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Merit Based Selection Criteria

Description of Criteria:	Points Awarded	Points Possible
Section 1: Prioritize Medicinal Cannabis Access (choose only one below)		
Proposal for medicinal only dispensary OR		4
Proposal for combined medicinal/adult use dispensary OR		3
Proposal for non-medicinal dispensary		0
Section 1: Sub-Total of Points Possible		4
Section 2: Geographical Preference/Neighborhood Relations		
Proposal for medicinal dispensary in C-O zone		1
Proposed location is an additional 600 to 999 feet away from sensitive uses than		1
the City/State requires OR		OR
Proposed location is an additional 1,000 feet or more away from sensitive uses than the City/State requires		2
Proposed locations is within 1,200 feet of local public transportation		1
Proposal includes at least two public outreach meetings per year that meet City approval		2
Business plan includes a schedule for communication and receiving feedback from all entities within 300 feet of the business at least two times a year		2
Proposal includes the appointment of a designated liaison with the neighborhood		1
Section 2: Sub-Total of Points Possible		9
Section 3: Facility Plan		
Proposal includes daily inspection to ensure maintenance of the interior and exterior of the facility (i.e. free of trash, graffiti, etc.)		2
Location exceeds parking requirements by 10% or more		1
Business is open more than five days a week at least 6 hours per day		1
Location exceeds minimum disabled parking requirements by 100% or more		1
Proposal Includes Delivery Services		1
Location is within an existing building or facility with an ability to be open for business within 6 months of approval of the CCBP by the City		1
Section 3: Sub-Total of Points Possible		7

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Section 4: Standards and Procedures for the Safe Operation of Facilities:		
Proposal includes documented employee safety training program		1
Proposal includes documented employee cannabis educational training program		1
Business plan includes enhanced security including at least two of the following: panic buttons, dye packets, bulletproof window film (with break strength of 400 lbs. per inch or better), a UL approved safe with a fire rating that is 2-hour 1700 degrees F or better; or motion sensing lighting		2
Proposal includes climate controlled environment		1
Proposal includes plan for disposal of all solid waste based on best practices of the State		1
Proposal includes a comprehensive documented process for 24-hour minimum response time to cannabis product recall notifications		2
Proposal includes more than one on-site security guard during business hours		2
Proposal includes a documented relationship with a licensed testing laboratory that samples and analyzes cannabis goods sold or held by the applicant		1
Proposal includes storage of inventory in a safe or vault (i.e. a strong, fireproof cabinet with a complex locking device)		1
Proposal includes a separate lobby area where identification is checked to ensure that only qualified individuals gain access to separate., locked areas where cannabis products are displayed		2
Proposal includes electronic storage of required records of sales, delivery manifests, patient records, inventory, etc., which can be provided to City personnel upon request		2
Proposal includes participation in web-based public safety application that provides law enforcement with confirmation of local and state licenses		1
Proposal includes any proposed "green" business practices relating to energy and climate, water conservation, and materials/waste storage		1
Section 4: Sub-Total of Points Possible		18

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Description of Criteria:	Points Awarded	Points Possible
Section 5: Prior Experience in Business Ownership and Management		
Proposed owners have a combined up to 1 year prior experience of verified		1
successful management of legal retail cannabis facility OR		OR
Proposed owners have a combined more than 1 year and up to 3 years prior		2
experience of verified successful management of legal retail cannabis facility OR		OR
Proposed owners have a combined more than 3 years and up to 5 years prior experience of verified successful management of legal retail cannabis		3 OR
facility OR		
Proposed owners have a combined more than 5 years prior experience of verified successful management of legal retail cannabis facility		5
Proposed owners have combined more than 3 years of prior experience of		2
verified successful management of any non-cannabis legal retail facility		2
Section 5: Sub-Total of Points Possible		7
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Section 6: Qualifications of Principals/Business Plan		
At least one owner is a military veteran		1
At least one owner is a full-time resident of the City of Merced		1
Does the business qualify as a Disadvantaged Business Enterprise (DBE) as defined by the U.S. Department of Transportation		1
Does the business have documented proof of access to at least \$150,000 in capital (or enough capital to pay all startup costs plus at least 3 months of operating costs)? OR		3 OR
Does the business have documented proof of access to at least \$300,000 in capital (or enough capital to pay all startup costs plus at least 6 months of operating costs)?		5
Business Plan contain a valid pro forma for at least 3 years of operation		2
Business has documented agreements with cannabis distributors to supply products to their business		2
Section 6: Sub-Total of Points Possible		12
Section 7: Employee Relations/Community Benefits		
The business promotes local hiring or provides incentives for City/County of Merced residents to work with the business		1
The business provides employee health benefits for all employees		1
The business employs more than 5 people full-time, not counting the owners or		1
security personnel		
Proposal includes benefits to the community such as defined contributions to community organizations or charities		1
Section 7: Sub-Total of Points Possible		4
TOTAL POINTS POSSIBLE		61

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Applicant Certification (Required)

Under penalty of perjury, I hereby declare that I have read and understood the criteria above and I have provided information relative to how my cannabis business addresses that criteria in the application or attached to this document. I declare that this information is completely true and accurate. I understand that a misrepresentation of fact is cause for rejection of this application, denial of the license, or revocation of a license issued.

Signed _____ Date _____

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