

**UNION LEAF, INC.**  
MRN282570

**BACKGROUND & APPLICATION OF INTENT REVIEW**

1. Name and address of the proposed Marijuana Establishment:

Union Leaf, Inc.  
71-72 Union Square, Somerville MA 02143

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 once (1) 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
Laxmi Pradhan	Executive / Officer

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

No other entity appears to have ownership or control over this proposed Marijuana Establishment.

6. Applicant's priority status:

General Applicant



7. The applicant and municipality executed a Host Community Agreement on October 21, 2019.
8. The applicant conducted a community outreach meeting on October 9, 2019 and provided documentation demonstrating compliance with Commission regulations.
9. The Commission received a municipal response from the municipality on June 2, 2020 stating the applicant was in compliance with all local ordinances or bylaws.
10. The applicant proposed the following goals for its Positive Impact Plan:

#	Goal
1	Hire and retain at least 10% of Massachusetts residents who have past drug convictions or Massachusetts residents with parents or spouses who have drug convictions.
2	Hold at least two (2) educational seminars per calendar year for Massachusetts residents who have past drug convictions or Massachusetts residents with parents or spouses who have drug convictions.
3	Give hiring preference to individuals who provide evidence of being Commission designated Economic Empowerment Priority applicants.

**SUITABILITY REVIEW**

11. There were no disclosures of any past civil or criminal actions, occupational license issues, or marijuana-related business interests in other jurisdictions.
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 10 months of receiving the provisional license(s).
14. The applicant’s proposed hours of operation are the following:  
Monday – Saturday: 10:00 a.m. – 8:00 p.m.  
Sunday: 10:00 a.m. – 5:00 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	Source at least 25% of contractors and third-party vendors utilized by Union Leaf will be Minority Business Enterprises or Women Business Enterprises, as certified by the Massachusetts Supplier Diversity Office.
2	Implementing a workforce development program that emphasizes diversity and inclusion at Union Leaf through trainings for all employees no less than annually.

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):

Union Leaf Inc. 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.

