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DISTRICT NO. 508
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BOARD OF TRUSTEES OF COMMUNITY COLLEGE DISTRICT NO. 508
COUNTY OF COOK AND STATE OF ILLINOIS

RESOLUTION
APPLICATION FOR NEW PROGRAMS
BASIC CERTIFICATE CANNABIS APPLIED STUDIES
ADVANCED CERTIFICATE CANNABIS PROCESSING TECHNICIAN
ASSOCIATE OF APPLIED SCIENCE CANNABIS STUDIES
OFFICE OF ACADEMIC AND STUDENT AFFAIRS
OLIVE-HARVEY COLLEGE AND WILBUR WRIGHT COLLEGE

WHEREAS, new educational programs require approval of the Board of Trustees of Community College District No. 508, the Illinois Community College Board (ICCB) and the Illinois Board of Higher Education (IBHE); and

WHEREAS, Olive-Harvey (OH) College has developed an Urban Agriculture Department to serve as Chicago's leading partner for cannabis and urban agriculture education and a gateway to careers in the cannabis industry; and

WHEREAS, an application for approval of the City Colleges of Chicago Basic Certificate, Cannabis Applied Studies, an Advanced Certificates in Cannabis Processing Technician and an Associate of Applied Science in Cannabis Studies with Olive-Harvey College and Wilbur Wright College is under review by the Joint Curriculum Development Council for submission; and

WHEREAS, the Cannabis Applied Studies Basic Certificate will prepare students for employment as retail, processing technicians, growers, trimmers, lab technician, quality control, concentrate processor, packager with a Basic Certificate from City Colleges of Chicago, and a field practicum with industry partners; and the Advanced Certificate in Cannabis Processing Technician will provide higher level of detail in the processing and extraction process; and the Associate of Applied Science will lead to management positions throughout the cannabis industry in a number of fields such as community advocacy, retail management and horticulture greenhouse management.

WHEREAS, labor market data shows strong demand for Applied Cannabis jobs in Cook County, with over 100 new licenses being released in Illinois in 2021, there will be thousands of positions opening up in the next two years. These positions pay \$16-\$19 per hour for entry level positions, and salaries ranging from \$45-\$80k for mid-management positions (Indeed, June 2021).

NOW THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED, that the Board of Trustees of Community College District No. 508, County of Cook and State of Illinois, hereby approves the submission of this program for permanent approval by the Illinois Community College Board and Illinois Board of Higher Education, pending completion of Proposed Academic Curriculum Changes (PACC) process per Academic Policy 9.02.

February 3, 2021– Office of Academic and Student Affairs