

## CORE EMPOWERMENT, LLC

MRN281865

### **BACKGROUND & APPLICATION OF INTENT REVIEW**

1. Name and address of the proposed Marijuana Establishment:

Core Empowerment, LLC  
401A Centre Street, Boston, MA 02130

2. Type of license sought (if cultivation, its tier level and outside/inside operation) and information regarding the application submission:

Retail

The application was reopened one (1) time for additional information.

3. The applicant is a licensee or applicant for other Marijuana Establishment and/or Medical Marijuana Treatment Center license(s):

The applicant is not an applicant or licensee for any other license type.

4. List of all required individuals and their business roles in the Marijuana Establishment:

Individual	Role
April Arrasate	Executive / Officer
Tomas Gonzalez	Executive / Officer
Peri Higgins	Executive / Officer
Derric Small	Close Associate
Kenneth Correia	Close Associate
Panka Deo	Close Associate
Pericles Calias	Close Associate
Catherine Calias	Close Associate
Gary Kerr	Close Associate
Marta Rosado	Close Associate
Ricardo Caban	Close Associate



- List of all required entities and their roles in the Marijuana Establishment:

Entity	Role
Marric Enterprises, LLC	Capital Contributor
Kerrs Welding and Ironwork, LLC	Capital Contributor
J.P. Caribbean Market, Inc.	Capital Contributor
J.E.M. Revocable Trust	Capital Contributor

- Applicant's priority status:

Expedited Applicant (Disadvantaged Business Enterprise)

- The applicant and municipality executed a Host Community Agreement on February 7, 2019.
- The applicant conducted a community outreach meeting on January 24, 2019 and provided documentation demonstrating compliance with Commission regulations.
- The Commission received a municipal response from the municipality on February 13, 2020 stating the applicant was in compliance with all local ordinances or bylaws.
- The applicant proposed the following goals for its Positive Impact Plan:

#	Goal
1	Establish the country's first Social Justice Cannabis Museum and Educational Center that will be staffed with 20% of individuals from Boston and/or Massachusetts residents who have, or have parents or spouses who have, past drug convictions.
2	Recruit 20% of the establishment's employees from Boston and/or Massachusetts residents who have, or have parents or spouses who have, past drug convictions.
3	Contribute \$500,000 to local charities that serve individuals from Boston.
4	Host a minimum of 12 hours of informational programs annually for residents of Boston and/or Massachusetts residents who have, or have parents or spouses who have, past drug convictions.

### **SUITABILITY REVIEW**

- There were disclosures of any past civil or criminal actions, occupational license issues, or marijuana-related business interests in other jurisdictions. None of the disclosures raised suitability issues.



12. There were no concerns arising from background checks on the individuals or entities associated with the application.

**MANAGEMENT AND OPERATIONS REVIEW**

13. The applicant states that it can be operational within 11 months of receiving the provisional license(s).

14. The applicant’s proposed hours of operation are the following:

Monday – Sunday: 11:00 a.m. – 8:00 p.m.

15. The applicant submitted all applicable and required summaries of plans, policies, and procedures for the operation of the proposed establishment. The summaries were determined to be substantially compliant with the Commission’s regulations.

16. The applicant proposed the following goals for its Diversity Plan:

#	Goal
1	Recruit 20% of minorities, women, veterans, people with disabilities, and LGBTQ+ individuals.
2	Continue to engage with other businesses in its community and elsewhere that are owned and/or operated by minorities, women, veterans, people with disabilities and LGBTQ+ individuals

17. Summary of cultivation plan (if applicable):

Not applicable.

18. Summary of products to be produced and/or sold (if applicable):

Not applicable.

19. Plan for obtaining marijuana or marijuana products (if applicable):

Core Empowerment, LLC will obtain marijuana or marijuana products by contracting with other licensed establishments.

**RECOMMENDATION**

Commission staff recommend provisional licensure with the following conditions:

1. Final license is subject to inspection to ascertain compliance with Commission regulations;



2. Final license is subject to inspection to ascertain compliance with applicable state laws and local codes, ordinances, and bylaws;
3. The applicant shall cooperate with and provide information to Commission staff; and
4. Provisional licensure is subject to the payment of the appropriate license fee.

The applicant has demonstrated compliance with the laws and regulations of the Commonwealth and suitability for licensure. Therefore, the applicant is recommended for provisional licensure.

