

House of Zen Care Center, LLC

AU-R-000896

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HOUSE OF ZEN'S SOCIAL EQUITY PLAN

"We are a minority and family-owned business, licensed and operating in the City of Detroit since 2016. We are Good neighbors and are committed to the enhancement of our commercial business district and to the surrounding community." -Teri Hargrave & Jacquline Weathersby Hours of Operation: Monday – Saturday 9am-9pm Sunday 9am-9pm

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HOUSE OF ZEN GOOD NEIGHBOR PLAN

Adult-Use Recreational Cannabis

he House of Zen has served as a committed community partner since first acquiring the abandoned commercial building in 2015. The Good Neighbor Plan as described within this document, herein referred to as "House of Zen Good Neighbor Plan" will formally establish an annual commitment to the community surrounding the House of Zen, located at 14501 Mack Ave., Detroit, MI. 48215 as part of our application for an Adult–Use Marijuana License.

The House of Zen was established in 2016 and licensed by city of Detroit in 2018 as a Medical Cannabis Facility and the State of Michigan as a Provisioning Center in 2019. Since 2016, House of Zen has operated a professional and safe minority and family-owned business operation within the city of Detroit District 4, providing high quality medicinal cannabis and CBD products, while also serving as a committed community partner. We currently service clients who hold a valid state issued medical marijuana card, and valid State of Michigan Identification.

MISSION STATEMENT/VISION STATEMENT

Our mission is to provide high quality cannabis in a safe environment. We are proud Legacy and Social Equity second generation Detroiters, born, raised and educated in the Detroit Public School System.

We currently employ two (2) full-time and two (2) part-time Detroiters. 100% of our employees are Detroiters.

As part of our outreach to obtain community support for the Recreational Use License, the House of Zen has met with community groups including: Eastside Community Network, formerly the Mack Avenue Business Association; the Riverbend Community Association; residents and adjacent business owners along Mack Avenue to inform them of our intent to apply and gain support. The following Neighborhood Attestations have been signed by business owners to show support for this plan and our application to the city of Detroit.

COMMITMENT TO THE COMMUNITY

The House of Zen Good Neighbor Plan (HOZGNP) will establish and facilitate a plan for ongoing donations and communications between the House of Zen and community partners such as: Riverbend Community Association, Eastside Community Network and the City of Detroit Police Department's 5th Precinct. The Eastside Community Network is an umbrella group of block clubs located on the Far East side of Detroit (boundaries are Jefferson to Mack, Alter to Conner).

According to the city of Detroit Ordinance approving Adult-Use Marijuana Establishments, these neighborhood organizations that represent the community surrounding the House of Zen will receive monetary contributions totaling the sum of .25 percent of annual gross revenue to a duly organized Detroit-based tax-exempt charitable organization that operates where the applicant's facility or establishment is located. The House of Zen will contribute monetary contributions to the following community organizations for 2022:

1. Detroit Police Department, 5th Precinct

Contact: N.P.O. Karen Maxey, or N.P.O. Willie Soles Number: 313.319.2990 or 313.643.0202

2. Eastside Community Network

Contact: Angela Wilson, COO Number: 313.571.2800

3. Riverbend Community Association

Contact: J. Henderson, President Number: 313.821.5034

During the term of the license, House of Zen proposes to complete the following:

a. Hiring of at least 50% of full-time employees who are Detroit residents for jobs paying at least \$15.00 an hour; or

b. Hiring at least 30% of full-time employees who have a prior controlled substance record, as defined in Section 20-6-2 of this Code, for jobs paying at least \$15 an hour; or

c. Purchasing at least 50% of necessary goods and services from businesses located in the City of Detroit;

COMMUNITY OUTREACH PLAN

The following methods will be used to ensure lines of communication with the neighborhood and/or business organizations, owners and tenants near the proposed recreational marijuana facility to ensure awareness of the application, and for current and future employment opportunities. Employment opportunities will be shared with the local community during the Eastside Community Network's community meetings and Riverbend Community Association meetings.

In addition, job postings and opportunities will be posted on the House of Zen's website and also made available for posting in community newsletters.

LANDSCAPE MAINTENANCE

The House of Zen will provide for enhancement of the surrounding area of its establishment. The landscaping and proposed maintenance, includes the following:

Spring/Summer. Plant Annuals and Perennials in the landscaped berm in front of the business. In addition, planters will be installed and maintained with seasonal perennials.

Fall/Winter: Holiday decorations will be installed and add to the festive environment along the Mack Avenue Commercial Corridor.

Ongoing cleaning and maintenance of the commercial business frontage will be completed by the House of Zen staff and landscaping contractors.



LOITERING CONTROL

House of Zen has 24-hour security and or surveillance. Loitering is prohibited and is strictly enforced for the safety of our customers and staff. House of Zen also has a very good relationship with the Detroit Police Department's 5th Precinct.

SAFETY AND SECURITY

The House of Zen has onsite security provided by Hands of God, LLC, a Detroit based business. In addition, 24 hour surveillance is monitored by Vivint Security. Loitering is prohibited and is strictly enforced for the safety of our customers and staff.

CANNABIS AND SALES TO MINORS

The following methods will be employed to reduce and/or prevent the sales of cannabis to minors:

House of Zen requires all customers to provide a valid Driver's License or State ID. Currently, a valid medical card is also required in addition to a valid ID. All persons under the age of twenty-one (21) will be prohibited from purchasing marijuana products within the facility. In addition to the monetary donations, the House of Zen Good Neighbor Plan outlines the commitment to communication with the local community organizations, and to keeping the business establishment free of blight and loitering.



COMMUNITY OUTREACH REPORT

The House of Zen has met with the following organizations to make them aware of the Adult Use Recreation application to be submitted to the city of Detroit.

Community Meetings:

Community Relations Safety Zoom Meeting May 3, 2022

Coffee with a Cop Detroit Police Department's 5th Precinct Community Meeting May 10, 2022

> Mack Avenue Business Association April 6, 2022

> Riverbend Community Association April 21,2022

LEADERSHIP IN THE COMMUNITY

Since acquiring the commercial property located at 14501 Mack Avenue, The House of Zen has made significant investments in the rehabilitation of this vacant, blighted structure bringing it back into productive use. In addition, The House of Zen staff and employees participated Clean Up/Board Up activities throughout the neighborhood in an attempt to remove additional blight and further deterioration of homes in the surrounding community.



In addition to the investment in this commercial property, the House of Zen has participated in numerous clean-up/board up events with the surrounding neighbors since 2016. The House of Zen is committed to the safety, cleanliness and beautification of this community. Through volunteering in these past community activities demonstrate this commitment and continued support.

WE ARE A COMMUNITY ORIENTED CAREGIVER CENTER, VOLUNTERING TO BEAUTIFY OUR NEIGHBORHOOD







