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MEMORANDUM

TO:	Marijuana Control Board	DATE:	July 10, 2019
FROM:	Erika McConnell, Director	RE:	Studio 420 AK, #19624, Retail Store

Update: At the May meeting, the board tabled this application because the applicants were not present.

During the application process, the applicants revised the ownership of their limited liability company. 420 Enterprises LLC Co. is currently owned by Tammy Thinoi 95% and Abe Spicola 5%.

May Information:
Studio 420 AK is proposed to be a licensed marijuana retail store located at 4608 Spenard Road in Anchorage. The applicant is 420 Enterprises LLC Co., a limited liability company in good standing, owned by Tammy Thinoi 50% and Abe Spicola 50%.

The attached Anchorage Daily News article was brought to my attention by an individual in the Finance Department at the Municipality of Anchorage. The article relates how Mr. Spicola was charged with "stealing tens of thousands of dollars from nonprofits" in 2011 as a pull-tab operator. Mr. Spicola pled guilty to lesser charges. His conviction was more than five years ago, so he is not disqualified under AS 17.38.200(i) or 3 AAC 306.010(d).

However, I bring this to the board's attention for two reasons:

1. According to Court View, Mr. Spicola owes the state $119,098.09 to the State of Alaska for restitution and other court charges.

2. The charges filed against Mr. Spicola include three counts of commercial bribery (violating a fiduciary duty, AS 11.46.660(a)(2)), two counts of scheming to defraud (AS 11.46.600(a)(2)), and two counts of falsifying business records (AS 11.46.630(a)(1)). While Mr. Spicola did plead to lesser charges so that these charges were dismissed, the ability of Mr. Spicola to properly manage funds is called into question.

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TO: Chair and Members of the Board DATE: June 26, 2019

FROM: Erika McConnell
Director, Marijuana Control Board

RE: Studio 420 AK #19624

This is an application for a Retail Marijuana Store in the Municipality of Anchorage, by 420 Enterprises, LLC Co., DBA Studio 420 AK

Date Application Initiated:	10/20/2018
Objection Period Ends:	04/20/2019
Date Under Review Queue:	02/01/2019
Incomplete Letter(s) Date:	02/22/2019
Date Final Corrections Submitted:	03/21/2019
Determined Complete/Notices Sent:	03/21/2019
Local Government Response/Date:	Municipality of Anchorage conditionally protests pending municipal marijuana license or municipal special land use permit for marijuana.
DEC Response/Date:	Deferred
Fire Marshal Response/Date:	Deferred
Background check status:	Complete
Objection(s) Received/Date:	No
Other Public Comments Received:	No

Staff Questions/Issues for Board: