

Cannabis dispensary Matawana opens in Brooklyn

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Leeann Mata is the licensee behind Matawana.

Housing Works Cannabis Co., which opened New York's first licensed adult-use dispensary in 2022 at 750 Broadway, helped her open the store.

"The regulated adult-use cannabis system is complicated, and the moving pieces are difficult to navigate, especially for a new business owner like me," Mata said in a statement. "For Matawana, working with Housing Works and having its support and mentorship has been invaluable throughout this process."

Matawana is in a 3,700-square-foot space in Park Slope, at 533 5th Ave. It features teller windows, pre-packaged items from gummies to pre-rolls, merchandise, and a place to sit that looks like a living room — complete with pictures of Mata as a kid.

Chase Bank previously occupied the space.

The lease is for 10 years. Asking rent was about \$18,000 per month.

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Landlord BEECH III LLC was represented by RIPCO's Jason Pennington and Peter Yoon in the transaction.

Sean Philipps and Michael Peguero of Katz & Associates represented the tenant.

"It was an amenable landlord, and the space was easy to build out," Philipps said. "It checked all the boxes."

Philipps added that Matawana's location in a corner property would be beneficial for the business.

"The most valued aspect of the customer is the repeat customer," Philipps said. "We felt that Park Slope's corner property would definitely have a repeat customer."