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Delivered via email to CANNABISBOARD@boston.gov

RE: Soul Cannabis Dispensary at 340 N Market Street, Faneuil Hall, non-support letter for a Retail Recreational Cannabis Dispensary License

Dear Boston Cannabis Board Members,

The Wharf District Council (WDC) believes that the Boston Zoning Code Article 8 in the cannabis regulations (“*any cannabis establishment shall be sited at least one-half mile or 2,640 feet from another existing cannabis establishment*”) should protect our neighborhood from being overrun with retail recreational cannabis dispensaries. We also believe that the Boston Cannabis Board and the Zoning Board of Appeals listen to the Boston neighborhood organizations that serve as their community’s voice and will respect the wishes of our Boston neighborhood.

In the past, the WDC has sent letters of support for dispensaries in our neighborhood, however, in these letters we have expressed concern regarding the increasing number of cannabis dispensaries that are being approved for the Wharf District and surrounding downtown neighborhoods. With three dispensaries in our district and additional dispensaries in adjacent neighborhoods, the WDC strongly opposes continued government approval of cannabis dispensaries, going against the rules that were intended to protect residential neighborhoods from being overwhelmed.

While the Wharf District Council respects the efforts of the Soul Cannabis (Vinyl Roots, Inc) organization to establish a retail recreational cannabis dispensary and additional/separate non-cannabis businesses, we cannot support another cannabis dispensary in our community.

The Wharf District is an historic waterfront neighborhood with a strong focus on family attractions, events and activities. This family friendly environment is due to the mix of residential condominiums, businesses, and hotels; and numerous tourist attractions including the New England Aquarium, Boston Harbor City Cruises, Faneuil Hall and Quincy Market; and beautiful parks including the Kennedy Greenway, Post Office Square Park and Christopher Columbus Park. The WDC is committed to ensuring that the Wharf District continues to be a desirable Boston waterfront destination for all families and to encouraging family focused development, housing and businesses to join our neighborhood .

Thank you for your time and attention to the WDC concerns and position on the matter before you.

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