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> CHRIS RIGGS, Acting Executive Director

## RESOLUTION 2024-<u>261</u> CONSIDERATION OF CONDITIONAL LICENSE APPLICATIONS FOR CLASS 1 CANNABIS CULTIVATOR, CLASS 2 CANNABIS MANUFACTURER, CLASS 3 CANNABIS WHOLESALER, CLASS 4 CANNABIS DISTRIBUTOR, CLASS 5 CANNABIS RETAILER, AND CLASS 6 CANNABIS DELIVERY LICENSES

WHEREAS, the New Jersey Cannabis Regulatory Commission ("the Commission"), established pursuant to P.L.2019, c.153, known and cited as the "Jake Honig Compassionate Use Medical Cannabis Act," is charged with implementing the provisions of that Act as well as P.L.2021, c.16, known and cited as the "New Jersey Cannabis Regulatory, Enforcement Assistance, and Marketplace Modernization Act"; and

WHEREAS, on August 19, 2021, the Commission adopted rules pursuant to N.J.S.A. 24:6I-35(a)(1) that established the licensure process for cannabis businesses and testing laboratories; and

**WHEREAS**, N.J.A.C. 17:30-6 through -7 outline the application process and requirements for both conditional license applicants and annual license applicants, including eligibility requirements and limitations for social equity businesses, diversely owned businesses, and impact zone businesses; and

**WHEREAS**, the Commission issued a Notice of Application Acceptance ("Notice") on July 18, 2023, outlining the specific criteria for the types of applications the Commission would accept, and the dates on which the Commission would begin accepting those applications; and

**WHEREAS**, the Notice also outlined the specific priority by which applications would be reviewed by the Commission; and

WHEREAS, pursuant to the Notice, the Commission began accepting applications for Class 1 Cannabis Cultivator, Class 2 Cannabis Manufacturer, and Testing Laboratories licenses on December 15, 2021; and

**WHEREAS**, pursuant to the Notice, the Commission began accepting applications for Class 5 Cannabis Retailer licenses on March 15, 2022; and

WHEREAS, pursuant to the Notice, the Commission began accepting applications for Class 3 Cannabis Wholesaler, Class 4 Cannabis Distributor, and Class 6 Cannabis Delivery

licenses for Social Equity Business applicants on September 27, 2023; for Diversely Owned Businesses on December 27, 2023; and for all other applicants on March 27, 2024; and

**WHEREAS**, pursuant to N.J.A.C. 17:30-6.1(d), the Commission shall review and score conditional and annual cannabis business license applications based on the priority designation of applications as set forth in the regulation and the Notice; and

**WHEREAS**, pursuant to N.J.A.C. 17:30-6.1(d), the Commission shall approve and issue licenses to applicants that receive a full score or greater; and

**WHEREAS**, to review applications thoroughly and efficiently, the Commission developed an application review process that included the following chronological steps for each application received:

- 1. Priority assignment;
- 2. Priority verification;
- 3. Review assignment;
- 4. Completeness review;
- 5. Scoring;
- 6. Qualification, Limitations, Financial/Management Agreement review;
- 7. Quality Control;
- 8. Recommendation to the Board of Commissioners; and

WHEREAS, for applications deemed incomplete in any respect, the application was sent back to the applicant with direction on how to appropriately cure any deficiencies in the application; and

WHEREAS, upon resubmission of a cured application, the application was placed in line for review in accordance with its priority designation and the time at which it was resubmitted; and

WHEREAS, the below list of conditional license applications for Class 1 Cannabis Cultivator, Class 2 Cannabis Manufacturer, Class 3 Cannabis Wholesaler, Class 4 Cannabis Distributor, Class 5 Cannabis Retailer, and Class 6 Cannabis Delivery licenses have been cured as necessary, have passed review by Commission staff, and are recommended by Commission staff for approval;

**NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED** by the New Jersey Cannabis Regulatory Commission pursuant to N.J.S.A. 24:6I-35(a)(1) and N.J.A.C. 17:30-6 through -7, the following applicants have satisfied the requirements set forth in the regulation, and the Commission has determined to approve the applicants' applications for a conditional license:

