# EXHIBIT D: PROPOSALS AND LETTER OF INTENT RECEIVED

# Proposer #1

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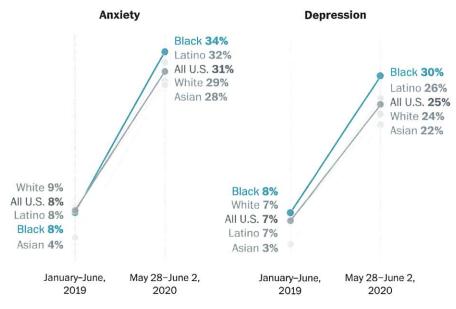
To Whom it may concern,

I am writing in response to your request for a proposal to lease commercial space at 182 NW 5th Ave. My intention is to lease the space to focus on creating a healing centered community through trauma informed practices. Educating the Mind Body and Soul will bring a Trauma Informed Yoga studio focused on introducing and implementing trauma informed practices including mindfulness, meditation and yoga in the local community throughout the day. Our philosophy is that by teaching residents to better manage stress, they will in turn better manage their personal lives creating peace within themselves and others which contributes to creating a healing centered community. Currently there is no similar facility within the Northwest Southwest neighborhood and I believe it to be the first of its kind to also serve as an after hours (6pm-9pm) location for private therapy through partnering with local licensed therapist.

Due to recent events within the last year reflecting on ongoing racial tension in the area of criminal justice reform and inequities that impacted and resulted in the disproportionality of People of Color (POC) being affected by COVID 19. There is a growing need to address Mental Health awareness in a secular non faith based environment where local residents can learn strategies to cope with and deal with stress from the world. According to the Center for Disease Control, Anxiety and Depression amongst African Americans has more than tripled in the last 3 years.

# Anxiety and depression symptoms have more than tripled since 2019, with black Americans shouldering the heaviest burden

Percent screening positive for anxiety or depression



- Andrews

In an article by the Harvard Gazette (2018) mentioned that it is imperative for communities to have access to alternative approaches to dealing with stress and that mindfulness and meditation are effective strategies in addressing anxiety, depression and trauma. Additionally John Hopkins Medicine listed nine benefits of practicing yoga: (a) improve strength balance and flexibility, (b) alleviate back pain, (c) ease arthritis, (d) improve heart health, (e) relaxation (f) more energy and better moods, (g) manage stress (h) and promote self care.

Communities are plagued with many different issues. My intent is to lease the space to provide access to a traditionally underserved population to promote a healing centered community through Mindfulness, Meditation, Yoga practices and access to non traditional mental health services and providers.

Moreover, the generational divide for many low income families in Palm Beach County means parents and their children are facing increasingly complex demands. Access to mental health services can be complex, challenging, stigmatizing and an intimidating experience especially for people of color who often don't have many professionals to turn to who look like them and/or share a similar cultural worldview. This initiative will also target school aged children after school to introduce, build and practice mindfulness strategies for students and their families.

Educating the Mind Body and Soul will bring access, awareness and services to the residents of the NW/SW neighborhood. Moreso, I am currently a resident of the NW/SW neighborhood and have resided here for the past 35 years and look forward to activating the space to promote positive self images, thinking and strategies to handle stress for local residents and surrounding communities.

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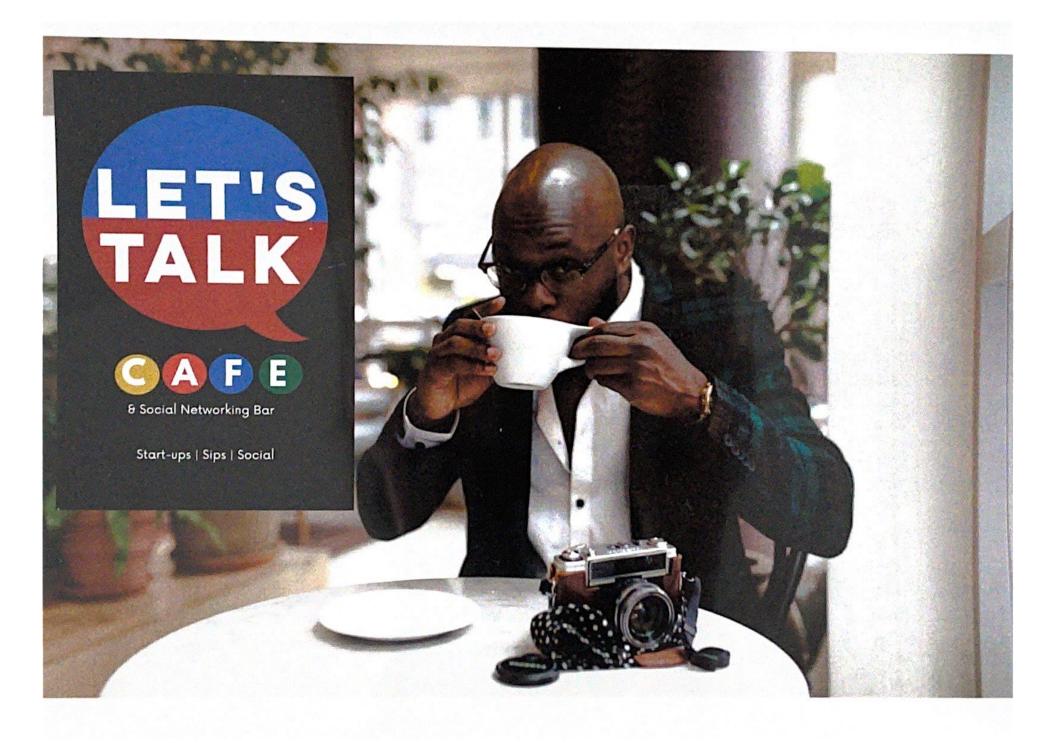
### Resources

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news.harvard.edu/gazette/story/2018/04/harvard-researchers-study-how-mindfulness-may-chan ge-the-brain-in-depressed-patients/

https://www.hopkinsmedicine.org/health/wellness-and-prevention/9-benefits-of-yoga

# Proposer #2





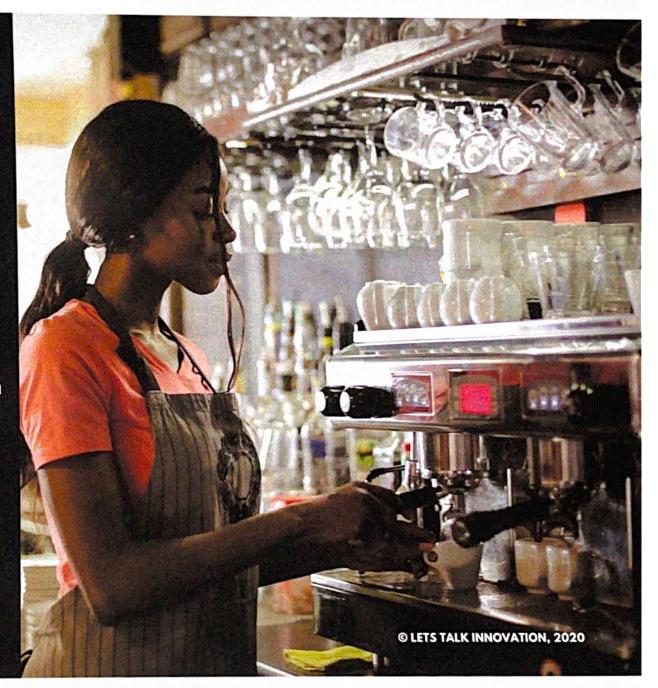
#### WHAT IS LET'S TALK INNOVATION?

