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Marijuana Licensing Workshop

Policy Decision Making

- ▶ 1. Social Equity Policy: In August of 2022 an Act Relative to equity in the Cannabis Industry was signed into law aimed at increasing participation by qualifying Social Equity applicants. (i.e. Economic Empowerment status, Social Equity Status, Minority Business Enterprise and Veterans Business enterprise) The first two status is determined by the CCC and the last two by the Comm.of Mass.
 - ▶ Salem, Brookline and Newton have Social equity policies that are done well.
- 2. **License** policy relative to identifying licenses reserved for specific use
 - ▶ I recommend that one license be reserved for a medical marijuana establishment
- 3. If we decide on a competitive process, do we need policy stating the purpose of the process with procedure? Or is this along the lines of an RFP?

Competitive or First Come First Serve Process

- ▶ Competitive application process with specific criteria and with a ranking of some kind.
 - ▶ City of Boston has some elements in their criteria that is worth looking at.
 - ▶ City of Concord also has criteria that seems reasonable for a competitive process.
 - ▶ Business plan, neighborhood compatibility plan, preliminary safety and security plan, community feedback, public support (letters or community outreach meetings), diversity and inclusion, EEA's, SEA, MBE, VBE status, Resident (how long?)

Host Community Agreement

- ▶ March 1st - CCC will enforce the new regs in approving HCA's. 90 day period is the norm with a possible extension.
- ▶ HCA's template by CCC not out yet. I would recommend we look at that template as a guideline.

Application Process - Competitive

- ▶ Phase I - Initial Review (necessary application paperwork, community outreach, initial fees?, etc...
- ▶ Phase II - Evaluation and Scoring
- ▶ Phase III - Eligibility List - Min. score of 80% to reach final selection phase
- ▶ Phase IV - Final Selection
 - ▶ who should be involved in this process and make a recommendation to SB?
 - ▶ Do we allow for an appeal process?

Application Fees

- ▶ Application fee for each phase?
- ▶ One time fee?
- ▶ Cost of town resources included in fees?

