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ANC 4C Protest Petition

ABCA – 127912 / Bloom @ North / Medical Cannabis Realtor / 827 Upshur Street, NW

Alcoholic Beverage and Cannabis Administration
2000 14th Street, NW,
4th Floor
Suite 400 South
Washington, DC
20009

July 1, 2024

ATTN: ABCA

On behalf of Advisory Neighborhood Commission (ANC) 4C in Washington, DC, we hereby submit this protest petition against the medical cannabis retailer license application from Mr. Tony Bullock/Bloom @ North LLC (ABCA-127912). Our protest is based on the following grounds:

1. **The effect of the establishment on peace, order, and quiet, including the noise and litter provisions set forth in § 25-313 §§ 25-725 and 25-726:**
Unfortunately, Mr. Bullock/Bloom @ North LLC has demonstrated a lack of responsible management at his current establishment, allowing open consumption of alcohol and congregation outside his bar Entitlement Lounge located at 829 Upshur Street NW. This behavior violates DC regulations and negatively impacts the peace, order, and quiet of our neighborhood. We are concerned that this same disregard for regulations may extend to the operation of a medical cannabis dispensary, potentially leading to similar issues with cannabis consumption and congregation of customers outside his business which blocks the sidewalk for pedestrians and impedes foot traffic to adjacent businesses (see appendix A for photos).

In addition, Mr. Bullock does not have prior experience owning and running a cannabis business. The operation of a medical cannabis dispensary requires specialized knowledge of cannabis products, dosing, regulations as well as safety and security considerations. His lack of experience in this field, in combination with the above violations, raises concerns about his ability to responsibly and safely manage a medical cannabis retail operation and comply with the strict regulations governing such establishments.

Mr. Bullock/Bloom @ North LLC has also demonstrated a disregard for proper waste management at his current establishment Entitlement Lounge located at 829 Upshur Street NW, allowing his trash receptacles to overflow and at times disposing of waste in neighboring business' trash cans (see

appendix B for photos and records of correspondence). Trash overflow and the resulting unsightliness, public health impacts as well as issues with rodents and pests is a persistent issue in the area and we are concerned that this disregard for existing waste disposal regulations may extend to the operation of a medical cannabis dispensary under his ownership, potentially leading to escalating waste overflow and the resulting impacts.

2. An overconcentration of cultivation centers, dispensaries, or testing laboratories in the affected ward (DCMR 22-C5109):

The address that Bloom @ North is applying to open a medical cannabis retailer (827 Upshur Street NW) is directly adjacent to a preexisting cannabis business, Cannabis Karma, located at 825 Upshur Street NW. This preexisting business has been in operation since 2016 and is respected by neighbors and well-liked by customers as evidenced by the number of neighbor signatories to her own protest petition. As per new regulations, Cannabis Karma submitted their medical cannabis retailer license application (as an equity applicant) on April 24th (see appendix C) and is awaiting approval.

3. The potential adverse impact of the proposed location to the neighborhood (DCMR 22-C5109):

As stated above, we are concerned that, given the history of misuse of public space and improper trash/waste disposal at Mr. Bullock/Bloom @ North LLC's other business (Entitlement Lounge) makes us concerned that these same issues would plague any cannabis business they open, having a negative impact on the neighborhood.

In addition, the location that Bloom @ North has proposed to open (827 Upshur Street) is adjacent to Cannabis Karma, a preexisting, successful, Black women owned and run cannabis shop currently in the process of obtaining their medical cannabis retailer license. If Bloom @ North opens a medical cannabis retailer at 827 Upshur Street it may result in the forced closure of Cannabis Karma given § 7-1671.06 (q-1)(1) "No retailer license shall be issued for a facility that is located within 400 feet from another facility operating under a retailer license." As evidenced by Cannabis Karma's own protest petition, which garnered over 40 signatures from neighbors, as well as their positive reputation among customers, the fact that our Commission has never received a complaint about their business (rare for a cannabis shop in DC) and their positive engagement with community events like Art All Night and Celebrate Petworth, the forced closure of Cannabis Karma as a result of a new, inexperienced cannabis seller opening next door would be a loss to our community and the Upshur business corridor. As a Commission we are deeply invested in helping the Upshur business district to thrive and it is not beneficial to the block to see one store front open just to have another forced to close. We are not enthusiastic about the idea of swapping one empty storefront for another. We encourage Bloom @ North to explore other locations for their cannabis retailer and stand up a different classification of business at 827 Upshur Street that would add unique value to Upshur Street in the spirit of seeing the Upshur business district collectively thrive and provide a diversity of commercial options for residents of 4C and greater Petworth.