Let's Talk Café was founded by Let's Talk Innovation: a full scale marketing company that that equips small businesses & entrepreneurs with resources, training, funding and growth opportunities.

Let's Talk Innovation's mission is to engage the community in an open conversation that will bring about business development opportunities, enhanced partnerships, collaboration and training for minority owned and small businesses.

Every year Let's Talk Innovation hosts one of the world's first multi-industry innovation conferences featuring some of the most influential entrepreneurs and industry experts. Global leaders, entrepreneurs and C level executives in healthcare, technology, real estate, media and more all come together to discuss industry innovation. Some of our past partners and collaborators include Microsoft, Tesla, Honey Pot Co., and Quartz Water.

In that same spirit, we've launched a café that provides local businesses a creative environment where ideas can be cultivated and brought to life. Let's Talk café is a home for the content creators, entrepreneurs and doers that shape the thriving small business community in the West Settlers Historic District.



# WHAT WE DO?





## **RETAIL SERVICES**

- · Coffee & Juice Bar
- Organic Snacks and Health & Beauty Products
- Alcoholic Beverages after 4pm.



## SERVICES

- Marketing, Branding & Consulting
- Printing
- Social Media Strategy & Consulting
- Media Rooms



# NETWORKING

- · Free Wifi
- · Live Start-up Seminars
- · 1 on 1 Start-up coaching
- Live Entertainment

# **COMMUNITY INITIATIVE**

- Marketing & Branding Training
- · Personal Business Coaching
- Financial Consulting & Literacy Seminars
- · Sales Consulting & Seminars
- Corporate Social Responsibility/ Sustainability Training



# MENU/ PRICING

# RETAIL

Non Alcoholic Beverages Organic Coffee S4 - S5 Juices \$5

Organic Snacks/Health and beauty Products \$5 \ \$25

Alcoholic Beverages (after 4pm) Beer \$5 - \$8 Wine \$7 - \$10 Mixed Drinks \$10 - \$15

# **SERVICES**

Marketing/ Branding Consulting: \$150 - \$500

Insta Media Rooms: Large Podcast Rooms: \$35/hr Small Media Room: \$15/hr

Printing: Banners \$150 - \$200

T Shirt & Embroidery: \$10 - \$15 Per-shirt

Flyers: 5,000 - \$250

1 on 1 Start-up coaching: \$150 - \$250

# **NETWORKING**

Wifi FREE

Live Start-up Seminars FREE

Live Entertainment FREE





Media Rooms for podcast and content

Let's Talk Café brings a new concept to Delray Beach. Rent a room to produce high quality social media content. With state of the art lighting and colorful backgrounds to fit your unique style, Let's Talk Café gives you the tools necessary to make your video content or podcast stand out!

Large Podcast Rooms \$35/hr

Small Media Room \$15/hr









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# COMMUNITY INITIATIVE OUTLINE

The Let's Café Community Initiative provides coaching for local entrepreneurs focused on providing pivotal strategies that can help scale their business. The initiative will not only provide a networking environment but also training to help drive community/target audience engagement, sales conversions and strategic partnerships.

Let's Talk Innovation envisions partnering with the community to provide affordable consulting and resources to small businesses in the West Settlers Historic Business District. Through this partnership the Let's Talk Café goal is to reach over 500+ small businesses with developmental training. This initiative aims to help bridge the social economic gap and offset the unemployment rate in Delray Beach by 3%.

40%

of start-up founders are more likely to achieve their goals if they write them down. This increases to 70% if they are shared with a mentor to help keep them accountable.

-HARVARD BUSINESS REVIEW-

# COMMUNITY

# TARGET DEMOGRAPHIC

- · Tech firms and digital agencies
- · Law firms, family offices, CPAs, consulting
- Restaurants & entertainment venues
- Artists and creatives
- · Small business owners and employees seeking digital marketing, real estate and sales training.











# COMMUNITY

# COMMUNITY INITIATIVE

The Small business Incubator program is a community partnership managed by Let's Talk Innovation LLC. The initiative is a strategic focus on training and economic advancement of entrepreneurs, startups and small businesses.

#### Core focus:

- · Offset the unemployment rate due to Covid-19.
- Provide access to tools, resources and training for business growth and development.
- Provide equal economic opportunity for minority and women owned businesses.
- · Stimulate and enhance the local economy.

Through this initiative Let's Talk Cafe will provide access to resources that support essential business development ie: consulting, training and mentorship which will in turn help propel local small businesses in today's evolving economy.

84%

of start up CEO's say mentors help them become proficient in their roles helping them to avoid costly mistakes

-HARVARD BUSINESS REVIEW-

# COMMUNITY

Let's Talk Cafe provides a variety of resources necessary for small businesses to grow.

#### Resource and Trainings:

Marketing/branding consultants

- Personal business coaching
- Financial Consulting & literacy seminars
- · Sales consulting/ seminars
- · Corporate Social Responsibility/ Sustainability

#### Job creation and business development training

Weekly seminars on work readiness and professional development seminars.

Partnerships with local business for employment opportunities

## Education/entrepreneurial training

- · Weekly Seminars hosted by business coaches
  - Entrepreneur trainings



# WHY DELRAY

## SHIFTING THE CULTURE

With the rise of entrepreneurs migrating to Delray Beach Let's Talk Café provides a common place to connect. By bringing together start-ups and small businesses in West Settlers District and providing access to a variety of services to promote business growth we will create a shift in the local business culture.

11.1% 18-23 8.1% 25-34 14.1% 38.3% **BACHELORS OR HIGHER** 

Let's Talk Cafe is a place where people from all economic and social backgrounds can connect and network together. With the decline of traditional education driven career options for millennials, entrepreneurship is becoming more of a focus for Delray Beach residents.

87.5%

**OR HIGHER** 

**EDUCATION** 

**HIGH SCHOOL** 

# 69,451 **POPULATION**

The Population in Delray Beach is vastly growing demanding a cultural shift in the local economy.

66+ 24.7%

# 10,267 **BUSINESSES**

becoming one the the fastest growing economies in South Florida . Let's Talk Café 13.8% serves fast growth business culture by offering marketing services to help

small businesses thrive.

Delray beach is quickly

# 30% **AFRICAN AMERICAN**

Traditionally the African American community has been a essential part of Delray Beach history. With the increase of the African American population and black entrepreneurs Let's Talk Café will serve as a essential establishment connecting people. community and businesses.

