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# (Offering to Appear Before the Harbor City NC) DCR Record No. LA-R-24-100081-ANN - Notice of Complete Application

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Wed, Apr 10, 2024 at 10:35 AM

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Cc: "DCRcompliance@lacity.org" <DCRCompliance@lacity.org>

Dear Harbor City NC and DCR,

I Hope this email finds everyone well!

Per DCR Regulations, we are reaching out to the Harbor City NC on behalf of:

DCR Record No.:	LA-R-24-100081-ANN
Applicant Name:	Green Earth Pharmacy, Inc
Business Premises Address:	1227 W 253RD ST HARBOR CITY, CA 90710
Activities Requested:	Retailer Storefront (Type 10)

The purpose of this communication is to offer to appear at an upcoming NC meeting so that we can formally introduce ourselves and address any questions regarding our Annual License and Application.

Looking forward to hearing back.

Sincerely,

# Mike

Michael Saghian

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Wed, Apr 10, 2024 at 1:25 PM

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Good Afternoon Michael,

I have cc'd our Commission Staff in this email. They will be able to assist you with of 4 this matter.

#### Thank you,



#### Osmara Valencia

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#### VVS PANORAMA LLC ("VVS") (LA-R-24-310107-ANN) memorandum

2 messages

Lea Leu < lleu@enso.law>

Thu, Apr 25, 2024 at 1:44 PM

To: Cannabis Commission <cannabiscommission@lacity.org>

Cc: Licensing < licensing@enso.law>

Hi Cannabis Commission,

Attached please find the memorandum in support of VVS PANORAMA LLC ("VVS") (LA-R-24-310107-ANN) annual license for the Commission's consideration.

Please let us know if any questions/issues. Thank you so much and have a great day!

Best,



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To: City of Los Angeles ("City") Cannabis Regulation Commission ("Commission")

From: Sevan Toroussian and VVS PANORAMA LLC

Date: April 24, 2024

Re: VVS PANORAMA LLC Annual Dispensary License (LA-R-24-310107-ANN)

#### MEMORANDUM IN SUPPORT OF APPLICATION

VVS PANORAMA LLC ("VVS") submits this Memorandum in support of its annual dispensary license (LA-R-24-310107-ANN) with the Department of Cannabis Regulations ("DCR"). VVS is a Phase 3 with City and state licenses for retail dispensary operations operating at its current location since 2021 at 8717 N Van Nuys Blvd Panorama City Los Angeles CA 91402 ("Licensed Premises").

### 1) VVS has Responsibly Served its Serve its Community for the Past Three Years and Looks Forward to Many More.

As a social equity applicant dispensary ("SEIAD") in Los Angeles, VVS has worked hard to provide safe, tested cannabis to its patients and clients over the past 3 years. VVS's top priority is for its patients and clients, and since its opening has developed meaningful relationships with them. VVS has diligently obtained all applicable licenses and has maintained compliance with the state and City, including through all the iterations of the DCR's amendments to the Los Angeles Municipal Code, the California Medicinal and Adult Use Cannabis Regulation and Safety Act ("MAUCRSA") and Department of Cannabis Control ("DCC")'s regulations.

To date, VVS is not aware of a single complaint about its operations or facilities to or from the City. VVS has successfully passed a DCR compliance inspection supporting the fact that VVS is compliant with DCR's regulations. VVS keeps its facility and the surrounding area clean and well-kept to enhance the quality of life in the neighborhood. It has proper indoor and outdoor lighting to keep the surrounding neighbors and its patients safe. All security cameras record the inside and outside of the Licensed Premises to ensure safe operations, which security guards monitor closely during operating hours. The security guard also does an hourly perimeter check around the building. In addition, to ensure the safety of patients and customers, VVS has ensured there is a safe walkway in the parking lot to the Licensed Premises so that everyone may feel safe and not be forced to use the adjoining alley to access the facility. VVS strictly prohibits loitering and consumption on or around the Licensed Premises to avoid any nuisance issues in the neighborhood, notices of which are posted throughout the parking lot.

Over the years, VVS has paid all of its licensing and compliance fees and taxes in a timely manner, including hundreds of thousands of dollars. As required, VVS contacted its

neighborhood council offering to speak with the council about its application but was not ultimately requested to do so. In addition, VVS is in the process of getting its site evaluation for its public health permit and retail emblem which should be issued before any deadlines imposed by the DCR.

