

CT Social Equity Council Votes on Reconsidered Lottery Applications

HARTFORD (November 14, 2022) — Connecticut's Social Equity Council (SEC), which was developed to ensure the equity of the state's adult-use cannabis program, today voted to accept CohnReznick's recommendation on reconsideration of six social equity lottery applications that previously failed to meet the ownership and control criteria established by the Council.

On September 7, 2022, the SEC voted to authorize these applicants to resubmit updated ownership and control documents for a limited-scope reconsideration of the ownership and control criteria. After review, CohnReznick recommended that six of the resubmitted applications meet the ownership and control criteria.

As a result of this vote, reconsidered applicants who have also met the residency and income criteria will be referred to DCP for the next steps in the review process.

The Council also voted to accept CohnReznick's recommendation to modify the SEC's July 12, 2022 decision by approving social equity status for applicants The Goods THC Co and Hartford Cannabis Company, which had been previously denied. Both applicants will now move forward in the licensure process established in section 149 of Public Act 21-1 for cultivators located in a Disproportionally Impacted Area.

Finally, the SEC voted to approve two workforce development plans as recommended by CohnReznick.

All applicants seeking social equity status are first reviewed by the auditing and accounting firm of CohnReznick, a third-party reviewer hired by the SEC to create a comprehensive review system.

About the CT Social Equity Council (SEC)

The Social Equity Council was created to make sure the adult-use cannabis program is grown equitably and ensures that funds from the adult-use cannabis program are brought back to the communities hit hardest by the "war on drugs." The SEC oversees the verification of equity applicants, creates new programs to support cannabis businesses and businesses in other industries, and manages the more general community investments derived from the cannabis tax revenue. To learn more about Social Equity Council announcements, upcoming meetings, and adult-use cannabis information, visit [Social Equity Council \(ct.gov\)](https://www.ct.gov/social-equity-council).

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