# MINORITY OWNED **BUSINESSES**

West Settlers village serves business in Delray Beach. Let's Talk Café encourages black business culture and gives small and minority owned businesses access to training and seminars that promote growth.



35-54

23.9%

Under 5

4.4%

5-17

as the the epicenter for black

# FINANCIALS

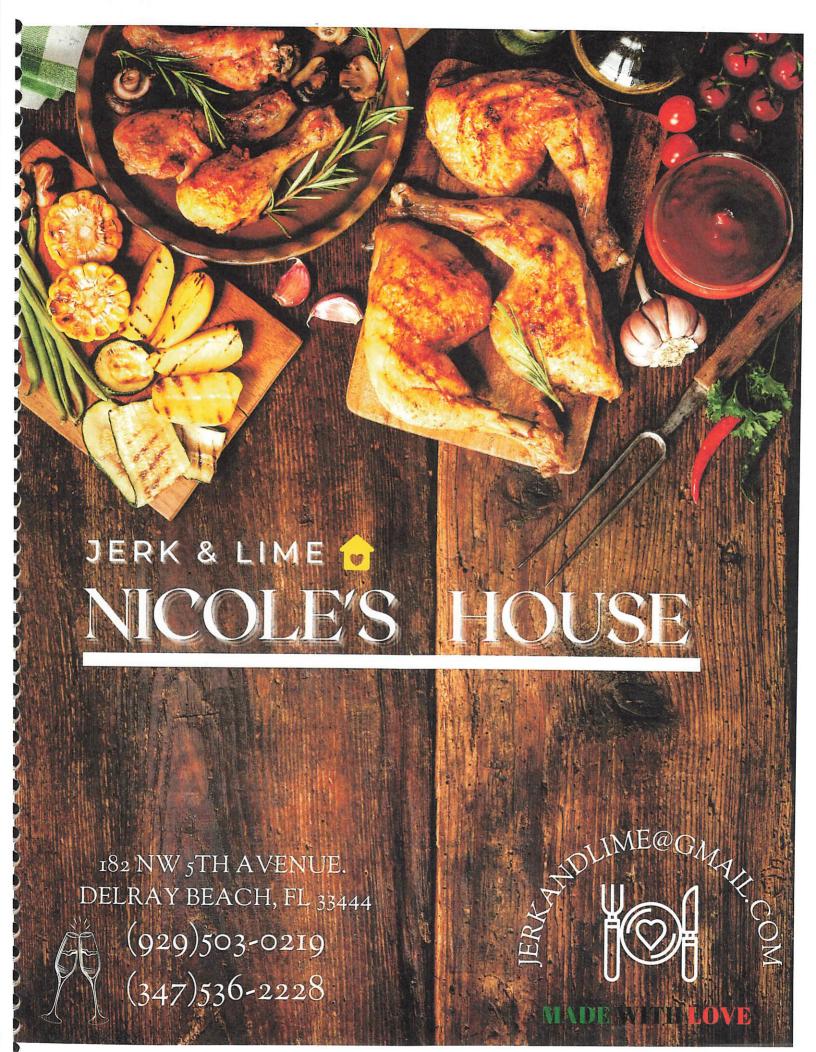
## ADDITIONAL FINANCIALS CAN BE PROVIDED UPON REQUEST

STARTUP EXPENSES	TOTALS
LEASEHOLD IMPROVEMENTS	\$1,500.00
CAPITAL EQUIPMENT	\$5,938.00
LOCATION/ADMINISTRATION EXPENSES	\$3,500.00
OPENING INVENTORY	\$8,030.00
ADVERTISING/PROMOTIONAL EXPENSES	\$11,500.00
ALCOHOL LICENSE	\$1,820.00
CONTINGENCY FUND	\$5,000.00
WORKING CAPITAL	\$75,000.00

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# **Proposer #3**





# Good day from NICOLE'S HOUSE!

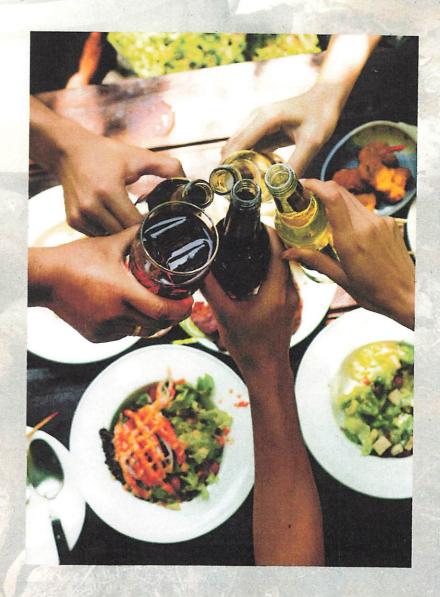
At Nicole's House, our home is your home. We welcome you to sit back, unwind and appreciate the cool Caribbean vibe as we prepare your scrumptious meal utilizing the best and freshest ingredients.



made with love

# About Us

At Nicole's House, we will not only serve food, we will provide a cultural dining experience. One of our major goals is to provide a guest experience that encourages repeat business. From the moment a patron enters our restaurant until that patron leaves, that person should feel as if they are valued.



# **EXECUTIVE SUMMARY**

Nicole's House aspires to bring the beauty and cultural experience of St. Ann Parish, Jamaica to the City of Delray Beach with a family-owned restaurant serving traditional Jamaican cuisine.

Formed in 2019 in Brooklyn, New York, the Nicole's House team has over thirty years of experience using their passion to deliver quality food and cultural engagement.

In the countryside of Jamaica, many activities are done outdoors, especially eating and bonding with a large family during meals. Our goal is to replicate this rich Jamaican culinary experience immersed in the amazing feeling of being on vacation in a simulated Jamaican countryside with the décor of gardens, huts, art, and music --- a family friendly establishment.

Our food and drink will incorporate the fantastic natural spices of Jamaica and fresh local produce to create well-known savory Caribbean-flair like jerk chicken, stew fish, Jamaican fried rice, Shepherd pie, and of course, barbeque meats made in the traditional steel drum.

We desire to add to the lively culinary scene of Delray Beach and we know our patrons and the city will appreciate our quality service, fine food, exotic décor, new job opportunities, and the sourcing from local vendors.









The joy, passion, and determination to offer fine food matched with a beautiful venue began many years ago as a little girl. This was when I was my mother's pupil, standing by her side as she diligently prepared fine meals and managed her three restaurants — meanwhile being a single mother of six. The three neighborhood take-out restaurants, two in Brooklyn, New York and one in Farrell, Pennsylvania were the training grounds for managerial duties and a source of pleasure to learn, create and offer various cultural

dishes

Who is Nicole N Myers? I was born in the Caribbean island of Jamaica. I attended King's borough Community College where I studied Business Management. I took on the role as a Distribution Site Manager for "Heineken." I later decided to take a new path and began selling cars. This path treated me very well I became the "Sales Manager" for "Toyota." I held that title for 14 years before becoming the "Finance Manager," one of the top positions in the car industry. With all the titles my being was not content.

