

July 18, 2023

VIA ELECTRONIC SUBMISSION

Township of West Orange Planning Board
Attn: Jamilet Baquerizo Vite, Board Secretary
66 Main Street
West Orange, New Jersey 07052

Re: Request for August 2023 Special Meeting
The Library of New Jersey, Inc. (“Applicant”)
Application for Conditional Use and Minor Site Plan Approval in B-1 Zone
1 & 5 Washington Street (Block 120.01, Lots 24 & 26)

Dear Ms. Baquerizo Vite :

As you’re aware, this office represents the Library of New Jersey, Inc. (“Applicant”), in its application for Conditional Use and Minor Site Plan approval before the Township of West Orange Planning Board (“Application”).

Applicant received conditional license approval from the New Jersey Cannabis Control Commission on July 29, 2022, for a micro-retail cannabis dispensary located in West Orange, and a copy of that conditional approval letter is enclosed herewith. Applicant has received a Resolution of Local Support via Township Council Resolution # #225-23 and has also received a Letter of Confirmation of Compliance with Township of West Orange Zoning Requirements from Township Zoning Officer, copies of which are also enclosed herewith. Applicant is positioned to finalize the local license with the Township in short order, which itself is contingent on proof of satisfaction of the various conditions of the conditional use standard, in order to secure the necessary zoning permits for fit-out and ultimate operation of the dispensary.

Given the length of time permitting has taken to date for the project overall, Applicant is in a rather unique position of having state licensure virtually complete, and simply requires finalizing its local approvals as a threshold to its operations. The Application itself proposes limited site improvements, falling within the scope of minor site plan approval under the Township’s Land Use Code. Accordingly, Applicant respectfully requests that a special meeting be scheduled in early August, in an effort to secure Planning Board review and approval for this straight-forward application. We will have a representative present at the Board’s July 19, 2023 special meeting to be able to discuss scheduling, should the Planning Board be so inclined, and we are available at the Board’s convenience to provide the direct testimony required in support of the Application.

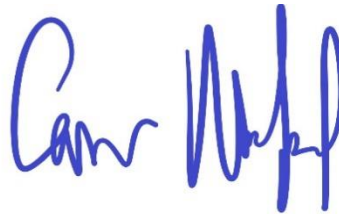
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We understand that certain fees are associated with holding a special meeting, pursuant to Section 25-55.1 of the Township's Code. The Applicant fully understands that such fees may be assessed against the escrow posted for this application, to the extent same are required, and that payment of those fees may require an additional escrow deposit.

We appreciate the Board's consideration of this request, and look forward to presenting this Application at a special meeting in early August.

Very truly yours,

A handwritten signature in blue ink, appearing to read "Cameron W. MacLeod". The signature is fluid and cursive, with the first name "Cameron" written in a larger, more prominent script than the last name "MacLeod".

Cameron W. MacLeod
Director

Encl.
Cc: (via email)

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