

COMMUNITY IMPACT AND SOCIAL RESPONSIBILITY STATEMENT

Greener on Grove LLC (the “*Company*”) focuses on how best to give back to the immediate community. The *Company* conducted primary research about the community’s constituents. The address of the proposed location is 608 Grove Street, Jersey City, NJ 07310. This location falls under the Jersey Avenue Light Rail Redevelopment Plan, an area that Jersey City is eager to revitalize. New Jersey State has designated this area as an Urban Enterprise Zone.

The *Company* has met with Councilman James Solomon of Ward, who has publicly supported the state-regulated cannabis industry and believes that Ward E will be a great location. With the help of Councilman Solomon, the *Company* met with various local nonprofit organizations. In addition to monetary donations or contributions to each of these organizations, the *Company* believes that it is very important to support each organization’s unique mission and to address each organization’s individual needs directly.

Below, the *Company* outlines how it plans to collaborate with each organization. The *Company* will always make its best efforts to understand the changing needs of each organization with respect to the *Company*’s ability to assist and address those needs. As a new member of the community, the *Company* will do its best to establish itself as a good neighbor.

St. Lucy’s Emergency Shelter

St. Lucy’s Emergency Shelter is a supervised 24-hour, 7-day-a-week, year-round emergency shelter facility for single women and men offering emergency housing and food for those in need. Within the first week, clients meet with staff to assess their current situation. Once their needs are determined by the case manager, the clients are referred to one or more of the following services: welfare, supplemental security income, unemployment, job training and job search, education and mental-health/addiction-treatment programs. The shelter provides two meals a day, clothing as well as a shower program and outreach services for the unsheltered homeless.

To support St. Lucy’s Emergency Shelter’s job search mission, first the *Company* would volunteer its time to provide job search best practices, including resume reviews and mock interviews, to help the clients prepare and be fully ready when the right opportunities arise. To support the organization’s shower program, the *Company* would hold a toiletries donation drive at the cannabis retailer each year and offer our customers a discount on our products for participating. Understanding firsthand that the needs of St. Lucy’s Emergency Shelter is constantly changing, the *Company* will remain flexible and assist wherever and however it can (e.g., organizing the donation closet, folding clothing donations). The *Company* believes that these contributions will provide a direct positive impact. The *Company* looks forward to working with John Westervelt, the director of St. Lucy’s Emergency Shelter.

The Hoffman Centers – THCSponge Programs

Michael Hoffman’s THCSponge Programs advance equity through the cannabis industry and local communities by providing expungement services directly to those in need through generous support of partners, sponsors and the communities. Support of these programs are

an investment in goodwill, brand and reputation, through high-visibility initiatives of providing clinical expungement analysis and limited subsidized legal services to those who most need it.

To support THCSponge Programs, the *Company* will participate in the Emerald Tier program for expungements clinics, preparation and filing of petitions. More importantly, the *Company* will provide QR codes to customers (e.g., on the receipt, on the wall) so that individuals may inquire about the expungement process privately. The *Company* believes that this is the most effective way to help individuals who have been victims of the war on drugs. As the *Company* grows, it intends to escalate to a silver or gold tier contributor to help more individuals.

New Jersey Reentry Corporation

The New Jersey Reentry Corporation (“NJRC”), a nonprofit corporation, is designed to provide critical services for those persons who have been court-involved. Its purpose is to enroll and provide services, including addiction treatment, sober transitional housing, linkage to health care services, motor vehicle identification, training, employment, and legal support, for individuals with a diagnosed mental health and/or substance use disorder who have been arrested, incarcerated and sentenced through the judicial system.

To support NJRC’s mission, the *Company* has and will continue to volunteer at the organization by writing resumes and providing job readiness mentorship. The *Company* conducts one-on-one interviews with NJRC clients to discuss their previous work history and future employment goals. By understanding each client as individuals, the *Company* is better able to find the right fit for each client and help them with this one aspect of reentering into society.

Holland Gardens

Holland Gardens is a part of the Housing Choice Voucher Program (formerly Section 8 housing), managed by the Jersey City Housing Authority. Holland Gardens currently has 192 units of one-, two-, three-, and four- bedroom configurations, and is home for 373 residents consisting mostly of families who have lived there for over ten years – notably 25% of which have reported some type of disability in their household. There are five low-rise buildings with site amenities including a manager’s office, basketball court, two community rooms and play areas. In speaking with the four resident leadership member of Holland Gardens, one area of need is job search assistance for the residents.

To support this initiative, the *Company* would volunteer its time to provide job search best practices, resume reviews and mock interviews, to help the resident prepare, analogous to the work with St. Lucy’s Emergency Shelter. In addition, the *Company* would hold a clothing drive at the cannabis retailer each year and offer *customers* a discount on products for participating. The *Company* believes that this is the most direct impact that it can have on the neighboring housing community. The *Company* looks forward to working with Tysheda Mathews, Bernadine Taylor, Keisha Ellerbe and Donna Davis, the President, Vice President, Secretary and Treasurer of Holland Gardens Resident Council, respectively.

Friends of 16th Street Park

In Jersey City, there are many underutilized parks in need of repair and advocacy. One of these parks is 16th Street Park located on the corner of 16th Street and Erie Street. For many years, this park has been in disrepair and needed advocacy.

To help revitalize 16th Street Park, the *Company* took various initiatives. First, the *Company* adopted the park by establishing the Friends of 16th Street Park. By collaborating with Vernon Richardson from the Jersey City Parks Department, the *Company* has been able to gather support input from various stakeholder groups to best understand what the needs of the park will be (e.g., volleyball, pickleball, basketball). Next, the *Company* will trash at the park at least once per month. These efforts included not only the area within the fence, but also the sidewalk around the park and the curbside. Finally, with the permission of the Jersey City, the *Company* would like to sponsor and host a tournament there.

Conclusion

Over the next few years, the neighborhood will experience many changes. Larger constructions projects will attract many new residents to the area. A proposed train station will also generate new commercial business opportunities. This will create jobs for local residents, which is consistent with the goals of the Jersey Avenue Light Rail Redevelopment Plan. The *Company* believes open communication is the best method to proactively keep the neighborhood safe.