So I began to have Pop-up Food events in my backyard in Brooklyn. My love for cooking and wanting a different taste pushed me to start creating many varieties of exquisite dishes my friends and family would fall in love with. My cooking kept many hearts happy and bellies filled. I was often encouraged to look beyond cooking in my home kitchen. It is with this spirit that I've decided to leave my comfort zone to pursue a brick and mortar dining establishment.

Now, with the opportunity to bring my passion from my kitchen to serve the Delray Beach community, I am excited and ready.

# **Nicole Myers**

Owner.







Chinasa Thompson Co-Owner

"To accomplish great things, we must not only dream, but act upon those dreams; not only plan but execute." My name is Chinasa Thompson, I've been dreaming in the heart of Brooklyn for most of my life. I've reached a pivotal point in my life where my dreams must come to fruition.

I studied Early Childhood Special Education at Medgar Evers College. Throughout this process I grew into myself and I found that I was still searching for my purpose. On this hunt, I wore many hats, but only found comfort in preparing food and pastries. So I began to experiment in the kitchen. Growing up with a Jamaican mother and grandmother, I would always try to escape the kitchen. Now, the kitchen is where I find my peace.

I was presented with the opportunity to assist my friend opening and managing her new restaurant, "Peppas Jerk Chicken." I also began working as a visual merchandiser at a high end, mom and pop kitchen store called "Whisk." I encountered many professional, creative and eccentric people. They challenged and encouraged me to set the bar higher and take chances. This is where my growth started to flourish.

"Waves aren't made from stagnant water" those are the words I said to myself as my 30th birthday was approaching. The urgency to provide a means for my "wish upon a star family" became all that mattered. Yes, the pandemic took away what I thought I was, but it gave me so much more. It allowed me to see what becoming stagnant could be. It was time for me to make waves. Brooklyn no longer felt like home.

Royal Palm Beach has always been a second home, so I came to help out my Great Aunt Lynn for a few weeks. During those weeks, I was introduced to Delray Beach by my partner Nicole. Instantly, I grew fond of the idea of living here, so I relocated. As I began to explore Delray Beach, I noticed there were no Caribbean-cultured restaurants or bars where I could "Lime." In my culture, "Lime" means "chilling out" with friends or family and enjoying the atmosphere, usually accompanied with good music and food. That's when "Jerk & Lime" was born.



# Designated Areas In the Restaurant

- CUSTOMER WAITING AREA
- KITCHEN AREA
- REACH IN / WALK-IN COOLER
- FREEZER /REFRIGERATOR
- PREP AREA
- FRESH VEGETABLE
- SUPPLY CLOSET
- PANTRY
- OFFICE / EMPLOYEE AREA
- OUTSIDE/ INSIDE DINING AREA
- FIRE EXTINGUISHERS

# **Kitchen Staff**

- LEAD COOK
- LINE COOK
- PREP COOK
- KITCHEN ASST
- KITCHEN DISHWASHER/ MAINTENANCE
- HOST
- WAITER #1
- WAITER #2









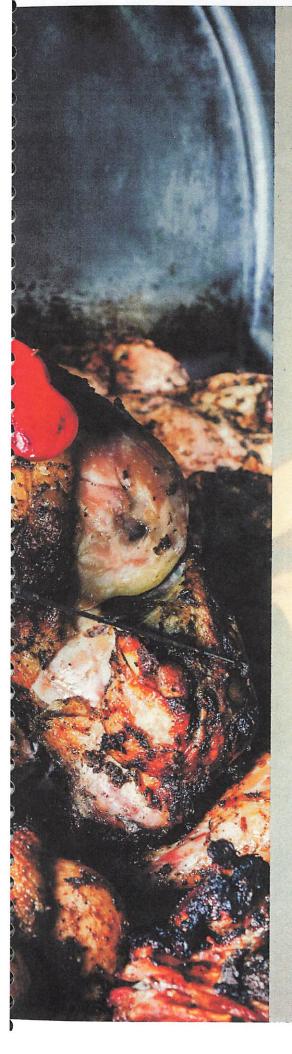


NICOLE'S HOUSE

EST: JULY 2019

NICOLE MYERS / CHINASA THOMPSON OWNER / CO-OWNER







Each Meal Served with **2** sides
Rice & Peas Bay Leaf White Rice Plantains Festival
Candied Yams

# JERK CHICKEN

DARK OR LIGHT MEAT MARINATED IN A BLEND
OF SPICES AND HERBS ORIGINATED FROM
JAMAICA

# **JERK SHRIMP**

JUMBO GRILLED SHRIMP MARINATED IN A BLEND OF SPICES AND HERBS ORIGINATED FROM JAMAICA

# PAN FIRED BBQ SALMON

GRILLED WILD CAUGHT SALMON SERVED WITH GRILLED ZUCCHINI, SQUASH & A HOME MADE BBQ SAUCE

# **ROAST FISH (SNAPPER)**

GRILLED FISH STUFFED W/ OKRA, CALLOO, SAUTED ONIONS, SPINACH

# **GRILLED LOBSTER TAIL**

LOBSTER TAIL GRILLED & SERVED W/
BUTTERY GARLIC BASIL SAUCE

# **GRILLED CORN**

SWEET GRILLED CORN DRESSED TO PERFECTION W/ GARLIC BUTTER AVAILABLE ON OR OFF THE COBB

# NICOLE'S HOUSE

# - APPETIZERS -

JERK CHICKEN TACOS

#### HOUSE WINGS

FLAVORS: JERKY JERK, BBQ , TAMRIND , APRICOT

## SURFING TUNA

FRIED GREEN PLANTAINS SERVED W/TUNA SAUTED IN ONION, SPICES & HERBS

#### SWEET FRIED PLANTAINS

RIPE PLANTAIN FRIED AND SERVED IN IT'S SKIN

## JAMAICAN STYLE EGG ROLLS

CHOICE OF: ACKEE & SALT FISH , JERK CHICKEN , SHRIMP , STEAK

## - SIDELOVERS-

MAC & CHEESE CUPCAKE

CANDIED YAM PIE

MANGO CUCUMBER SALAD

JAMAICAN STYLE COLE SLAW

GRILLED CAULIFLOUR

ASK ABOUT THE SOUP OF THE DAY

## - ENTREE-

## CO 77

SAVORY SALADS (Shrimp, Chicken or Plain)
MANGO, CUCUMBER, DRIED CRANBERRIES, TANGERINE, ZUCCHINI,
ROMAINE LETTUCE, DRIED APPRICOTS, POPPY SEED DRESSING
CHEESE OPTIONAL (FETA, PARMESAN, MOZZERELLA)

#### JAM DOWN CURRY GOAT

FRESH GOAT COOK DOWN IN JAMAICAN CURRY SERVED W/BAY LEAF WHITE RICE & SWEET FRIED PLANTAINS

## JAMAICAN STYLE FRIED RICE

YOUR CHOICE OF ( VEGGIE, SHRIMP, CHICKEN, OR SEAFOOD BLAST)

