



MICHELLE WU
BOSTON CITY COUNCIL

May 8, 2014

Commissioner Cheryl Bartlett
Massachusetts Department of Public Health
250 Washington Street
Boston, MA 02108

Dear Commissioner Bartlett,

I write to you in opposition of the Department of Public Health's decision to choose Green Heart Holistic Health and Pharmaceuticals, Inc. for a state license to operate a Registered Marijuana Dispensary on Southampton Street in Boston's South End. To be clear, I am a supporter of the medical marijuana law approved by the voters of Massachusetts and am strictly concerned with this specific choice of operator and location.

Green Heart does not have the support of the surrounding community, and in fact the local neighborhood group, the Worcester Square Area Neighborhood Association, has registered strong opposition. I am also concerned about the well-being of the neighborhood's business district and do not believe that this dispensary would add positive impact for an active streetscape that brings together small businesses, residents, and visitors.

In an industry where trust and strong neighborhood relationships are paramount, this applicant has not demonstrated sufficient collaboration with or confidence from the community. A positive community relationship seems untenable at this time. I respectfully ask that the Department of Public Health reconsider Green Heart Holistic Health and Pharmaceuticals, Inc.'s application and rescind their opportunity to secure a license to operate a Registered Marijuana Dispensary.

Sincerely,

Michelle Wu
Boston City Councilor At-Large