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DISTRICT 7

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Commissioner Cheryl Bartlett
Massachusetts Department of Public Health
250 Washington Street
Boston, MA 01208

Dear Commissioner Bartlett,

I am writing you to express my **opposition** to Green Heart Holistic Health & Pharmaceuticals, Inc. application for a state license to operate a medical marijuana operation at the above referenced site.

The placement of such a dispensary in an area with three methadone dispensaries, the City of Boston's only public hospital emergency room, a wet (population still under addiction) homeless shelter, and New England's largest open-air illegal drug market would be making a bad problem worse.

This particular application has been plagued with irregularities and red flags. The proponent's Phase 2 Application submitted to your office in late November 2013 contains a number of factual inaccuracies. The most egregious of these inaccuracies is on page 28 where the applicant states that I "pledged future support" of a dispensary at this specific location. That is a lie; I did not make any such expression to the proponent.

The proponent's Phase 2 Application was also dishonest when it stated on page no. 55 that "a subway stop [was located] ½ block distant". In fact, the proposed site is far removed from the nearest MBTA Orange Line subway stop at Mass. Avenue or Red Line subway stop at Andrew Square. I also believe the Application's page 29 was worded to mislead MDPH's reviewers relative to inclination of former Mayor Menino and current Mayor Walsh to support a RMD facility at the proposed 70 Southampton Street site. For example, my understanding is that Mayor Walsh strongly opposes the location of such a dispensary at this site.

I ask that MDPH considers the concerns outlined in this correspondence but, more importantly, considers the concerns of residents residing in this community

Thank you for your time, attention and careful consideration of this request. Please do not hesitate to contact me directly with any questions or concerns.

Sincerely,

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