

Linda M. Finucane

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From: Chris Steele <steelch@yahoo.com>
Sent: Wednesday, June 11, 2014 7:39:24 PM
To: David A. Olson
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Hello David,

Would you please forward the following message to the Aldermen regarding the special permit for Garden Remedies at 697 Washington Street:

To: The Aldermen of the City of Newton

I'm writing to voice my strong support for Garden Remedies, Inc's application for a special permit to operate a Registered Marijuana Dispensary (RMD) at 697 Washington Street in Newton.

In November 2012 the citizens of Massachusetts approved a voter referendum legalizing the sale of marijuana for medicinal purposes in the Commonwealth. The vote within the City of Newton was overwhelmingly positive, with 72% of City voters voting in favor of the question. Subsequent to this, the Massachusetts Department of Public Health created regulations governing the siting of such facilities, and the City of Newton then laid out our own local regulations and zoning guidance for where an RMD may locate in Newton. Special permit criteria were then established to allow evaluation of special permit applications.

Garden Remedies has followed the City's RMD siting and operational guidance explicitly and completely. They have also designed a facility and operational plan which clearly meets or exceeds the regulatory requirements put forth by the City of Newton.

I strongly support the granting of the special permit for Garden Remedies. This business has put forth a plan which satisfies all of the regulatory requirements, preferences, and suggestions put forth by this City. It is by these standards that they should be evaluated and granted the special permit.

Sincerely

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