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**ADDITIONAL AGENDA MATERIAL**

**ITEM:**

- 6.61** Letter of interest from James Straus, Business Development Manager for Urbs in Horto Canna Collective dba Bridge City Collective.



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**URBS IN HORTO**  
CANNA COLLECTIVE

7/13/2020

Mr. Michael Braiman  
Village Manager  
Village of Wilmette  
1200 Wilmette Ave  
Wilmette, IL 60091

Dear Mr. Braiman

UHCC is a multi-state operator of cannabis operations, currently licensed in five states. We are a minority owned business and currently await state license for both dispensary and craft grow operations in Illinois.

We have watched with interest your community's activities regarding opting into the cannabis business. As the maturation of this "essential" business in Illinois continues and Wilmette proceeds with further discussion, UHCC continues to consider your community for our expansion in the state.

While based in Oregon, we have numerous people and resources here on the North Shore. We plan to attend the meeting tomorrow night and remain a resource if you have any questions.

Regards,

James Straus  
Business Development Manager  
UHCC dba Bridge City Collective  
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# URBS IN HORTO

## CANNA COLLECTIVE

UHCC, Inc. is a company seeking to cultivate, process and dispense quality adult-use cannabis products in a safe, compliant, and sustainable manner. Our team is made up of an exemplary group of business, social-justice, and operational leaders with experience in regulated cannabis and multiple other relevant industries. Many of our owners are Illinois natives, giving us the unique ability to connect with and make a positive difference in the communities we serve.

Our mission is to utilize our deep knowledge base to deliver premium, efficacious products, in a boutique environment, with a focus on exceptional customer service. We are grateful for the opportunity to provide the highest quality products, wellness-focused services, and our philanthropic spirit to the people of Illinois.

### WORLD CLASS TEAM

Our team has a proven track record in health care, social-justice advocacy, regulatory compliance, and of course, the regulated cannabis industry. With over a decade of active participation in the Oregon medical and adult-use market and operational licenses obtained in Ohio and Missouri, Jason Kabbes (COO) and David Alport (CEO) are keenly aware of what it takes to operate a best-in-class cannabis facility. After entering the Oregon market in 2009 and 2011 respectively, and starting multiple successful cultivation, production, and retail facilities, Mr. Alport and Mr. Kabbes are widely regarded as two of Portland's true cannabis pioneers. Our principals recently received 1 of the 60 cultivation licenses, 3 of the 86 processor licenses, and 1 of the 192 dispensary licenses awarded in Missouri, out of thousands of total applicants.

While we understand this experience is valuable, we at UHCC also understand that communities are best served by individuals woven into the fabric of the community. Accordingly, the majority of our leadership team are Illinois residents. Mr. Alport spent most of his life in Illinois before pioneering the Oregon cannabis industry. Judge Shelli Hayes (Founding Member/Vice President) is an Illinois native and retired Judge of the Circuit Court of Cook County that entered the industry during the creation of the Illinois Medical Cannabis Pilot Program. Lee Farmer (Founding Member/CEO) is a U.S. Navy veteran and leader in the Illinois African American community. His extensive business experience, most notably as the CEO and founder of his own successful entertainment company based in his hometown of Chicago, is invaluable to our team's leadership. Portia Mittons (Founding Member) has returned to her home state of Illinois to share her years of experience owning and operating a retail cannabis dispensary in Oregon. She was the first female African American dispensary owner in the state. Jim Straus (Founding Member) has worked with numerous cannabis teams in the Midwest, including in his home state of Illinois, where he has a foundational knowledge of local markets and industry standards. We are committed to running a successful operation that is intimately aligned with the values of the communities we intend to operate in.

UHCC firmly believes Illinois residents deserve the highest caliber of care, which is why our team also includes world-class medical professionals, including doctors, nurses, and naturopathic professionals to provide a holistic and innovative experience for our patrons, with their wellness at the forefront of our corporate priorities.

### SERVING OUR COMMUNITY

We believe operating a cannabis business is an opportunity to be part of the broader community. Our team has a long history of philanthropy and community involvement in Illinois and nationally. We have already begun to put in the work to ensure we are a valuable civic partner by identifying multiple community and philanthropic organizations we would like to partner with. We realize that the success of our business will be measured by the positive impact we make in the lives of our patrons and communities. UHCC is a diverse group of pioneers with the shared goal of making a positive, tangible change in people's lives. We are committed to being a best-in-class operator, for a best-in-class community, and a model for business and compliance throughout the cannabis industry.