#### OXTAIL

BRAISED OXTAIL SLOW COOKED DOWN TO
PERFECTION W/ BUTTERBEANS SERVED W/ RICE & PEAS AND JAMAICAN STYLE
COLESLAW

#### SAVORY STEW CHICKEN

CHICKEN LIGHTLY PAN FRIED THEN SLOW COOK
IN A RICH STEW SAUCE SERVED W/ BAY LEAF WHITE RICE & PLANTAIN

#### ESCOVITCH FISH

DEEP FRIED FISH TOPPED WITH PICKLED ONIONS AND CARROTS SERVED W/ RICE & PEAS AND PLANTAINS

## BBQ CHICKEN

PAN FRIED CHICKEN STEWED IN A HOMEMADE SAUCE SERVED W/MANGO
CUCUMBER SALAD

#### NICOLE'S HOUSE SPECIAL FRIED CHICKEN

DARK OR LIGHT MEAT FRIED TO PERFECTION SERVED WITH A PERSONAL MAC & CHEESE AND SAVORY SALAP

#### RASTA PASTA ( CHICKEN OR SHRIMP)

PENNE NOODLES SAUTED IN A COCONUT CREAM SAUCE

#### SWEET & SOUR SALMON

WILD CAUGHT SALMON PAN FRIED THEN GLAZED IN A SWEET & SOUR SAUCE SERVED ON A BED OF SEASONED ZUCCHINI NOODLES



# **FINANCIALS**

Start Up Expenses

Capital Equipment

Equipment

Development

**Promotional Expenses** 

Open Inventory

**Administration Expenses** 

Contingency Fund

Other Expenses

**Working Capital** 

Total

\$20,000

\$20,000

\$15,000

\$7.500

\$10,000

\$10,000

\$10.000

\$7,500

\$85,000

\$185,000

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# NICOLE'S HOUSE

# - MENU-

## TRADITIONAL JAMAICAN STYLE CUISINE

- · Pepper Pot Curry Goat
- Fried Chicken w/ special sauce (dark & light meat)
- · Braised Oxtail with Butter Beans
- · Savory Stew Chicken
- Jerky Jerk Wings (6 or 12 pieces)
- · Escovitch Fried Fish with pickled onions and carrot
- Jamaican Style Fried Rice (Choice of Seafood, Shrimp, Chicken or Veggie)

## SAVORY SALADS (Shrimp, Chicken or Plain)

Add-ons: Mango, Cucumber, Dried Cranberry, Tangerine, Zucchini, Romaine Lettuce, Dried Apricots, Poppy Seed Dressing

### SIDE LOVERS

- Mac & Cheese Cupcake Pie
- · Candied Yam Pie
- · Sweet Fried Plantains
- · Cucumber Salad
- Homemade Potato Chips
- · Jamaican Style Cole Slaw

## JUICES

- · Grilled Lemonade
- · Strawberry Lemonade
- Strawberry Slushie

### **DESSERTS**

- · Apple Tarts Banana Loaf
- Almond Apricot Cookies (3)
- Red Velvet Cookies (3)

# **Proposer #4**

## **Roots & Fruits Smoothie Bistro**

## **Proposal To Lease Commercial Space**

Located at: 182 NW 5th Avenue, Delray Beach, FL 33444

#### **EXECUTIVE SUMMARY**

Conceptualized to become a community hub and profit center, *Roots & Fruits* is poised to support our bottom line by providing our customers with delicious, health & well-being focused, food and beverage offerings that are in-line with their current lifestyle and compliment their aspirations and journeys to create a healthier lifestyle. Compared to current smoothie offerings in the market, our smoothie bistro will exceed customer expectations through seasonal fruit and root ingredient options used in our core products. Roots & Fruits smoothies will be made with quality, trusted or locally sourced fruits, vegetables, and natural sweeteners and acquired by the consumer at a modest yet competitive price point. Additionally, our competitive edge will continue with our ability to utilize the space agility for small group community based activities and events, while providing shelf & showcase space for the local brands of our community's artisans.

## "Helping You Reimagine Healthy"

#### **Goals & Purpose For Going Into Business:**

We are dedicated to helping all individuals achieve more than they ever imagined by living a healthier lifestyle that includes a healthy diet.

- Increase dollars earned quarterly by a gradual growth & scale while continuing to build our capacity.
- Increase our annual income by \$70,000+
- Define our role within our community as a quality driven, health & well-being focused smoothie bistro & café that is known as a safe & trusted space for behavioral health related activities, conversations, and events.

#### **BUSINESS MODEL**

Our business model will be a creative collective with *Twice Upon A Time*, a coffee, tea, and pastry café. In collaboration we will provide coffee and tea beverages rooted and sourced from the African and Caribbean Diaspora as well as delicious & nutritious smoothies and light bites of the same origin. We will hold a space for safe conversations, showcase the community's gifts & talent, while crafting an inviting atmosphere that will feel aesthetically and in deed like a piece of home. In equity, we will offer our employees a competitive living wage, provide professional growth opportunities and life-skill building, and ensure that an equitable percentage of the employees are community residents or have demonstrated a desire to grow their capacity in entrepreneurial enterprise.

#### **SMOOTHIE BISTRO DESCRIPTION**

Roots & Fruits Smoothie Bistro will produce high quality, real fruit smoothies made fresh at an affordable price with the option to customize any smoothie to any customer's health and nutrition needs. Our real fruit smoothies will have names patterned after positive emotions or historical ties to the community. (Ex: *Good Morning Sunshine, Resilient Raspberry, Jones Stuff* [a family historical value].)

Leasable Property Proposal: 182 NW 5TH Avenue, "Muse House"

#### **CURRENT MARKET ANALYSIS**

"An increasing number of health-conscious consumers, changing lifestyles and food habits and the health benefits associated with smoothies are primary drivers of the development." Smoothie King, 2021

"Smoothies have grown from a niche market in the 1990s to a more than \$5 billion industry today, according to Fastcasual.com. They are a mainstream snack, post-workout staple or meal replacement for millions of people every day. The demand for them is only increasing..." Planet Smoothie, 2021

"A daily smoothie can offer a super convenient way to get your fruits and veggies in while also nourishing your body with many essential vitamins and minerals. The key is to maximize those benefits by focusing on whole, nutrient-dense foods while avoiding added sugars as much as possible." Eat This Not That, 2020

#### **COMPETITIVE ADVANTAGE**

The COVID-19 global pandemic has provided a resounding reminder that our diets are inevitably linked with our health. While some residents have immediate access to nutrient rich healthy options, there remains a disproportionate number of residents with very few alternatives to the unhealthy food and beverage choices in close proximity to their homes. With limited financial resources to purchase those healthy options in close reach, residents need to be given access to healthier options when they begin to choose to change their eating habits. It is my goal to see the community add to their lifespan and quality of life by eating more foods that serve health-related purposes. By cultivating a community hub and profit center, *Roots & Fruits* will have a dynamic, strategic, and tenacious purpose in the City of Delray Beach and many other culturally similar communities. Roots & Fruits can become a safe place to mold, craft, and display Delray Beach's best and brightest resident leadership and leadership in training. It can become a beacon for those seeking a healthier lifestyle and determined to reprioritize healthy eating.