We believe these factors make the application from Mr. Bullock/Bloom @ North inappropriate for approval under the standards outlined in § 25-313 and § 7-1671.06. ANC 4C requests that ABCA carefully consider these objections when evaluating the application from Mr. Bullock/Bloom @ North for a medical cannabis retailer license at 827 Upshur Street NW.

Our designated representative for all hearings related to this protest is: Casey Carter Swegman (4C01, 301-785-0881, 4C01@anc.dc.gov).

We look forward to participating in the protest process and providing further information as needed. Please inform us of any scheduled hearings or mediation sessions related to this matter.

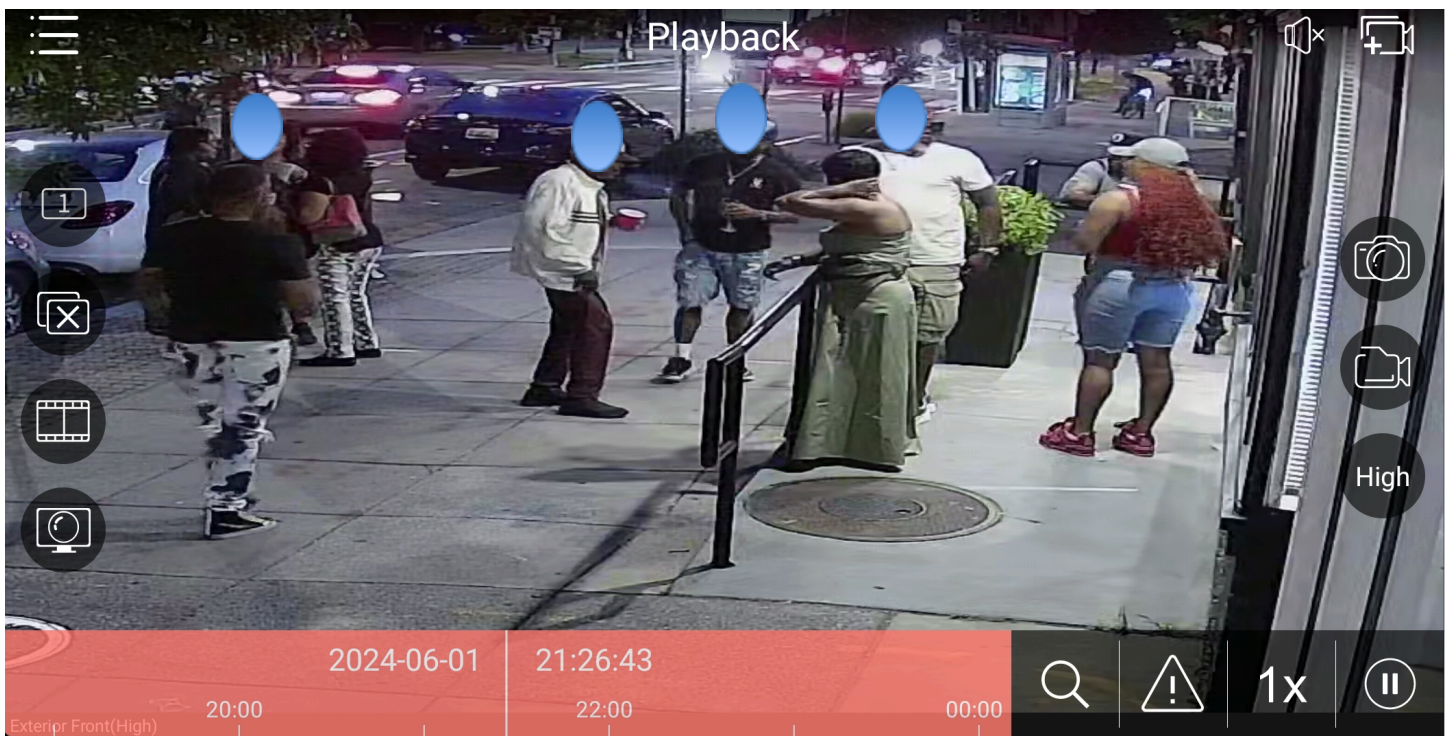
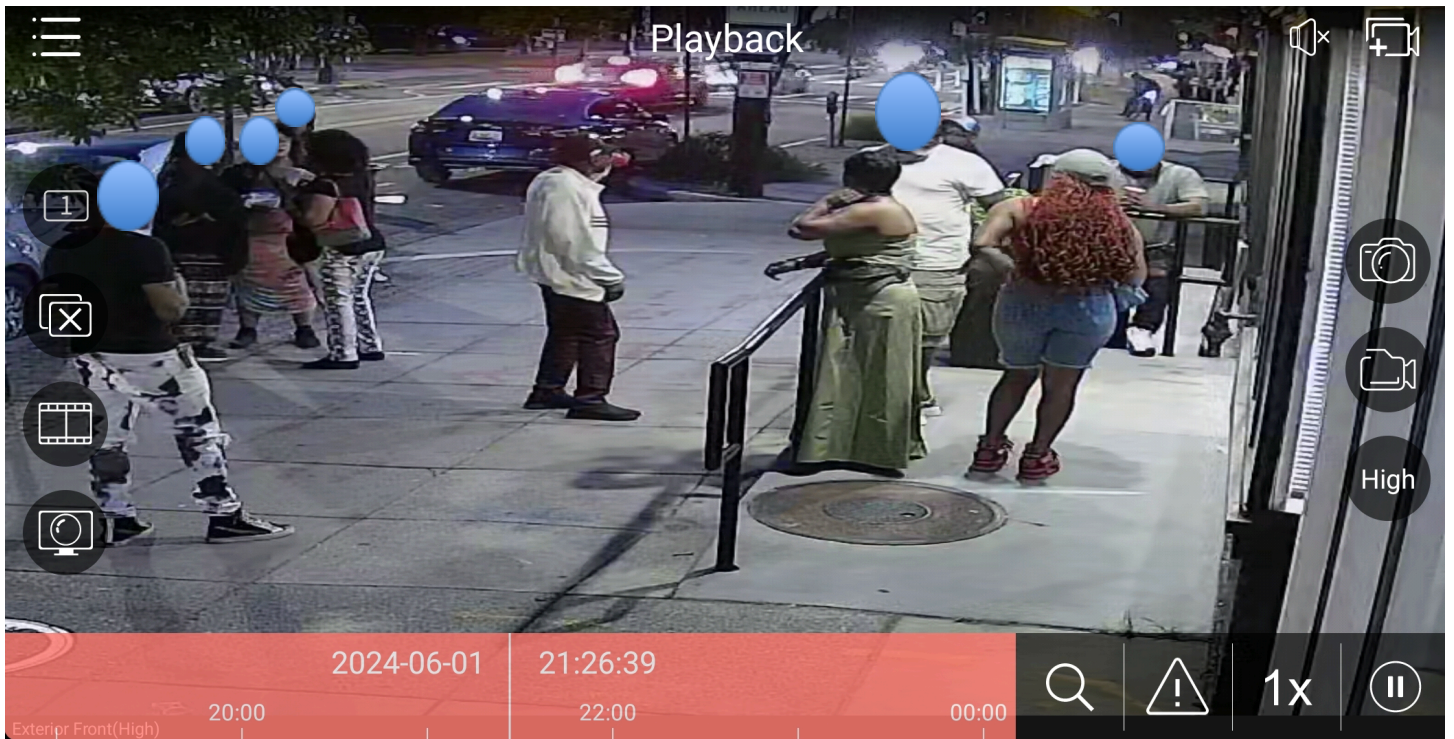
Sincerely,
Advisory Neighborhood Commission 4C

