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MARIJUANA BUSINESSES IN 19 CITIES TO BE REWARDED THROUGH NEW SOCIAL EQUITY PROGRAM

ROYAL OAK, MI – Cannabis Legal Group, located in Royal Oak, Michigan is one of the preeminent legal Cannabis firms in the state of Michigan and has been advocating and championing for this social equity program since the first being introduced.

The Marijuana Regulatory Agency (MRA), as part of the social equity program, announced today the 19 communities in Michigan that have the highest poverty rates and highest marijuana convictions. Detroit, Ecorse, Highland Park, Hamtramck, Inkster, Pointiac, River Rouge plus 12 other outstate communities could qualify for a discount on the Marijuana license and application fees.

In November, 2018 voters approved legalized marijuana for recreational use and state officials have been working to create a plan to help communities that have been disproportionately impacted by marijuana prohibition.

Senior Associate Attorney Travis Copenhaver at Cannabis Legal Group said “I am very optimistic about the social equity program details released today by the Marijuana Regulatory Agency. MRA has elected to separate its social equity program from the rest of the emergency rules released earlier this month. This will allow the plan to be flexible and develop organically as our industry matures. This program is just a start, and I anticipate MRA will continue developing this program as we move into the adult use licensing era. The Michigan Regulation and Taxation of Marijuana Act requires MRA to identify and take steps to create a positive impact on communities disproportionately impacted by marijuana prohibition. In its start, the social equity program will attempt to do so by identifying 19 Michigan communities most impacted by marijuana prohibition, and provide reduced application fees, training, and assistance to applicants coming from said communities. I believe we have a very solid foundation for what I hope will be a very successful program for Michigan.”

Travis Copenhaver is available for interviews.

Barton W. Morris, Jr. is the founder of Cannabis Legal Group and has a remarkable track record in this field since he first became involved in 2008, when the Michigan Medical Marijuana Act was enacted. Morris, Jr. is also on the Board of The Marijuana Law Section of The State Bar of Michigan and is a selected member of Attorney General Dana Nessel’s Marijuana Legal Workgroup. For more information, please visit cannabislegalgroup.com.

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