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To: City of Cambridge Planning Board
From: Central Square Advisory Committee
Date: 5/8/2019
Re: Cambridge Brands Inc. – 810 Main Street

The Central Square Advisory Committee (the “Committee”) met on May 8, 2018 to review and comment on an update of the Cambridge Brands Inc. (the “Applicant”) proposal to expand their operations at 810 Main Street. This meeting was conducted pursuant to the provisions outlined in Section 20.300 of the Cambridge Zoning Ordinance. The Committee is appointed by the City Manager to undertake all large project reviews of variances and special permits for activities within the Central Square Overlay District (the “District”), and to monitor the progress of the Central Square Non-Zoning Recommendations of the 2013 K2C2 Study (the “Study”).

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Following its March 2018 meeting with the Committee, the Applicant was notified by the property owner that they would no longer have access to adjacent leased property which had previously housed parking and loading functions for the facility. This drove a redesign of the proposed project so that all functions would be located exclusively on CBI owned property.

As part of its presentation to the Committee, the Applicant provided a revised parking and loading proposal, the former concentrating parking on the lots at Cherry Street and Columbia Street, and the latter focusing all loading operations on Main Street and State Street. The potential impact of the loading proposal would call for a widening of curb cuts on Main and State Street, the elimination of two on-street parking spaces on Main Street, and CBI Flaggers to assist trucks in entering and exiting the loading area on Main Street.

Considering these changes, Committee members who were present remained in favor of the Applicant’s proposal. There were no additional comments by Committee members not in attendance.

Committee Members Present

- Joel Altstein
- Esther Hanig
- Melissa Greene
- Michael Monestime
- Christopher Sol Gully
- Robert Winters

Committee Members Absent

- Tahir Kapoor

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