RIGHT NOW, YOU'RE
SIGNING ON THE DOTTED LINE, YOU
DON'T PLAN ON GOING DOWN THERE?

>> CORRECT.

>> OKAY.

EDUCATING WEST ROXBURY RESIDENTS
ON THE BENEFITS OF MARIJUANA
OR -- WHAT ARE WE GOING TO
EDUCATE THEM ON?

>> ALL OF THE ABOVE.

I'LL HAVE DOUG SPEAK TO THAT.

>> MY SOLE JOB IS TO GET 3,000
EMPLOYEES HEALTHIER.

I LEARNED HOW TO MEDITATE, LOSE
WEIGHT PROGRAMS, HOW TO QUICK
SMOKING.

MY BACKGROUND IS IN HEALTH
EDUCATION.

THAT'S HOW I WANT TO APPROACH
CANNABIS EDUCATION TO THE
PUBLIC.

A LOT OF PEOPLE, THERE'S NOT A
LOT OF GOOD INFORMATION OUT
THERE.

IF YOU GOOGLE IT, YOU'LL GET
POOR INFORMATION.

THE COMMUNITY NEEDS PEOPLE THAT
ARE EDUCATED AND HAVE MEDICAL
BACKGROUNDS TO DISCUSS IT WITH
THEM SO THEY CAN MAKE AN TELLING
CHOICE WITH THEIR PRIMARY CARE
PROVIDER.

THERE'S A LOT OF EDUCATIONAL
OPPORTUNITIES FOR US.

SO PRIOR TO OPENING AND AFTER
WE'RE OPENED, WE'RE GOING TO
WANT TO HAVE EDUCATION SESSIONS
FOR THE PUBLIC TO COME.

WE WON'T BE ABLE TO HOLD THOSE
SESSIONS WITHIN THE DISPENSARY
AND HAVE THE DISPENSARY CARD
PRIOR.

THERE'S OTHER LOCATIONS LIKE THE
ELKS CLUB, OTHER LIBRARY
MEETINGS SO PEOPLE THAT WANT TO
COME, FIND OUT MORE ABOUT IT, IF
THEY HAVE ANY DIRECT QUESTIONS
THEY WANT TO ANSWER.

THEY CAN TALK TO MYSELF OR
SOMEBODY ELSE WITH A HEALTHCARE
BACKGROUND THAT WILL GIVE GOOD
GUIDANCE.

>> AND YOU MET WITH A NUMBER OF

GROUPS, NONOPPOSITION ACROSS THE BOARD.

>> CORRECT.

>> THAT'S GOOD.

>> CANNABIS CARE PLAN, YOU COME UP WITH A CANNABIS CARE PLAN. WE PLAY THAT OUT FOR ME.

WHAT IS THAT?

>> SURE.

NURSING ITSELF IS BASED ON A NURSING CARE PLAN.

SO YOU WANT TO FIGURE OUT WHEN YOU HAVE A PATIENT, WHAT IS THE GOAL.

WHAT THE OUTCOME YOU'RE LOOKING FOR.

THEN YOU NEED TO ESTABLISH WHAT DO WE DO TO GET FROM HERE TO THERE AND HOW TO MONITOR IT TO GET THROUGH THE GOAL THROUGH THE MEANS WE WANT SO YOU CAN GO BACK AND LOOK AT IT LATER AND SAY OKAY, MADE THE PERSON FEEL BETTER BUT WE DIDN'T GET THE GOAL WE WANTED.

DO WE HAVE TO DO SOMETHING ELSE OR REEVALUATE.

IT'S LIKE A ROAD MAP FOR HOW TO INTERACT.

I WOULDN'T WANT TO SEND THAT PATIENT HOME, HEAR SOMETHING YOU NEVER TRIED BEFORE.

YOU CONTINUE KNOW HOW STRONG IT IS OR DON'T KNOW WHAT TO ANTICIPATE AND WHAT YOU'RE TRYING TO ACCOMPLISH.

>> LET ME ASK YOU A QUESTION.

SOMEONE WITH CROHN'S WANTS SOMETHING DIFFERENT THAN SOMEBODY WITH CANCER.

>> A GREAT EXAMPLE.

CROHN'S IS REALLY A MATTER OF INFLAMMATION.

SO CBD HAS BEEN CLINICALLY SHOWN TO REDUCE INFLAMMATION.