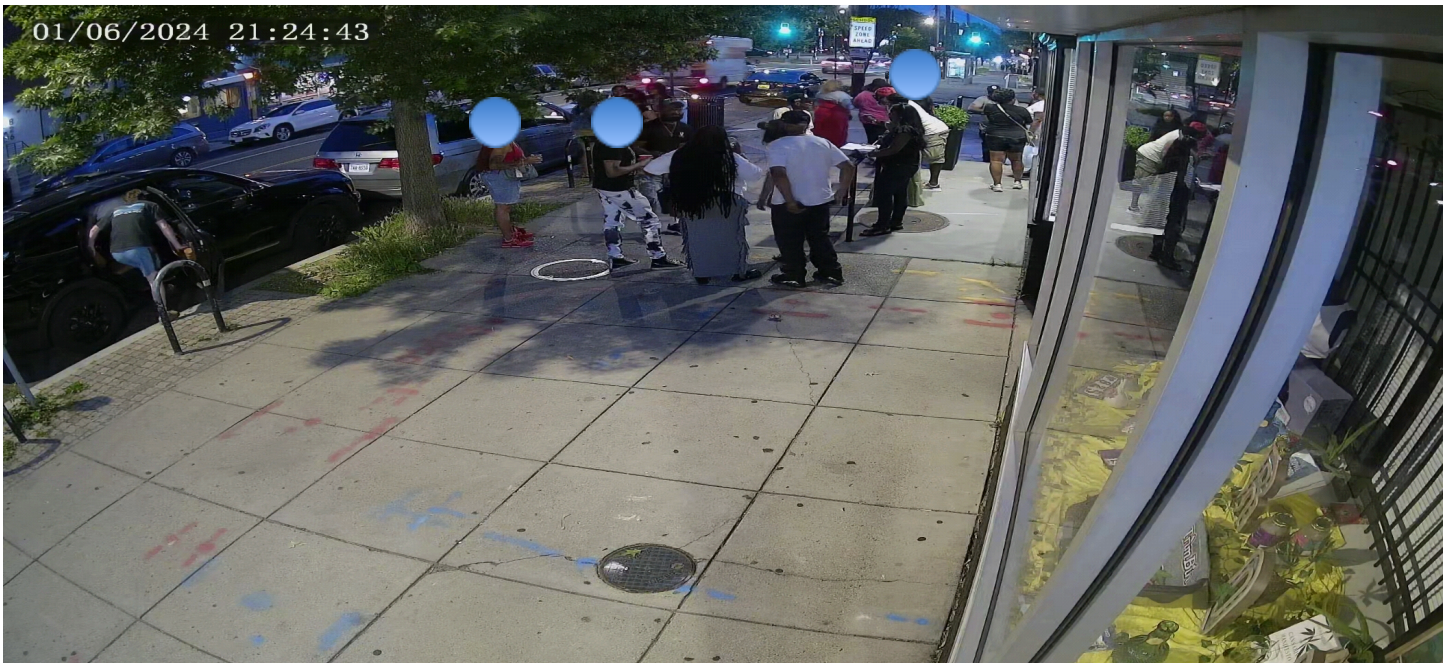
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Appendix A





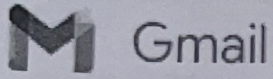
Appendix B

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Karma Clone <karmaclone@lifeluxee.org>

Escalation with Republic Services

6 messages

Allman, Justin <JAllman@republicservices.com>
To: "karmaclone@lifeluxee.org" <karmaclone@lifeluxee.org>
Cc: "Foreman, Angie" <AForeman@republicservices.com>

Tue, Aug 23, 2022 at 12:45 PM

Hey Davina,

I received word of an escalation put in for Life Luxe at 825 Upshur St NW

Angie is your dedicated account manager but she is out of the office right now and I didn't want you to fall by the way side so I figured I'd go ahead and reach out. You stated the below

