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VIA EMAIL TRANSMISSION

City of Holyoke
Attn: Ms. Brenna Murphy McGee, City Clerk
536 Dwight Street, Room 2
Holyoke, MA 01040

Re: 2021 Annual Report of EMB Natural Ventures, LLC

Dear Ms. McGee:

On behalf of EMB Natural Ventures, LLC (“EMB”), and consistent with that company’s responsibilities under its Host Community Agreement with the City of Holyoke, dated October 25, 2018, and the associated Special Permit granted by the City Council on March 5, 2019 (which was updated by approval of the City Council on April 20, 2021), for doing business at 140 Middle Water Street in Holyoke, we are submitting this letter as an Annual Report for the year 2021.

On March 6, 2020, EMB received a one-year provisional license for Tier 3 cannabis cultivation from the Massachusetts Cannabis Control Commission, and on February 11, 2021, that provisional license was renewed for an additional one-year period, to March 6, 2022. EMB’s application for an additional renewal of the provisional license was submitted earlier this month.

Due to a series of delays in 2020 and early 2021 due to the public health crisis and the determination that the existing structure at 140 Middle Water Street could not feasibly and safely be renovated, EMB applied for and received permission from Holyoke’s Historical Commission and the city’s Building Department to demolish the existing structure at 140 Middle Water Street, the structure was, in fact, demolished. During the calendar year 2021, In addition to the submission to the City Council of updated materials relating to the project, applications were submitted to, and hearings were held before, the Planning Board, the Stormwater Authority, and the Conservation Commission, all of which approved the applications. We are anticipating the issuance of a Building Permit later this month, whereupon construction of the new facility will begin.

Within the scope of the above-described limitations, I certify as follows: (a) EMB did not generate any revenue in 2021 and, therefore, did not become responsible for payment of a Host Community Fee; (b) EMB has leased office space for administrative purposes, at 330 High Street in Holyoke, but it has not yet begun doing business there and derives no income from that property; and (c) because EMB has not yet commenced operations, it has not yet become responsible for reporting, consistent with the requirements of the Host Community Agreement and the Special Permit, on the number of employees it has hired.

Sincerely yours,

A handwritten signature in blue ink, appearing to read 'Eddie Fernandez', with a long horizontal flourish extending to the right.

Eddie Fernandez, President