



CITY OF LOS ANGELES DEPARTMENT OF
**CANNABIS
 REGULATION**

**PUBLIC CONVENIENCE OR NECESSITY (PCN)
 FINDING REQUEST**

LIC-4001-FORM

Instructions: Applicants seeking to engage in Retail Commercial Cannabis Activity in a Community Plan Area that has reached Undue Concentration must complete and submit this form to the Department of Cannabis Regulation in order to file a request that the City Council find that approval of the License application would serve a public convenience or necessity (PCN) supported by evidence in the record pursuant to LAMC Section 104.03(a)(4).

To: Office of the City Clerk
 City of Los Angeles
 City Hall, Room 395
 Los Angeles, CA 90012

<p><i>For City Clerk Use Only:</i> Council File No. _____ Received On: _____ Expiration Date: _____</p>
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Business Premises Location: 12804 S. Hoover St. Gardena, CA 90247
 Community Plan Area: Harbor Gateway CD: Joe Buscaino - 15th
 Applicant Entity Name: Cantasia LLC
 Contact Name: Shakima Herron Phone No. 213-732-9130
 Applicant's Email: herron807@gmail.com
 Total Floor Area of Business: 11,683 square feet
 Proposed Hours of Operation: 8am-10pm Days: MON-SUN

The Cannabis Procedures Ordinance limits the number of Retail Commercial Cannabis Activity Licenses by Community Plan Area (CPA) based on the definition of Undue Concentration under Los Angeles Municipal Code (LAMC) Section 104.01(a)(48). An area is considered unduly concentrated when DCR issues the maximum number of these license types in that CPA.

Explain how the Commercial Cannabis Activity will serve the public convenience or necessity (attach and number additional pages if necessary):

see attachment

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Explain how this request meets one or more of the City Council's public convenience or necessity standards pursuant to City Council's adopted Resolution (attach and number additional pages if necessary):

See attached.

LAMC Section 104.03(a)(4) requires the Applicant to engage with and seek input from stakeholders in or near the Community Plan Area where the proposed Business Premises is located. Please provide the following information about the stakeholders with whom you will engage and seek to obtain written input.

Neighborhood Council: Harbor Gateway North Neighborhood Council

LAPD Division / Station: Gardena Police Department

Chamber of Commerce: Gardena Valley Chamber of Commerce

Substance Abuse Intervention, Prevention and Treatment Organization(s):

Name: Transformations Care

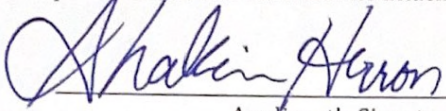
Address: 17921 S, Avery Pl, Gardena, CA 90248

Distance from Business Premises: 5 miles

Total number of pages attached: 2

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I declare under the penalty of perjury under the laws of the State of California that the information presented in this form and its attachments are true and correct to the best of my knowledge.



Applicant's Signature

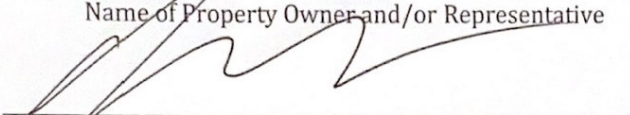
8/18/21

Date

Signature of the property owner(s), or the property owner's authorized representative, if a tenant or lessee is filing this form:

Core Investment LLC

Name of Property Owner and/or Representative



Signature of Property Owner and/or Representative

8/19/21

Date

Representative

Title (i.e. Owner or Representative)

Dear Department of Cannabis Control and Los Angeles City Council,

I am writing this letter to request that the property located at 12804 S. Hoover, Gardena, CA be deemed compliant for licensed cannabis retail operations.

As residents of Los Angeles/Gardena, we are both aware of the current and previous unlicensed retailers in our city. Not only do unlicensed cannabis stores create a bad reputation for our city, but they also give those who are seeking therapeutic treatment no choice but to purchase untested, potentially harmful products. In order to keep Gardena residents safe while consuming cannabis products, we make a promise to our city and our patients that safety and testing of our products will be of primary importance.

With our partner Shryne Group, we have the ability to bring in a store that is backed by a reputable brand with a strong presence throughout the state of California. With our partner being a vertically integrated company with multiple retail stores, we understand how important it is to provide quality products and quality customer service.

Location:

12804 S Hoover is located at the intersection of W El Segundo Blvd and Hoover St, within Councilman Joe Buscaino's District 15. It's right off of Harbor Fwy, making it easily accessible. The property offers ample, gated parking, ensuring our patients' maximum safety. It's located near two other dispensaries--The Goods Supply Co which is 1.5 miles away, and The Liberty Beach Center which is roughly 5 miles away. The distance between shops will allow the stores to more effectively serve the entire community.

Community Benefit:

Security is a major feature of the business. We will have two guards on duty during business hours and one overnight. One of the guards will patrol the perimeter of the store and surrounding area to ensure there are no potential threats to this business or to neighbors, thereby making the neighborhood safer. We also will have monitored HD surveillance cameras at the facility monitoring the outside area.

Additionally, Shryne Group has a track record of supportive action in all of the cities where they operate. They've become known for following through on each commitment made during the application process, which is really a differentiating factor compared to others in the industry. Below I have outlined some of the commitments and contributions made to date around the state.

In 2020 alone, Shryne donated over \$900,000 to various non-profits such as the Boys and Girls Club, Food Share, Imperial Valley Food Bank, Community Action North Bay, Self-Care Lab, Corona Settlement House, Food Bank of Contra Costa County, Family Justice Center,

Monument Crisis Center, San Gabriel Valley Conservation Corps, Shelter Inc, Southern California Service Corps, United Playaz, and veterans' organizations such as Battle Brothers and Vet Hunters.

Employees at each store also utilize their 24 hours of paid time off for volunteering at local homeless shelters, clean-up projects such as Battle for the Bay and local food drives.

What Gardena can expect from us:

- We plan to make an initial contribution of \$4,000 to the Gardena chapter of the Boys and Girls Club and have committed another \$12,000 annually to them.
- We are committed to providing at least 200 hours of community service annually in Gardena. In addition to monthly planned events hosted by Cantasia LLC, our employees will also have the opportunity to volunteer individually or in smaller groups on an ad-hoc basis with the prior approval of the managers. Our organization has strong relationships with veteran organizations and homeless organizations, and our Gardena employees will continue this tradition of assisting these groups.
- GRCN Connecting Communities has been assisting at-risk youth develop the life skills needed to lead productive lives once they become adults. They are a 501c3 non-profit organization dedicated to enriching the lives of our young people and our communities. We have a long history of contributing resources and volunteer hours to such organizations and food distribution centers and our partnership with the GRCN can allow us to make the children of Gardena become capable and successful adults.
- We also plan to sponsor at least 2 years of classes at a local community college, for one or more of our Gardena employees—either from a low income household or who is a veteran. This scholarship will also cover books and other related expenses. We have similar scholarships for our employees of certain backgrounds in most other cities in which we operate.

To conclude, Cantasia LLC plans to operate a compliant, reputable cannabis operation at 12804 S Hoover. If we are granted this location, we are committed to contributing to our community in many ways, including but not limited to those listed above. We will make significant contributions to the community and the surrounding area, making approval of this facility a benefit for several key stakeholders, thereby promoting the public welfare.