"Cxs bins are the 2 rs bins showed in pic,the middle black cont is neighboring bus.(restaurant)keep piling their sw on to cxs bins,have nowhere else to put bins,needs resolution to stop this"

So you have the RS Trash cart(black lid) and the RS Recycle cart(blue lid). The black container is not yours but that company is overflowing into your container and it caused overages for you. Based on the photo I can support that claim. Based on the before and after photos I can make a suggestion. What if you move the 2 blue barrels to be beside the the black container to give separation between your carts and their mess? Also I can add a note on the account for driver to only service cart contents as the neighbor in large black bags is not our customer and not your trash. Are they putting trash into your cart as well? The overages have been credited

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Karma Clone <karmaclone@lifeluxee.org>
To: "Allman, Justin" <JAllman@republicservices.com>

Wed, Aug 24, 2022 at 2:27 PM

Yes they are over flowing there trash into ours . Yes we have tried that before, are next thing was to chain them to the fence or putting locks on them . Will the 571 be taken off bill , for that not being our trash .

[Quoted text hidden]

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Karma Clone
825 Upshur Street NW,
Washington D.C 20011
202-597-5169
www.cannabiskarma.org

Allman, Justin <JAllman@republicservices.com>
To: Karma Clone <karmaclone@lifeluxee.org>

Wed, Aug 24, 2022 at 3:18 PM

We have credited the overages yes.

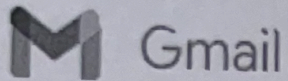
I was going to mention locks. Just have to make sure they are off the carts for service. I will add notes to the account as well to service cart content only

Justin Allman

Division Sales Supervisor

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Republic Services Rollback Rate proposal

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Wed, Dec 20, 2023 at 5:35 PM

To: "Strater, Ashley" <AStrater@republicservices.com>

Hey hope all is well, we have another issue with other people from the neighborhood adding trash to our cans. We are in the process of putting locks on the cans. We do not want to get an over charge for trash that is not ours.

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Office Use Only

License No.	Date Accepted	Accepted By	Hearing Date
Fees Paid \$	From To	Issue Date	From To
Date Approved by ABC Board	Board Initials	ALCOHOLIC BEVERAGE REGULATION ADMIN	
Date Denied by ABC Board	Board Initials	2024 APR 29 A 4:10	

MEDICAL CANNABIS BUSINESS LICENSE APPLICATION
2024 APR 29 A 3:50
ABRA

SECTION I | APPLICATION TYPE
Select one.

☒ New ☐ Transfer (with sale of entity or stock) ☐ Transfer (without sale) ☐ Transfer to New Location

SECTION II | LICENSE TYPE
Select one. If selecting Cultivation Center or Manufacturer, you must also select a tier or type.

☐ Courier ☐ Cultivation Center Tier ☐ 1 ☐ 2 ☐ 3 ☐ 4 ☐ 5 ☐ 6 ☒ Internet Retailer ☐ Manufacturer Type ☐ 1 ☐ 2 ☒ Retailer

Are you seeking a conditional license? ☒ Yes ☐ No

SECTION III | ENDORSEMENTS (RETAILERS ONLY)
Select all that apply. Please note that a Safe-Use Treatment Facility endorsement is required to obtain a Summer Garden endorsement.

☒ Delivery ☒ Education Tasting ☒ Safe-Use Treatment Facility ☒ Summer Garden

SECTION IV | APPLICANT INFORMATION
Type of Entity ☒ Corporation (for-profit) ☐ Corporation (non-profit)

Nalia, LLC d/b/a Cannabis Karma
Business Entity Name
5420 3rd Street NW Unit #1
Business Entity Mailing Address
Washington
City
DC
ST
20011
Postal Code

Will you be the true and actual owner of the business? If no, explain below and attach affidavit. ☒ Yes ☐ No

Do you currently hold or have you previously held a medical cannabis or adult-use cannabis license in DC or elsewhere? ☐ Yes ☒ No

Provide an explanation below if you checked yes to the above questions.

SECTION V | PRIMARY POINT OF CONTACT INFORMATION
Princess D.
First Name
Mirabal
Last Name
CEO Cheif Excutive Officer
Title
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