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Via Electronic Mail to nkhan@newtonma.gov

Richard A. Lipof, Chair
Land Use Committee (the "Committee")
Newton City Council
City of Newton
1000 Commonwealth Avenue
Newton, MA 02459

Re: 1158 Beacon Street, Newton (SP#25-20)

Dear Chairman Lipof:

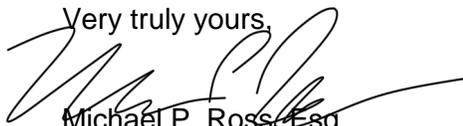
This firm represents Union Twist Inc. ("Union Twist" or the "Applicant") in connection with its application for a Special Permit (the "Special Permit") from the City of Newton (the "City") to permit the operation of its proposed Marijuana Retailer at 1158 Beacon Street, Newton, MA 02461 (the "Property"). After our most recent hearing before the Committee on October 27, 2020, and in response to the comments made by the members of the Committee, the Applicant wishes to withdraw without prejudice its Special Permit application.

Union Twist appreciates being selected to receive a Host Community Agreement among numerous applicants who sought to be sited near Newton Four Corners, and it further appreciates the feedback it has received from the City and area residents over the last 18 months. It understands the concerns that have been raised, and recognizes that the pathway forward is to raze and rebuild the entire structure on the Property. The plan is to create a 2,290 square foot building, with no other tenants, and to use the excess capacity of the remaining approximately 20,000 square foot lot to create additional parking and to maximize pedestrian and vehicular circulation. After consulting with the City, it is the Applicant's intent to file a new Special Permit application as soon as possible.

Thank you, and your members, for the time and effort you have spent on this process to date. We have taken your comments to heart, and fully believe that we can overcome nearly all the concerns that have been raised, and achieve a valuable contribution to the City, its economy, and the surrounding community.

Thank you for your attention to this matter, and I look forward to further discussions on this project.

Very truly yours,



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