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*Via email only*

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Re: North Hollywood West Neighborhood Council  
Proposed Commercial Cannabis Business - Cultivation  
Garden Tree, LLC  
Proposed Address: 12640 Saticoy Street, Unit B  
North Hollywood, California 91605

Dear President Rose:

As you know, regulations promulgated by the City of Los Angeles' Department of Cannabis Regulation (the "Department") require, *inter alia*, all persons interested in engaging in Commercial Cannabis Activity in the City of Los Angeles to notify the Neighborhood Council where the Commercial Cannabis Business will be located of the Commercial Cannabis Business's intent to operate in the Neighborhood Council's community. The undersigned represents Garden Tree, LLC (the "Company"). Chaka Hayes is the Chief Executive Officer of the Company. Please accept this correspondence as the Company's initial notice to the North Hollywood West Neighborhood Council of the Company's intent to apply for a License from the City of Los Angeles and the State of California to engage as a Commercial Cannabis Business -Cultivation in your community.

By this correspondence, the Company respectfully requests that the North Hollywood West Neighborhood Council consider and discuss the Company's License Application at a future duly noticed and agendized meeting of the North Hollywood West Neighborhood Council. Prior to such meeting, we will provide to you electronic or printed copies of the Company's License Application. As of this date, the Department has not provided an Application; but as soon as we receive it and complete it, we will provide such Application to you and your Board.

Most important, the Department's regulations require the Company and the North Hollywood West Neighborhood Council to enter into a Community Benefits Agreement. The Company would very much appreciate any input the North Hollywood West Neighborhood Council can provide the Company. Because of security restrictions required by both State Law and the Los Angeles Municipal Code, the Company is limited in what activities can be done at its facility. However, we are not aware of any restrictions on the ability of the Company to make donations or sponsor activity in the North Hollywood West community. For example, areas where the Company is prepared to make a contribution to benefit this community include the following:

- Financial contributions to non-profit organizations who serve this community.
- Paying a third party to engage in graffiti removal.
- Paying a third party to engage in landscaping.
- Paying a third party to pick up and dispose of litter or other refuse.
- Paying a third party to engage in pressure washing of sidewalks.
- Paying a third party to engage in tree trimming or tree planting.
- Making a donation to local schools, community recreational centers or libraries.
- Making a donation to community animal shelters.
- Making a donation to a shelter for persons in need of shelter.

In the past few months, either I or Kenneth J. Melrose, or one of the other attorneys in my office or employees of the Company have been attending a monthly meeting of the North Hollywood West Neighborhood Council, and our suggestions for the proposed Community Benefits Agreement are based on issues that we have heard discussed at your meetings and that might benefit your community. However, this is not an exhaustive list, and if there is a special need that you would like to see addressed, please let us know, and if we can assist, we will do so.

As you may know, I formerly served as Commissioner on the Los Angeles Police Commission, and have more than thirty years of experience in both law enforcement and public safety. We are currently representing several persons interested in the legal Commercial Cannabis Industry and are assisting clients in applying for, and complying with State and Local laws governing the cultivation, manufacturer and sale of Medical and Adult-Use Marijuana and Marijuana Products. Among other things, the Company has retained our firm to assist the Company in both obtaining and complying with all licenses and permits required by the City of Los Angeles, the State of California and any other law enforcement or governmental entity of appropriate jurisdiction. We only represent clients who we believe will comply with all State and Local Laws, and will be valuable members of their communities. We believe that the Company will become an important, contributing and respected member of the North Hollywood West community and we look forward to presenting our qualifications to the Board of the North Hollywood West Neighborhood Council at your earliest convenience.

Please feel free to contact me at your convenience if you have any questions about the

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Company's License Application, Community Benefits Agreement or any other matter of interest to you and your Neighborhood Council. We look forward to speaking with you again soon.

Best Regards,

Rafael Bernardino, Jr.  
of Hobson, Bernardino & Davis, LLP

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