



RECOMMENDATION REPORT

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TO:	Cannabis Regulatory Commission Board	
FROM:	Christopher Riggs, Acting Executive Director	

BACKGROUND

On January 17, 2024, the New Jersey Cannabis Regulatory Commission (herein referenced as the “Commission” or “CRC”) adopted rules pursuant to N.J.S.A. 24:6I-21 which established the application process for cannabis consumption area endorsements.

This memo outlines the process and recommendations concerning an application for cannabis consumption area endorsement.

PROCESS OVERVIEW

To review applications for consumption area endorsements, the CRC has developed an application review process that aligns with the authorizing statutes and the CRC’s regulations. The process includes the following steps:

1. Good Standing – Applications are reviewed to ensure that the applicant has been in good standing with the CRC.
2. Completeness Review – Applications are reviewed for completeness to ensure everything required by the CRC’s regulations is included in the application, and all necessary fees have been paid. If an application is deemed incomplete, it is marked for rejection and curing.
3. Quality Control – Any application that is deemed eligible for approval following a completeness review is then given a quality control review to ensure that the determination is accurate.
4. Recommendation to the CRC Board – Applications that pass a quality control check are then recommended for approval to the board.

RECOMMENDATION AND JUSTIFICATION

It is recommended that the application listed below be presented to the Board of Commissioners for the New Jersey Cannabis Regulatory Commission for approval of the cannabis consumption area endorsement. The below-listed applicant has satisfied the requirements as set forth in CRC’s regulations and is in good standing. The below-listed applicant has an operational retailer license and has paid the required submission fee of \$200.



App ID	Applicant Business Name	Associated Retailer License or Medicinal Permit Number
20364	XENA NJ LLC	RE000052

RECOMMENDATION SUMMARY

The application for cannabis consumption area endorsement listed above has been deemed complete and has been reviewed for potential approval.

CRC staff have determined that this application is eligible for approval by the CRC. Therefore, CRC staff recommend the CRC Board approve the cannabis consumption area endorsement for this Class 5 cannabis retailer.

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