#### A GLANCE AT THE VISION

We are much more than a banana smoothie and an acai bowl spot. There is no coincidence that the property is called "The Muse House" and painted yellow, my mother's favorite color. It is my noble attempt to be an inspirational and healing-centered part of the vibrant change that I wish to see in my community. To carve out any safe space for humans to be humans in a location that was once known as the West Settlers Historic District would be an honor. This area of our community was once a vital commercial and institutional corridor comprised of black-owned businesses in the heart of the City of Delray Beach's Black community. We see the return of those establishments to provide an opportunity for personal and professional growth on the horizon.

Please consider this communication my official proposal to lease the CRA-owned property located at 182 NW 5th Avenue, Delray Beach, FL 33444.

Submitted With Gratitude, Kenya C. Madison 301 NW 7<sup>th</sup> Avenue Delray Beach, FL 33444 (561) 926-3032

Leasable Property Proposal: 182 NW 5TH Avenue, "Muse House"

## TWICE UPON A TIME

**TUAT** — (pronounced toowhat) is a <u>natural region</u> of <u>desert</u> in central <u>Algeria</u> that contains a string of small <u>oases</u>. In the past, the oases were important for <u>caravans</u> crossing the <u>Sahara</u>.

Our vision for TUAT is to be a meeting place for people to gather......to learn about stories that are not in our history books; to engage in meaningful and edifying conversations that lead to peace of mind and empowerment. TUAT will be a place where children, young adults and grown folk will certainly feel welcomed and safe. A place where the history of Delray Beach, and the people who built it will be celebrated.

TUAT will embody the essence, beauty, intelligence, taste, style and sounds of Black people. Our guests will be filled with wonder and amazement as soon as they enter our doors.

Our business model will be a creative collective, a pressure-free community where people will be encouraged to evolve their own as well as others ideas. An atmosphere where artistic concepts will be encouraged, and creativity can grow. A climate where team members will be able to highlight their strengths while also learning what areas they can work on.

TUAT will hire individuals from the neighborhood, fostering a strong sense of community and trusting relationships. *Our team members will be paid a living wage.* 

TUAT will seek to support local farmers and growers of fruits and vegetables to offer our customers the freshest and highest quality foods. TUAT will also seek to source products from the African and Caribbean Diaspora. TUAT will seek community collaborative co-ops to ensure that we are building the economy in the neighborhood we are in.

Each day of the week will be a new experience and from week to week and month to month new experiences will abound:

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Monday - Tanzania's Peaberry Coffee with Strawberry Puff

Tuesday – Kenyan Purple Tea with Walnut Brownie

Wednesday – Uganda's Good African Coffee w/Oatmeal Raisin and White Chocolate Macadamia Cookie

Thursday – Egyptian Chamomile Tea with Mango Puff Turnover

Friday - Senegalese Café Touba with Belizean Fudge

Saturday - Moroccan Maghrebi Mint Tea with Caribbean Bread Pudding

Sunday - Cameroon Arabica Coffee with Jamaican Rum Cake

#### TODAY'S LOOK BACK AT DELRAY HISTORY

Solomon D. Spady was a principal/teacher that came to Delray Beach upon the recommendation of George Washington Carver and became one of the most influential African Americans in Delray Beach. Mr. Spady came to Delray Beach to accept the teaching position which also carried the responsibility of principal at the County training school formerly named Delray Colored number 4, the first school made in Delray Beach. The school had an enrollment of 100 children between grade 1 through 8. Under his tutelage, the student body grew to 336, grades 1 thru 10 in 1934, and in 1939 the first 12th grade high school graduation was held. His community work included an active member of Mt. Olive Baptist Church, the first church built in Delray Beach by African Americans in 1896. He served as church clerk for more than 20 years, Sunday school teacher, Baptist youth teacher and group leader of church rallies. When asked about his philosophy Mr. Spady said "My philosophy is simple — God, country and the people first; self last. Face your daily problems prayerfully; keeping in mind that the highest service to God and to yourself is to serve your fellowman." He passed away on November 25, 1967 at the age of 82. His legacy lives on.

### Proposer #5





NATURAL SOLUTIONS FOR BODY CONTOURING & BEAUTY

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#### ABOUT

Serene Medspa is a state of the art luxury medspa that offers only the highest quality non-surgical beauty solutions available on the market and the latest technical advances in the medical aesthetics industry, today.

Our expert staff will guide you in all of your body contouring needs, and will help you transform your body, helping you achieve your beauty and body goals.

You can be assured of a safe, private and professional environment. It is our goal at Serene Medspa to help all of our patients and clients feel comfortable and confident with their own individual appearance.

Serene Medspa is dedicated to bringing you the most complete and advanced selection of cosmetic and aesthetic procedures in South Florida. We boast the most advanced technology in non-invasive body contouring. We also sell health and beauty products that complement our quality cosmetic services, from skin care to energy boosters and weight management products.

Our vision is to be the premier facilities in the area providing state-of-the-art non-surgical cosmetic treatments at reasonable costs in a comfortable spa atmosphere. With so many available options, we partner with you by providing a free consultation. During this session, you will learn about options that are right for you during a one-on-one session with a specialist.



# SERVICES

### ALL SERVICES COME WITH FREE POWERPLATE SESSION

FREE 20 MIN. CONSULTATION
CONSULTATION INCLUDES EVALUATION AND CUSTOMIZED
TREATMENT PLAN OPTIONS FOR CLIENT.



#### BODY CONTOUR SLIMMING TREATMENT

20 MINUTES @ \$65.00
LIPO CAVITATION TREATMENT
(ONE AREA)
AREAS THAT CAN BE TREATED:
ABDOMEN
ARMS (BOTH)
THIGHS
HIPS
LEGS
BUTTOCKS
WAIST BACK

#### WOOD THERAPY TREATMENT COMBO

1 HOUR @ \$125.00
BENEFITS OF TREATMENT:
REDUCE CELLULITE
MOLD AND CONTOUR
FACILITATE WEIGHT LOSS
SPEED UP METABOLISM
TONE AND FIRM
ALLEVIATE MUSCLE AND
JOINT PAIN

### BODY CONTOUR FIRMING TREATMENT

I 20 MINUTES @ \$65.00

RADIO FREQUENCY TREATMENT
(ONE AREA)

AREAS THAT CAN BE TREATED:
ABDOMEN
ARMS (BOTH)
FACE, NECK, THIGHS
HIPS, LEGS, BUTTOCKS
WAIST, BACK

#### POST SURGERY TREATMENT COMBO

40 MINUTES @ \$99.00
CUSTOMIZED POST SURGERY
CARE COMBOS.
\*COMBO VARIES PER CLIENT'S
NEEDS.
(EX:ULTRASOUND, FIBROSIS
REDUCTION, FIRMING,
CAVITATION, SCULPTING,
POWERPLATE, ETC.)

