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Hello,

On Wednesday the Cannabis Control Commission voted to pass the framework for social consumption of cannabis in Massachusetts. This was despite voters overwhelmingly voting for this as an explicit part of the broader legalization ballot measure in 2016. Somerville voted 75.6% in favor, the third highest margin in the Commonwealth. This measure had overwhelming support in this community.

This measure prioritizes cooperatives and social equity applicants for the first 5 years and outlines the standards for existing cannabis retailers to add social consumption areas onsite, for non cannabis related businesses to partner with licensed operators to offer social consumption at their facilities, and for licensed organizers to host temporary events.

As part of the framework, cities and towns must opt in before any social consumption license can operate within their borders. As Somerville voters overwhelmingly voted for this almost a decade ago and the state has dragged its feet on complying with it, Somerville city council should move quickly to approve social consumption in the city. As Social equity applicants and cooperatives are only prioritized for the first 5 years the city should give them as much of a head start as possible by not dragging out the process any longer than need be for proper implementation.

Please approve social consumption of cannabis in Somerville.

Sincerely,

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