

Section 2. Priority Status

For Marijuana Retailers Only

- ☒ **Group A Priority. Attach proof** that the applicant is 1) an Economic Empowerment Applicant, 2) is owned by Somerville resident(s) or entities with at least 50% of its ownership made up of Somerville residents, or 3) is a cooperatively-owned entity.

An Economic Empowerment Applicant is one who meets **at least 3** of the following criteria:

- 1) A majority of ownership belongs to people who have lived for 5 of the preceding 10 years in an area of disproportionate impact, as determined by the MA CCC;
- 2) A majority of ownership has held one or more previous positions where the primary population served were disproportionately impacted, or where primary responsibilities included economic education, resource provision or empowerment to disproportionately impacted individuals or communities;
- 3) At least 51% of current employees or subcontractors reside in areas of disproportionate impact and by the first day of business, the ratio will meet or exceed 75%;
- 4) At least 51% of employees or subcontractors have drug-related CORI and are otherwise legally employable in cannabis enterprises;
- 5) A majority of ownership is made up of individuals of Black, African American, Hispanic or Latino descent;
- 6) Other significant articulable demonstration of past experience in or business practices that promote economic empowerment in areas of disproportionate impact.

- ☐ **Group B Priority. Attach proof** that your company is a Registered Marijuana Dispensary currently operating in Somerville that will continue selling medicinal products.

- ☐ **No Priority.** All applicants who are not Group A or B should check here.