

Hello,

It has been 2 1/2 weeks since we informed the Select Board that Ascend's application was unlawful due to 1032 Beacon Street being within 500 feet of the McKinley Middle School. We have also shown that the site falls outside of the allowed gross square footage contained in the Town's bylaws. I honestly can't understand why Ascend's application is still listed on the Brookline Town Website. It seems strange to me that the Town would continue to provide the impression that an invalid application is eligible for one of the Town's three remaining marijuana licenses when it has clearly been shown to be unlawful. Perhaps this is something that you can write the Select Board about in the coming week.

Here is the latest update on our efforts.

Best Regards,

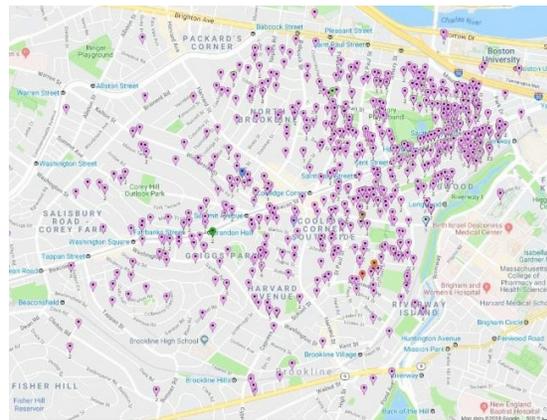
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More than 1,200 Opposition Letters Signed

We now have more than 1,200 signed opposition letters addressed to the Select Board. The letters come from across Brookline and include residents who live condos, apartments, and single family homes. From St. Mary's to Coolidge Corner and Washington Square, there is overwhelming opposition to a marijuana store in St. Mary's. 700 of these letters have already been delivered to the Select Board. The additional 500 will be delivered to the Select Baord soon.



Leicester, MA, In Their Own Words

On November 26, The town of Leicester, MA, held an emergency Select Board meeting a week after a marijuana store opened in their town. Issues raised by residents included road closures, blocked streets and driveways, loud music, and public urination. These and many other issues are documented in this video compilation from our participation in that

meeting.



How Fast do Marijuana Stores Grow?

We have built a database and analyzed 2,313 retail and medical marijuana stores in Colorado, Oregon, and the state of Washington and examined their monthly and annual sales over time. We did this to better understand the growth pattern of marijuana stores and what may happen here in Brookline and St. Mary's.

You can read our full analysis and case studies including the growth at Urban-Area Stores similar to the one proposed at 1032 Beacon Street. The analysis is [here](#)



NBC Boston 10 Reports on Ascend's Unlawful Application



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Opponents of a proposed pot shop on Beacon Street in Brookline,...

NBC Boston 10 reported on the unlawful application for 1032 Beacon Street and our request that the Select Board cancel Ascend's application. [Watch coverage](#)

Read our letter to the Select Board [here](#).

Write To The Select Board

We still need people to send emails to the Select Board as part of our 30 days of letters. The Select Board must continue to hear from us on this issue. Tell them why you oppose a marijuana store in St. Mary's. Ask each member of the Select Board why they are still considering Ascend's application even though it has been proven to be unlawful. You can sign up for a specific day to send letters [here](#). If you prefer, send an email now using the following addresses. [eMail Select Board](#)

- Chair, Neil Wishinsky nwishinsky@brooklinema.gov

- Benjamin Franco bfranco@brooklinema.gov
- Nancy Heller nheller@brooklinema.gov
- Bernard Greene bgreene@brooklinema.gov
- Heather Hamilton hhamilton@brooklinema.gov

Help Fund Our Efforts

Our law firm is researching and preparing our legal strategy should the Select Board decide to consider Ascend's unlawful application for a Host Community Agreement. Please consider making a financial donation [here](#) to help us defend St. Mary's Neighborhood from Ascend.

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