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Greetings Mr. Brodchandel,

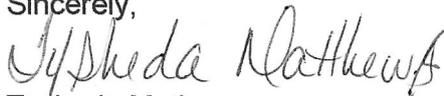
Please accept this letter of support regarding your plans/application establishing the Harmony Dispensary at 227-233 Coles Street. As a proponent of both traditional and alternative medicine approaches, I am aware of the many people from various demographics who successfully use cannabis as medicine. Having a reputable, state regulated dispensary providing this medicine to Jersey City communities adds value to our diverse city.

Moreover, I am impressed with your company's commitment to social equity in the growing cannabis market. As you are aware, Black people have been incarcerated, stigmatized and economically marginalized by unfair drug laws in Jersey City and throughout the nation. Historically, many individuals (male and female) from communities of color have difficulty finding employment opportunities because of low level cannabis criminal charges while the State of New Jersey and other states have legalized it for people of means. That said, Harmony's commitment to hiring locally, providing job training and job fairs for marginalized communities like the residents of Holland Gardens is admirable. The Holland Gardens Resident Council intends on working closely with your organization. We want to ensure the 350 residents from our community are informed and involved in opportunities in this emerging industry.

Lastly, it is our hope that in the near future Harmony can establish an onsite consumption space at this Jersey City location. Most people are unaware that people who are legally prescribed cannabis as medicine but live in federally subsidized housing cannot store or consume in their home since cannabis (while legal in most states as medicine) is still considered an illicit drug with our federal government.

Please feel free to contact me should you have any questions and I look forward to furthering our conversations on social equity and social justice in the cannabis industry.

Sincerely,



Tysheda Mathews
President - Holland Gardens Resident Council