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**VIA EMAIL: zoning@villageofpinckney.org
AND OVERNIGHT FEDEX**

Julie Durkin
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**Re: The Means Project / 935 M-36, Pinckney, Michigan
Special Land Use Permits – One Year Extension Request
Marihuana Grower
Marihuana Processor
Marihuana Retailer
Our File No.: 5903.1**

Dear Ms. Durkin:

As you are aware, our firm represents The Means Project, LLC (“The Means”) and The Means M.A.A.B. Partnership, LLC (“The Partnership”). The Partnership is the owner of the former Pinckney Elementary School, which is located at 935 M-36, Pinckney, Michigan 48169. On or about June 7, 2021, The Partnership received the Planning Commission’s approval of its Special Land Use Permit application. On or about June 14, 2021, The Partnership received the Village Council’s approval of its Special Land Use Permit application.

Subsequently, on June 16, 2021, The Means engaged B5 Contractor Services, LLC (“B5”) to service as the General Contractor for the convert the former Pinckney Elementary School, which is roughly 40,000 square feet, into a marihuana grower, processor, and retailer facility (“Project”). B5 immediately commenced its work on the Project and proceeded to engage numerous subcontractors to perform work on the Project. Unfortunately, in the spring of 2023, the Project came to a halt and there was roughly a year of litigation that followed between the various parties involved. The litigation has been resolved and all claims have been dismissed.

The Means and The Partnership appreciates the Village of Pinckney’s patience while working through the litigation. Now, The Means and The Partnership and looking to continue the Project, without the involvement of B5. The Means and The Partnership are in the process of interviewing potential contractors who have prior experience with constructing a marihuana facility. The Partnership is requesting that the Village of Pinckney extend its Special Land Use Permit, which will allow The Means to retain its three (3) marihuana licenses for the Project, (i) grower, (ii) processer, and (iii) retailer. The Means and The Partnership understand the

importance of extending the Special Land Use Permits (one for each of the marihuana licenses), to allow for the retention of these marihuana licenses for the Project.

The Means and The Partnership value their relationship with the Village of Pinckney. The original goal to revitalize the former Pinckney Elementary School remains intact. Now that the hurdles have been resolved, The Means and The Partnership are focused on engaging a contractor to complete the Project. The Means and The Partnership understand the importance of getting the Project operational to the Village of Pinckney and the employment opportunities it will have for the local community. Once fully operational, The Means intends to employ at least two (2) to four (4) dozen full time employees.

The Partnership is asking for a one-year extension of the three (3) Special Land Use Permits. This will allow The Partnership to engage a new contractor, pull the necessary permits, and resume construction in accordance with the previously approved Site Plan. Contemporaneous with this Special Land Use Permit application, The Partnership is also submitting for re-approval of its Final Site Plan.

Very Truly Yours,

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