FOR SOMEONE LIKE THAT, YOU MAY WANT TO SUGGEST OR RECOMMEND THEY TRY A HIGHER CBD PRODUCT. DOESN'T HAVE THE HIGH FEELING. HOWEVER IT WILL HELP WITH INFLAMMATION --

>> AND THCS AND CBDs ARE GOOD FOR THOSE SORTS OF THINGS?

>> EITHER ONE OF THOSE MOLECULES

CAN BE USED EITHER WAY.
THEY HAVE DISTINCT MEDICAL
ADVANTAGES.

WHEN YOU'RE WORKING WITH
PATIENTS, YOU WANT TO GUIDE THEM
WARD NOT ONLY THE MOLECULAR
COMBINATION THAT WILL WORK FOR
THEM BUT THE DELIVERY METHOD.
YOU KNOW, AN EXAMPLE WOULD BE
SOMEONE THAT TAKES AN EDIBLE
PRODUCT.

THAT MAY TAKE TWO HOURS TO
AFFECT THEM AND STILL FEEL IT
SIX HOURS LATER.

THAT MAY NOT BE IN ACCORDANCE
WITH WHAT THE THEY'RE LOOKING
FOR.

IF THEY'RE LOOKING FOR SOMEBODY
TO HELP THEM SLEEP THROUGH THE
NIGHT, THAT MAY BE PERFECT.
IT'S GOING TO GET THEM THROUGH
THE NIGHT, GOING TO GET THEM
WHAT THEY WANT.

IF THEY'RE LOOKING TO DO
SOMETHING FIRST THING IN THE
MORNING BECAUSE THEY HAVE
STIFFNESS AND ARTHRITIS PAIN,
THAT MAY BE A POOR CHOICE
BECAUSE IT MAY HINDER THEIR
ACTIVITIES THE REST OF THE DAY.

>> MAYBE ALONG THIS SAME LINE,
CAN YOU TALK ART THE CORRELATION
BETWEEN MARIJUANA USED AS PAIN
MEDICATION AS OPPOSED TO THE
OPIOIDS AND CAN YOU SPEAK AT ALL
ABOUT MAYBE SOMEONE THAT IS A
FORMER OPIOID USER?

WOULD MARIJUANA OR CANNABIS BE
HELPFUL FOR THAT PERSON?

>> YEAH, THEY FOUND TERRIFIC
BENEFIT IN THAT.

IN CALIFORNIA, THEY'RE STARTING
TO OPEN SOME RECOVERY CENTERS
FOR PEOPLE TO GET OFF OF OPIOIDS
WHO ARE USING CANNABINOIDS.

>> AS EDIBLE OR --

>> THAT'S SPECIFIC.

MOST ORGANIZATIONS WILL NOT USE
FLOUR BECAUSE FLOUR HAS A
VARIANCE AS WELL AS SMOKING IS
JUST NOT -- PUTTING SMOKE INTO
YOUR LUNGS IS NOT GREAT.

SO VAPORIZATION, EDIBLES.
COULD BE PATCHES, DEPENDING ON

WHAT THE OUTCOME, WHAT THE DURATION OF TIME, HOW FAST YOU'D LIKE THE EFFECT TO START AND WHEN YOU WANT THE EFFECT TO BE OVER.

>> YOU JUST MENTIONED VAPORIZATION.

WHAT IS THE DIFFERENCE BETWEEN THE VAPE AND THE REGULAR SMOKE?

>> ALL RIGHT.

YOU KNOW, VAPORIZATION IS -- COMPARES TO LIKE STEAM.

SO IF YOU HAD THE PLANT MATERIAL AND I LIGHT IT ON FIRE, I'M NOT ONLY BURNING THE COMPOUNDS BUT PLANT MATERIAL.

THEY DON'T NECESSARILY HAVE MEDICAL PROPERTIES.

AGAIN, SMOKING, YOU'RE PUTTING SMALL PARTICLES IN YOUR LUNGS. NOT A GREAT IDEA.

ENOUGH EVIDENCE TO SHOW THAT SMOKING IS NOT THE BEST METHOD OF INGESTION.

SO WITH STEAM, YOU BREATHE THEM IN.

YOU'RE NOT COMBUSTING ANYTHING, NOT GETTING ANY SMALL PARTICLES IN YOUR LUNGS.

>> THERE IS SOME EFFECT ON THE LUNGS WOULDN'T THERE BE?

>> WITH VAPORIZATION, THERE'S NOT A STUDY THAT I'M AWARE OF THAT SHOWS A NEGATIVE IMPACT OF VAPORIZATION.

WITH E CIGARETTES, NICOTINE THERE ARE, BUT IT'S NOT BECAUSE OF THE DELIVERY METHOD.

IT'S THE ADDITIVES AND THINGS THEY'RE ADDING IN CHEMICALLY.

>> I THINK HOW ARE WE GOING TO GET -- WHEN IT DOES HAPPEN, YOU KNOW, WHEN ARE WE GOING TO GET THAT NONTRADITIONAL PATIENT, THE GRANDMOTHER THAT IS 70 YEARS OLD NOW AND HAS BEEN ANTI HER WHOLE LIFE AND SOMEONE LIKE YOU WILL BE ABLE TO SHOW HER A DIFFERENT MEDICATION, HER OR HIM OR WHATEVER.

IT WILL BE INTERESTING TO SEE THE WAY THIS PLAYS OUT IN THE NEXT COUPLE YEARS.

AND MAN TRAPS.

CAN IT BE A WOMAN TRIP OR
NONSPECIFIC --
>> VESTIBULE.
>> THANK YOU AND GOOD LUCK.
>> THANK YOU.
>> THANK YOU, COUNCILLOR BAKER.
COUNCILLOR O'MALLEY.
>> JUST TO BE CLEAR, BECAUSE
RINA, YOU TALKED ABOUT THIS AND
DOUG YOU TALKED ABOUT IT.
THERE'S NO GUMMIES OR EDIBLES
GEARED TOWARDS CHILDREN?
>> THAT ARE ATTRACTED TO
CHILDREN.
ABSOLUTELY NOT.
>> OKAY.
>> WHAT HAVE YOU HEARD?
HOW DO PATIENTS AND SOME OF THE
UP AND RUNNING DISPENSARIES
RECEIVE THE MEDICAL MARIJUANA?
IS IT VAPOR OR --
>> THE FLOUR, THE VAPORIZATION,
THE EDIBLES, AGAIN, WHAT DOUG
HAD SAID EARLIER, IT'S -- EVERY
PATIENT MAY HAVE A DIFFERENT WAY
THAT THEY WOULD LIKE TO HAVE THE
DELIVERY.
EACH ONE AFFECTS THE PATIENT
DIFFERENTLY.
EACH PATIENT IS DIFFERENT, TOO.
IT'S NOT LIKE TYLENOL, YOU TAKE
EVERY FOUR HOURS AND CALL ME IN
THE MORNING.
THESE ARE THE GOALS, WHAT DO YOU
WANT TO HAPPEN, WHAT IS THE
RIGHT THING FOR YOU.
IT'S PRETTY MUCH GOING TO BE AN
INDIVIDUAL BASIS.
>> THAT IS CORRECT.
THE CITY COUNCIL, YOU CANNOT
HAVE MORE THAN ONE MEDICAL
MARIJUANA DISPENSARY WITHIN A
HALF A MILE OF ANOTHER?
>> THAT IS CORRECT.
>> I HAVE LETTERS HERE WHICH
WILL MAKE SURE OUR COLLEAGUES
GET FROM A NUMBER OF THE
NEIGHBORHOOD ASSOCIATIONS THAT
YOU REFERENCED THAT SAID IT'S
MEDICINAL ONLY AND IT WILL BE
WRITTEN AND AN IRON CLAD
AMENDMENT TO THE ZONING PROVISIO.
THANK YOU ALL.
NO FURTHER QUESTIONS, MADAM

CHAIR.

>> THANK YOU.

WE HAVE NO ONE SIGNED ON THE SHEET TO TESTIFY.

AT THIS TIME, IS THERE ANYONE IN THE CHAMBER THAT WANTS TO OFFER PUBLIC COMMENT?

OKAY.

REALLY APPRECIATE YOUR TIME.

WE WILL TAKE THIS UP AT THE NEXT COUNCIL MEETING IN CONSULTATION WITH THE SPONSOR AND AGAIN, THANK YOU FOR APPEARING BEFORE THE COUNCIL.

THIS CONCLUDES OUR HEARING.

ORDER FOR A HEARING REGARDING THE MEDICAL MARIJUANA DISPENSARY IN WEST ROXBURY.

THE HEARING IS ADJOURNED.

THANK YOU.