#### BODY CONTOUR CELLULITE TREATMENT

40 MINUTES @ \$99.00
CELLULITE REDUCTION
COMBO.
\*CUSTOMIZED PER CLIENT.
(EXFOLIATION, MANUAL
MASSAGE, VACUUM THERAPY,
RADIOFREQUENCY,
CAVITATION, ETC.)

#### BODY CONTOUR BANGING BOOTY COMBO

40 MINUTES @ \$99.00

BUTT EXFOLIATING, LIFTING, FIRMING, SHAPING AND PLUMPING TREATMENT PACKAGE!

#### BODY CONTOUR SCULPTING TREATMENTS FIRMING TREATMENT

20 MINUTES @ \$65.00
VACUUM THERAPY TREATMENT
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#### BODY CONTOUR BUTT LIFT TREATMENT COMBO

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RADIOFREQUENCY TREATMENT WITH
ANTI-AGING SKIN STEM CELL PLUS FORMULA
FROM SWISS APPLE
ANTI-WRINKLE
REPAIR AND REVITALIZE
SUN-AGING PROTECTION REDUCE FINE LINES
SKIN FIRMING REDUCE DOUBLE CHIN
ENHANCE JAWLINE

MONTHLY BODY CONTOURING CUSTOMIZED PLANS

GET RIGHT PACKAGE: \$100/MONTH

2 SESSIONS PER MONTH. CHOOSE FROM THE FOLLOWING TREATMENTS:

- . BODY CONTOUR SLIMMING TREATMENT
- BODY CONTOUR FIRMING TREATMENT
- BODY CONTOUR SCULPTING TREATMENTS
- . BODY CONTOUR BUTT LIFT

GET TIGHT PACKAGE: \$200/MONTH

- 4 SESSIONS PER MONTH. CHOOSE FROM THE FOLLOWING TREATMENTS:
- BODY CONTOUR SLIMMING TREATMENT
- BODY CONTOUR FIRMING TREATMENT
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- BODY CONTOUR BUTT LIFT

KILLIN' EM' PACKAGE: \$175/MONTH 2 SESSIONS PER MONTH. CHOOSE FROM THE FOLLOWING TREATMENTS:

- BODY CONTOUR CELLULITE TREATMENT
- . BODY CONTOUR BANGING BOOTY COMBO

SLAY EVERYDAY PACKAGE: \$350/MONTH

- 4 SESSIONS PER MONTH. CHOOSE FROM THE FOLLOWING TREATMENTS:
  - . BODY CONTOUR CELLULITE TREATMENT
  - BODY CONTOUR BANGING BOOTY COMBO

BEAUTY TREATMENTS: FACIALS: \$85 - \$150 MINK EYELASH EXTENSIONS: \$100/FULL SET /\$65 FILL IN BODY WRAPS: \$65 - \$150

# STATISTICS:

### **TOP MARKETS**

SOUTH MAKES UP 40% TEXAS #1 CALIFORNIA #2 FLORIDA #3

### NATIONAL TRENDS:

The global medical spa market was valued at US\$11.1 billion in 2017, and is projected to reach US\$27.6 billion by 2025, which implies a compounded annual growth rate (CAGR) of 12.2% over the period, according to a report published by Allied Market Research, titled, "Medical Spa Market by Service: Global Opportunity Analysis and Industry Forecast, 2017-2025."

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5,431

8%

Estimated # of medical spas in the US.

Revenues are forecasted to grow at an 8% average annual pace from 2017 to 2022

# 3 REASONS MEDSPAS WILL CONTINUE TO GROW IN THE US MARKET

#### **Technology**

Technology is key to current med spa growth because in the past 15 years, advancements in non-surgical (i.e. non-invasive) treatments that make people look and feel better about themselves made these treatments widely available and affordable.

#### Social Media

Because social media has become so pervasive, many people are more comfortable with the idea of receiving cosmetic treatment.

Seeing videos of procedures, oftentimes live with their favorite social media personality, lessens the stigma and uneasiness associated with receiving a med spa treatment.

#### Millennials and Beyond

Finally, the rise of the millennial and post-millennial population, combined with aging Gen X'ers, has created a perfect storm for the med spa industry. While the majority of med spa clients are in their mid-thirties to forties, the millennial population has shown a willingness to spend money on themselves, their appearance, and experiences.

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#### **REVENUE SHARE**

The body shaping & contouring segment accounted for one-fifth revenue share of the global market in 2017. This has been due to the recent advances in body contouring, which include various non-invasive techniques that enable lesser hospitalization and faster recovery.

\$1,526,300

Industry size up from \$3.97 B in 2016

66%

\$460 Average visit spend With 66% Returning visits

\$8.29B

Industry size up from \$5.97 B in 2016

#### ABOUT THE CEO: SERENA SPATES

Serena is a Delray Beach, Florida native and graduate of the University of Florida. She has strong ties to the community and serves in many different capacities. She is currently the Director of Marketing at the Delray Arts Garage, sits on the Community Advisory Board at WXEL South Florida PBS and serves on the Affordable Housing Advisory Board in the City of Delray Beach. With a background in broadcast journalism, Serena worked as a reporter and anchor for PBS "All Things Considered," WUFT-News 5, CTN-WFGC and more. Being in front of the camera has motivated Serena to prioritize health, beauty and wellness. Over the years, through trial and error Serena has been able to find not only the best but most natural ways to achieve body and health goals.

With so many negative body images and narratives it is important to Serena to promote healthy and realistic body goals. This passion drove Serena to found Serene Medspa, a place where women and men can achieve their body goals through safe, natural and healthy methods.



# **FINANCIALS**

#### ADDITIONAL FINANCIALS CAN BE PROVIDED UPON REQUEST

STARTUP EXPENSES	TOTALS
CAPITAL EQUIPMENT	\$10,000.00
LOCATION/ADMINISTRATION EXPENSES.	\$6,000.00
OPENING INVENTORY	\$5,000.00
ADVERTISING/PROMOTIONAL EXPENSES.	\$7.500.00
OTHER EXPENSES	\$5,000.00
CONTINGENCY FUND	\$5,000.00
WORKING CAPITAL	\$75,000.00

### **Proposer #6**

**ATTENTION: Christine Tibbs, Assistant Director** 

**Delray Beach Community Development Agency** 

20 N. Swinton Avenue, Delray Beach, Florida, 33444

FROM:

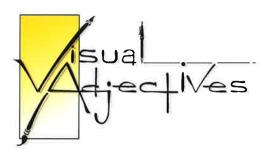
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#### COMPANY

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Established August 2010 | Founded 1990
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#### WHAT WE WANT TO PROPOSE

Our company is founded on Publishing and Production of creative Intellectual Properties. We are booksellers of specialty books with an avant-garde approach that forges new paths to make publishing accessible to everyone. Our advantage is a global and culturally-aware knowledge of the publication business, and a rooted foundation in the Black community in Delray Beach - where we are from and raised.

We understand the nuances and pitfalls of the industry, specifically for People of Color. Visual Adjectives has created a platform that includes a team of creators and technical specialists offering in-house publishing and a creative workspace. We offer quality products, reasonable prices, exceptional service, and skilled training. We give authors and artists the resources and space to produce quality and professional work.