VVS also prides itself on being part of the local community, among other things, serving approximately 150+ medicinal patients per month seeking relief from various health issues, including, nausea, insomnia, epilepsy, and cancer related ailments. VVS has worked with and supported other local businesses in the community such as the LA Kings Ice Center, MGA Banners, Rincon Taurino, and other local vendors. In 2022, VVS hosted a charity event for the public called the Lucha Libre, which featured well-known luchadores, raising money for Chica's Mom's Inc, a 501(c)(4) charity helping young and disadvantaged mothers in the community.

#### 2) None of the General Denial Reasons Apply to VVS under LAMC 104.04(a).

VVS's Licensed Premises is substantially the same as that submitted to the DCR, including the size, layout, location of egress and egress, limited access areas and location of doorways/passageways. The DCR and DCC have always been allowed access to the Licensed Premises and provided with requested accurate, truthful information, forms and documents in a timely manner, including annual renewals with the DCR and DCC and required CEQA information. VVS is not aware of any complaint issued against it and there is no history with or documentation from law enforcement that VVS would create a significant public safety problem. VVS' temporary approval is in good standing and it has passed its required City inspections to date. Finally, VVS has never been denied a license, permit or other authorization to engage in commercial cannabis activity and has always adhered to the requirements of the LAMC and DCR regulations.

## 3) None of the Business Premises Denial Reasons Apply to VVS under LAMC 104.04(b).

The Licensed Premises meet all applicable requirements of LAMC 105.00, et. seq. VVS is located in the Panorama City community plan area, which has not reached undue concentration according to the DCR's licensing map.<sup>1</sup> VVS' landlord, the owner of the Licensed Premises, does not hold office in any government agency related to commercial cannabis activity or otherwise. Furthermore, there have not been any convictions related to the Licensed Premises regarding any type of illegal and/or unlicensed commercial cannabis activity for the past three (3) years that VVS has occupied the facility, including no utility disconnections or padlocking of the Licensed Premises.

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<sup>&</sup>lt;sup>1</sup> Please see Attachment A (DCR Licensing Map).

## 4) None of the Ownership Denial or Disqualification of Primary Personnel Reasons Apply to VVS under LAMC 104.04(c) and (d).

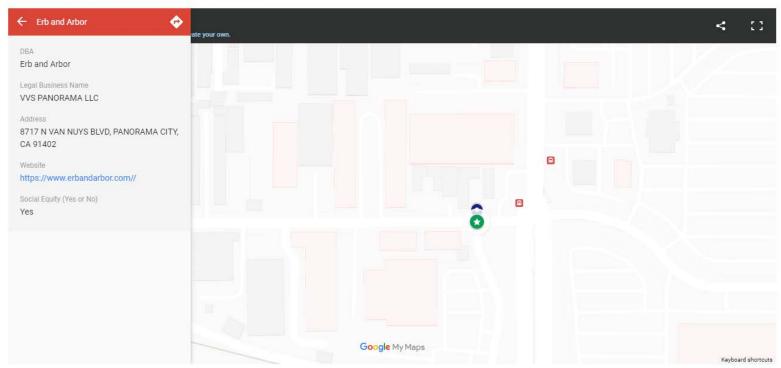
No owner of VVS holds office in any government agency related to commercial cannabis activity or otherwise. There is no entity owner of VVS, including a foreign entity incorporated outside of the United States. In addition, no owner or primary personnel of VVS has been convicted of a crime involving cannabis, wage or labor violations, selling tobacco or alcohol to minors, a violent or serious felony or felony involving guns, sex, hate crimes or offenses against children. Nor has an owner or primary personnel been convicted of a felony involving fraud, deceit or embezzlement or incurred a civil judgment regarding illegal commercial cannabis activity.

#### **CONCLUSION**

Based upon the foregoing, VVS respectfully requests the Commission approve the issuance of its annual city commercial cannabis dispensary license so that VVS may continue to operate in its community it holds dear and move forward with its state renewals and City requirements. Most important to the Commission, VVS meets all of the criteria for issuance of an annual dispensary license under Los Angeles Municipal Code ("LAMC") Section 104.04 and there are no facts or circumstances on the record that are required to deny this application.

# ATTACHMENT A VVS PANORAMA LLC DCR Licensing Map

#### All Licensed Retail Locations



Updated April 12, 2024