



# THE CITY OF NEW YORK MANHATTAN COMMUNITY BOARD 3

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## Community Board 3 Cannabis License Application Questionnaire

**NOTE: ALL ITEMS MUST BE SUBMITTED FOR APPLICATION TO BE CONSIDERED.**

The following items package are due by date listed in your email invitation:

- Questionnaire (below)
- Executed lease for the proposed location
- Community Impact Plan (see page 5)

### GENERAL INFORMATION

1. Type of License:

- Adult-Use Retail Dispensary
- Micro-business (with retail)

2. Entity Name: SLG-DB, LLC. License No. OCMCAURD-2022-000388

3. Trade Name ("Doing Business As"): N/A

### LOCATION INFORMATION

4. Address (including the floor location or room number, if applicable):

15 Avenue B, New York, NY 10009 (209 EAST 2 STREET, 10009)

Block 384 | Lot 7504

Cross streets: Southeast Corner of Avenue B & East 2nd Street

5. Does the business, or has the business, ever sold cannabis products at this location?

- Yes
- No

6. Are there any buildings with the primary functions of a **church, synagogue, or other places of worship** on the same road and within 200-feet of this location?

- Yes
- No

7. Are there grounds occupied exclusively by a **school** on the same road and within 500-feet of this location?
  - Yes
  - No
  
8. Are there any **other retail dispensary or microbusiness retail** locations within 1,000 ft of this location?
  - Yes
  - No
  
9. If the establishment is a **transfer or previously licensed premises**, what is the name of the old establishment, and what is its registration or license number?

Name:           N/A for Cannabis Retail          

Registration or License Number: The previous tenant, Degeest LLC. d/b/a Wafels & Dinges, held an SLA OP Wine license (#0267-18-104540) which has been inactive since 4/30/2020.

**PROPOSED BUSINESS**

10. Please provide a brief description of the types of products/services (to be) provided at the physical location, including which products will be sold onsite and which will be available for delivery, if applicable.

We will offer a variety of lab-tested cannabis products from licensed NYS cultivators and manufacturers, as well as, ancillary products and branded apparel/merchandise to adults 21+: Including flower, pre-rolls, edible products, concentrates, rolling paper, ashtrays, and cannabis-safe lock boxes. Delivery will be offered only during retail hours of operation. Personnel will be offsite. When an order is made, they will be texted to collect the order and take it to its destination. Our plan is to deliver to a conservative local catchment area (borders TBD) by foot. We will not use e-bikes or vehicles for delivery.

11. What measures will be taken to ensure that customers do not smoke outside in areas that would cause smoke to enter apartments or businesses above and nearby?

Staff and security will encourage exiting customers to move away from the store with reminders that no smoking is allowed in front of the store, LES gardens or any parks in NYC. Staff and security will also instruct patrons to keep their volume to reasonable decibel while waiting, entering, and exiting the store. Scheduled pick-ups will help ease potential loitering or congestion inside and outside of the store.

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12. How many **cannabis events** will you be hosting per year?   Aside from our grand opening, we expect to hold educational and new product announcement events. Number TBD.

13. Would you commit to playing music at background levels only?  
 Yes  
 No
14. Would you be willing to meet with the Lower East Side Employment Network (LESEN) to help identify local residents who meet your criteria for staffing the proposed business?  
 Yes  
 No
15. What are the total hours you will be open each week? \_\_\_\_\_ 111 \_\_\_\_\_
16. What are your proposed hours?
- Sunday: 08:00 AM - 11:00 PM
  - Monday: 08:00 AM - 11:00 PM
  - Tuesday: 08:00 AM - 11:00 PM
  - Wednesday: 08:00 AM - 11:00 PM
  - Thursday: 08:00 AM - 11:00 PM
  - Friday: 08:00 AM - 02:00 AM
  - Saturday: 08:00 AM - 02:00 AM

**APPLICANT/LICENSEE REPRESENTATIVE INFORMATION**

17. Applicant Full Name: \_\_\_\_\_ Deanna Brooks & Anthony Taylor \_\_\_\_\_
18. Attorney/Representative Full Name: \_\_\_\_\_ Aleece Burgio \_\_\_\_\_
19. Attorney/Representative Address: \_\_\_\_\_ 12 Fountain Plaza, Ste. 600, Buffalo, NY 14202 \_\_\_\_\_  
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20. Attorney/Representative Address Phone Number: \_\_\_\_\_ (716) 472-5950 \_\_\_\_\_
21. How many cannabis licenses does the applicant currently hold? \_\_\_\_\_ 1 NYS CAURD License \_\_\_\_\_

22. Has the applicant completed any workforce or training programs offered by OCM? If yes, which ones?

Yes, we've participated in the state's accelerator and mentorship offerings for SOPs, financial and operational technical assistance, workforce development, and compliance.

23. If the applicant has an existing business at this location, have they ever received a **violation at this location**? N/A

Yes

No

24. Has the applicant received a **violation for selling unlicensed cannabis** in last 3 years?

Yes

No

### **Community of Benefit**

The LES has a significant number of residents living in subsidized housing and below the poverty line, the great majority of whom are Latino, Asian, and Black. As CAURD licensees, we are acutely aware of the disparities that continue to disproportionately harm disinvested, underserved communities and individuals. We are dedicated to advancing social justice, financial parity, language equity, and fair access within the industry, and will do so through hiring and partnerships with local CBOs and groups focused on social equity, health and wellness, and culture.

### **Workforce Opportunities**

We intend to have a positive impact on the local economic and employment landscape. We have an initial hiring goal of 8 employees with the potential for future growth. While complying with employment laws, we will create opportunities for those who traditionally face barriers to employment, including (but not limited to) justice-involved individuals, unemployed/underemployed individuals, our older neighbors, those without higher education degrees, people transitioning from welfare to work programs, those living in temporary housing, and residents of local public housing. This goal will also apply to the vendors, suppliers, contractors, and tradesmen with whom we work.

To that end, we have spoken with Ms. Cato at LESEN and were happy to learn that they are working with the top New York cannabis workforce programs and have recently completed a 50-person cohort of trained budtenders. We have also reached out to Ms. Mendez at Henry Street Settlement.

### **Education**

It is our hope to be a stabilizing presence in the neighborhood by reducing the community's reliance on dangerous, illicit cannabis and creating a space where adults can access safe cannabis products. We will also offer educational, wellness, and responsible consumption programming to ensure that our customers are well-informed about the effects, risks, and benefits of cannabis.

### **Community Building**

We know that community building is an ongoing commitment, so we will regularly check in with our immediate neighbors, attend CB meetings, quarterly Build the Block meetings, monthly Community Council meetings, Block Association and Condo Board meetings, and any other events or gatherings the Board recommends.

In addition to our local hiring initiative, we are in the process of connecting with local community groups and pantries to explore opportunities for synergy and ways we might support their work. We intend to build a strong relationship with our upstairs neighbors, fellow businesses, and local merchant groups/BIDs like Lower East Side Partnership and EVIMA.

We also plan to support and sponsor annual community events when and where appropriate. Any suggestions from the Board would be greatly appreciated.

We are long-time business owners and parents who are very active in our home community. From coaching and sponsoring kids' sports to other volunteer activities, giving back is a family tradition we will continue as members of the LES community.

**CIP Execution Expenses & Tracking:** TBD