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#### WHAT WE WANT TO PROJECT

As a hybrid retailer located in the Historic West Settlers District of the historically Black business district of 5th Avenue, we will provide a hub for creatives in our community, while leveraging our relationship within the community and with Spady Museum to activate the corridor with relevant cultural experiences including cultural events, writers' workshops, youth programming and education, and locally curated retail options for locals and visitors! Our Turkish Tea Cart is an



added retail experience to the space for those looking to hang out, work, create, shop and learn. Cultural talents will serve as the catalyst to enhance business and pedestrian activity to attract residents and visitors to the area, accumulating foot traffic to strategically establish the diversity of the neighborhood with shopping and services. Working with Spady Museum will allow us to host workshops at William's Cottage, and use the backyards for events and community functions. Other businesses on the corridor can be incorporated as we host events, meetings, screenings, gallery shows, and more.

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Inclusive Service Value:
Artist Workspace
Library & Gallery
Local Vendor Marketplace
Publishing Services
Tea Shop
Workshops
Writer's Corner

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#### **Creator's Studio Spaces**

The location will provide the opportunity for us to create studio workspaces available for artists to use as a base of operations when conducting their artistic endeavors. Creators such as radio show hosts, podcasts, painters, comic artists, singers, dancers, designers, or musicians all have the opportunity to use the studio space. We can assist authors with production issues in the studio by getting them on the path to publishing.

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#### WHAT ARE WE AIMING FOR

We are proposing a \$500 per month rent for the first year, utilizing the Rent Subsidy Program, to allow us time to curate the use of the facilities as proposed. This would include rental fees from vendors, artists, and workspace users, events, etc. Additionally, we believe a café space serving tea (instead of coffee) will be warmly welcomed, but take some time to market for sales to reflect a profit for this use.

#### HOURS OF OPERATION

We will have daytime, nighttime, and weekend operating hours. Our hours are flexible and can be altered as needed based on events and activity in the city. Appointments will also be available.

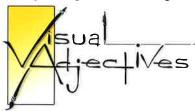
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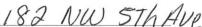
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#### PROPOSAL TO LEASE COMMERCIAL SPACE

TO: Delray Beach Community Development Agency 20 N. Swinton Avenue, Delray Beach, Florida, 33444 Attention, Christine Tibbs, Assistant Director





Greetings,

Thank you for your consideration. Please find photos of our group serving Turkish Coffee and Tea at a festival. We will incorporate this and the aesthetics, which works well with the bookshop.

Feel free to contact us with any questions or concerns.

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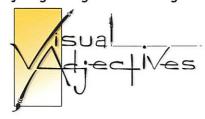
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**ATTENTION: Christine Tibbs, Assistant Director** 

**Delray Beach Community Development Agency** 

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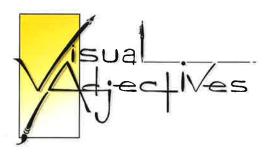
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Michelle Lawrence, Co-Founder & CEO Edward J Stinson, Co-Founder & CIO

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#### WHAT WE WANT TO PROPOSE

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#### WHAT WE WANT TO PROJECT

As a hybrid retailer located in the Historic West Settlers District of the historically Black business district of 5th Avenue, we will provide a hub for creatives in our community, while leveraging our relationship within the community and with Spady Museum to activate the corridor with relevant cultural experiences including cultural events, writers' workshops, youth programming and education, and locally curated retail options for locals and visitors! Our Turkish Tea Cart is an



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Tea Shop
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#### WHAT ARE WE AIMING FOR

We are proposing a \$500 per month rent for the first year, utilizing the Rent Subsidy Program, to allow us time to curate the use of the facilities as proposed. This would include rental fees from vendors, artists, and workspace users, events, etc. Additionally, we believe a café space serving tea (instead of coffee) will be warmly welcomed, but take some time to market for sales to reflect a profit for this use.

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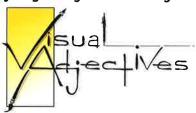
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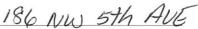
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#### PROPOSAL TO LEASE COMMERCIAL SPACE

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Greetings,

Thank you for your consideration. Please find photos of our group serving Turkish Coffee and Tea at a festival. We will incorporate this and the aesthetics, which works well with the bookshop.

Feel free to contact us with any questions or concerns.

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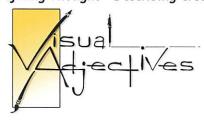
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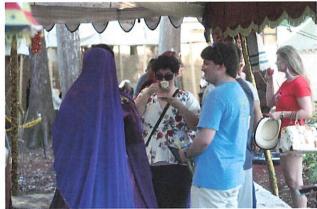




































# **Letter of Intent to Purchase Properties**

# CRA PROPERTY PROPOSAL

Thrive Foundation
May 7, 2021
www.ThriveCollective.com

### **PROJECT TITLE**

Muse & Harvel Regeneration Project @ 182 & 186 NW 5th Avenue

### **DESCRIPTION**

With the property purchased from the Randolph Family in 2009 - a legacy Black family in Delray Beach both politically and economically active, the Delray Beach CRA invested approximately \$500,000 in the renovation/preservation, parking and building relocation of the Muse & Harvel House on Historic 5th Avenue and Dr. MLK, Jr. Drive of the West Settlers Historic District. The significance of these where these properties are situated are in this historically Black business district is to be preserved for generations to come, and should be reserved and utilized to increase opportunities and access for those that have systematically been left out of wealth building efforts.

#### **OBJECTIVE**

We believe that there is repair that can be done in the Black community by the institutions that have historically excluded or divested in marginalized communities, by returning or creating opportunity and access within the abilities and ownerships of these agencies. For a community that has not been included in the ownership and wealth building efforts of redevelopment in an area that they were once restricted to (see City Resolution #146-35 regarding the "negro settlement"), there are equitable paths forward to strategically and locally bridge this gap.

### **OPPORTUNITY**

With an asset map of the local community's economy, we believe there is ample opportunity to utilize these spaces to grow economic ownership to scale by providing a bricks-and-mortar retail space for product sales, hub space for technical assistance, anchor retail in the corridor and community to share and educate visitors and locals on the history of this Black settlement, and placemaking connectivity from Atlantic Ave to the historic main street of 5th Avenue by way of other staple destinations such as Donnie's Place and Spady Museum.

### **SOLUTION**

In order to realize these efforts now and to get ahead of the market demands that have already displaced and gentrified so many from this community, Thrive Foundation would like to make an offer of \$500,000 to purchase the property at 182 NW 5th Avenue (to include 186 NW 5th Ave). Purchase of the property allows for the CRA to recoup their investments in the preservation and adaptive use renovations of the property, while returning the property to the City's tax roll, and providing a space to program local ownership back in the commercial district via our microbusiness and gig economy operators.

Thrive Foundation looks forward to the opportunity to discuss our offer, interest, and intentions further and upon your request. Thank you for your consideration. -Kristyn Cox & Sara Selznick