



# County of San Diego Grand Jury

## Citizen Complaint Form

San Diego County Grand Jury  
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**Please Review Complaint  
Guidelines on Reverse Side**

Date 12/18/2023

1. **Who:** (Your Name) Darryl Cotton  
Address 6176 Federal Blvd.  
City, State, Zip Code San Diego, CA 92114  
Telephone 619.954.4447

2. **What:** Subject of Complaint: Briefly state the nature of complaint and the action of what San Diego County department, section agency or official(s) that you believe was illegal or improper.

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Since the passage of adult-use cannabis licensing the City of San Diego Development Services Department and Planning Commission have engaged in preferential treatment of certain applicants in a pay-to-play scheme that relies on certain lobbyists, attorneys and applicants who are often times not disclosed and rely on strawman applicants to acquire these licenses. This method of awarding licenses is unlawful and unfair to those competing for these limited number of licenses (4 per council district) when the process is rigged from the start. I have done a **DSD Steering Document** which is a deep dive review and analysis of all the licenses having been heard on appeal whereby key search words, often by the Planning Commissioners themselves, bemoan this exact situation.

3. **When:** Date(s) of Incident December 6, 2018

4. **Where:** Names and addresses of other departments, agencies or officials involved in this complaint. Include dates/types of contact, i.e. phone, letter, personal.

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**On 12/06/2018, Planning Commission Minutes, Item No. 4, Commissioner Peerson** recuses herself from voting on the 6220 Federal Blvd. CUP due to a "financial conflict of interest." Her exact statement can be heard at **2:00:17 in the archived video** of that Hearing, Item No. 4.

There should be NO financial conflict of interest opportunity when it comes to awarding one of these licenses! Since this entire license application is clouded in pay-play-corruption by attorneys quite familiar and comfortable with these licensing agencies it should come as no surprise that they manipulate the system to have these CUPS awarded while making it appear the process is fair and transparent. Just one of the horrific end results of their slight of hand approvals can be seen by the **increased number** of major traffic accidents which have occurred since this license was granted.

5. **Why/How:** Attach pertinent documents and correspondence with dates.

Print Name: Darryl Cotton