Title of Project

**Marijuana Justice: Rebalancing the Penalization and Profiteering of Cannabis Through Landscape**

Course Number and Class Name for which the project was completed (as applicable)

**Course Number: LAR6020**

**Class Name: Foundation Studio II**

Names of any collaborators

**No collaborator**

Your anticipated graduation year and degree (example: MLA, 2020)

**MLA, 2020**

Short 100 – 150 word summary or narrative of the project

**Oakland’s homeless residents made up 52.7% of Alameda County’s total homeless population. An estimated 68% of them were African American and approximately one-third of homeless people are suffering from mental illnesses. As property values skyrocket in Oakland, there are lots of vacant parcels remain scattered throughout the City’s neighborhoods, occupied by homeless encampments. At the same time, Communities of color, low-income and homeless have been devastated by the War on Marijuana. Fewer than 1% of all marijuana dispensaries are owned by African Americans, yet are on average three times more likely to be arrested for marijuana.**

**Responding to homelessness, vacancy of urban lands and inequity of marijuana use and industry, this project is aiming to transfer vacant lands occupied by homeless people into a uniquely landscape condition: hybrid sites of urban farm, homeless shelter, and job training. The project is expected to not only help with living conditions of homeless people, but also involve homeless people into a burgeoning cannabis industry by creating jobs and opportunities to help them achieve financial independence and societal well-being.**

3-6 images of the project; .jpeg; 300 dpi; landscape format; 4”x 6” or larger

Image captions (optional) and credits