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RE: 1185 Chestnut Street (TBG)

To Whom It May Concern:

I am writing in support of Nuestra LLC's proposal (The Boston Garden) for an adult-use marijuana retail store at 1185 Chestnut Street. This location has been vacant for over two years, and I look forward to having a new business open there and revitalizing the economy through its operations.

As a resident of Oak Hill, I am in favor of improving our local economy through legal enterprises. I acknowledge some may argue the perceived negative impact this may have on our community, and to them I would question what data shows any sort of statistical downturn or degradation in comparable municipalities. Notwithstanding, the City of Newton has implemented a robust zoning process to ensure these concerns are appeased.

To that end, perception alone should not supplant the realized economic benefit that these types of business have provided for numerous other communities throughout the Commonwealth. In my view these benefits far outweigh the social objections of some residents who have fallen behind the times and do not fully appreciate a profitable, burgeoning, and well-regulated industry of the future.

I know the leadership of The Boston Garden and I am confident they will be positive neighbors and engaging members of the Newton community. They have experienced industry professionals at the helm of their operation, and their executive board is completely committed to a seamless integration that will strike a healthy balance with our community as they have repeatedly demonstrated throughout their course of business in the Commonwealth. As we move ahead towards this industry becoming a permanent fixture here, we should be so fortunate to have The Boston Garden as a participant.

Sincerely,

Sam S. Plimpton