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STATE OF RHODE ISLAND
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SUPERIOR COURT
BUSINESS CALENDAR

ANCORA PARTNERS, LLC
d/b/a FLOWER & POT,
Plaintiff,

v.

C.A. No. PC-2026-02802

RHODE ISLAND CANNABIS
CONTROL COMMISSION,
Defendant.

PLAINTIFF'S RENEWED MOTION FOR TEMPORARY RESTRAINING ORDER AND PRELIMINARY INJUNCTION

Plaintiff Ancora Partners, LLC d/b/a Flower & Pot moves under Rule 65 of the Superior Court Rules of Civil Procedure for a temporary restraining order and preliminary injunction preserving effective relief in this action. Ancora has filed a memorandum of law and a consolidated exhibit submission, including affidavits, in support of this motion.

Ancora timely submitted a complete application and satisfied the governing requirements as the sole qualified Zone 4 social equity applicant. The Rhode Island Cannabis Control Commission (the "Commission") knew Ancora's status from Ancora's March 2026 submissions and its own records, but failed to act. The Commission then advocated legislation nullifying pending applications and now invokes that statute against an application its own inaction left undecided.

Ancora seeks adjudication of its claim to an approval earned under the former licensing framework and its alternative claim to a general retail license if the changed social equity criteria preclude a social equity award. The renewed licensing process threatens to exhaust the licenses needed to satisfy a favorable judgment. Interim relief will preserve those remedies while the Court decides the merits, including the issues raised by the Commission's pending motion to dismiss. Ancora seeks one ultimate license, with both category alternatives preserved pending adjudication.

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REQUESTED RELIEF

1. Temporarily restrain the Commission from further processing, selecting, approving, or allocating Zone 4 adult-use retail applications pending an expedited preliminary-injunction hearing, and continue an appropriately tailored restraint thereafter pending adjudication or further order.
2. At a minimum, require the Commission to reserve simultaneously one Zone 4 social equity retail license and one Zone 4 general retail license until adjudication or further order. Prohibit awarding, provisionally allocating, transferring, converting, or otherwise committing either reserved license in a manner that would make it unavailable to satisfy a judgment in this action.
3. Require the Commission to identify the reserved licensing capacity by category and confirm its availability in a filing with the Court.
4. Require the Commission to notify current Zone 4 applicants of this action and furnish the orders affecting their applications within the period the Court sets, provide equivalent notice to later applicants, and circulate subsequent orders that materially change the restraints.
5. Set an expedited preliminary-injunction hearing and a focused evidentiary schedule. If appropriate, advance and consolidate the merits hearing under Rule 65(a)(2), with adequate notice and an opportunity for the parties to present their cases.
6. Retain authority to modify the scope or duration of the restraint, release a reservation that adjudication makes unnecessary, and grant further relief needed to protect an effective judgment.

Respectfully submitted,
ANCORA PARTNERS, LLC d/b/a FLOWER & POT
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CERTIFICATE OF SERVICE

I certify that on September 26, 2026, I filed this document through the Court's electronic filing system and served counsel of record through that system.

s/Daniel P. McKiernan