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Alex Mello  
Office of Strategic Planning & Community Development

Katjana Ballantyne  
City Council President & Acting Mayor for the Marijuana Advisory Committee

City Hall  
93 Highland Avenue  
Somerville, MA 02143

Dear Mr. Mello & President Ballantyne,

I am writing in support of the application for a Somerville-based recreational dispensary by minority-owned Green Soul Organics, LLC. It is my understanding that they are applying to open a dispensary at the Davis Square site of the old Johnny D's restaurant.

I am actively involved in my Somerville and Cambridge communities. I have been an member of the HONK! Festival organizing committee for 13 years, I am Vice President of the Board of Tutoring Plus of Cambridge, and I am a member of the Board of JazzBoston. I am former Chair of the Cambridge Bicycle Committee.

Professionally, I am a composer, musician, and band leader. I was selected by the Somerville Arts Council as Somerville Artist of the Month in February 2019, and I was named a Finalist in Music Composition by the Massachusetts Cultural Council in 2017. My music has been distributed and performed internationally, including on the television program *Sesame Street*.

I appreciate that Green Soul Organics has reached out to the HONK! Festival expressing interest in supporting our annual free event. It is my sense that Green Soul Organics would be a good and community-oriented neighbor, and as such I fully support their efforts to establish a minority-owned recreational dispensary in Davis Square.

I hope that you will give them all due consideration in this regard,