No.	Application ID	Applicant Business Name	License Class	Business Category
1	9363	Bloom Budz, LLC	Cultivator	Microbusiness
2	2926	Conscious Gardner Inc	Cultivator	Microbusiness
3	6398	JLABZ Private Cultivators	Cultivator	Microbusiness
4	6935	Urge New Jersey LLC	Cultivator	Microbusiness
5	9765	Green Gem Industries, Inc	Cultivator	Standard
6	10328	Sweetes Sweets LLC	Cultivator	Standard
7	8014	Duber Delivery Service LLC	Delivery	Microbusiness
8	10162	Elite Flowers Delivery Services	Delivery	Microbusiness
9	8848	JTDC Logistics	Delivery	Microbusiness
10	8923	KushExpeditors Corporation	Delivery	Microbusiness
11	6553	Packin Loud LLC	Delivery	Microbusiness
12	8832	All Left LLC	Delivery	Standard
13	9404	Capital City Cannacarriers L.L.C.	Delivery	Standard
14	9535	Leafdrop.com	Delivery	Standard
15	9463	Loud Distribution & Wholesale LLC	Distributor	Standard
16	9767	Green Gem Industries, Inc	Manufacturer	Standard

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17	7281	Impact Universe LLC	Manufacturer	Standard	
18	9566	BeStoned LLC	Retailer	Microbusiness	
19	2398	Buzzy Bee Business Partners LLC	Retailer	Microbusiness	
20	9743	Garden River Inc	Retailer	Microbusiness	
21	9276	HiBlend LLC	Retailer	Microbusiness	
22	2755	The Veteran Dispensary	Retailer	Microbusiness	
23	10150	Garden State Grow Labs, LLC	Retailer	Standard	
24	9828	Haus of Bud LLC	Retailer	Standard	
25	10336	Heritage Cannabis Farms LLC.	Retailer	Standard	
26	9154	New Jersey Leaf LLC	Retailer	Standard	
27	9533	Riverside Apothecary, LLC	Retailer	Standard	
28	9827	Viego Verde LLC	Retailer	Standard	
29	8846	Royal Beverages LLC	Wholesaler	Microbusiness	
30	7463	Sentinel Laboratories LLC	Wholesaler	Microbusiness	
31	9311	Weed Moms	Wholesaler	Microbusiness	
32	9461	Loud Distribution & Wholesale LLC	Wholesaler	Standard	

The following conditions shall apply to the above-listed conditional license awardees:

- 1. Conditional licenses issued in accordance with this Resolution shall be automatically granted the additional 45 days allowed by statute to file a conditional conversion application, extending the conditional license phase to 165 days from the date of license issuance.
- 2. Conditional license-holders shall comply with all relevant provisions of N.J.A.C. 17:30-6 through -7 regarding conditional licenses, license-holders, and the conditional license phase.
- 3. If issued a conditional license as a social equity business, diversely owned business, or impact zone business, maintaining eligibility as such is a condition of the license and a condition of seeking an annual license through a conditional conversion application.
- 4. Conditional license-holders may add new owners in the conditional license phase; however, a majority of the ownership shall remain with the owners that qualified for the conditional license.
- 5. Conditional license-holders shall provide an attestation certifying that they will submit to a criminal history background check. No license holder or license applicant shall be granted an annual license without submitting to a criminal history background check and satisfactorily demonstrating that all statutory and regulatory requirements have been satisfied.
- 6. Conditional license-holders are not authorized to cultivate, manufacture, sell, or otherwise possess cannabis or cannabis items.

Submitted by:

Dianna Houenou, Chair

## CERTIFICATION

I hereby certify that the foregoing is a true copy of the Resolution adopted by the Cannabis Regulatory Commission at its meeting held on the 18<sup>th</sup> day of July 2024.

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Dave Tuason, Chief Counsel

Vote on the Approval of This Resolution	Motion	Second	Yes	No	Abstain	Absent
Commissioner Barker	Х		Х			
Commissioner Del Cid-Kosso			Х			
Commissioner Delgado		Х	Х			
Chairwoman Houenou			Х			
Commissioner Nash			X			