



County of San Diego Grand Jury

Citizen Complaint Form

San Diego County Grand Jury
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550 W C Street, Suite 860
San Diego, CA 92101-3518
619-236-2020 Fax 619-338-8127
Email: sdgrandjury@sdcounty.ca.gov

**Please Review Complaint
Guidelines on Reverse Side**

Date 12/24/2023

1. **Who:** (Your Name) Darryl Cotton
Address 6176 Federal Blvd.
City, State, Zip Code San Diego, CA 92124
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.

Check This Box if you are using additional sheets for this question

Chris Williams is a black man and owner of the **Candid Chronicle**, a nationally recognized web-based cannabis **publication**, with a long standing affinity for cannabis, the law surrounding its use and regulation and the social-equity opportunities it presents when it comes to the advances that historically have suppressed those of color from entering into the legal, adult-use cannabis arena through proper licensing and vetting of those able and willing to enter into that arena. I am one of those candidates. Williams engaged noted cannabis attorney Gina Austin for what was to be her representation of him in the pursuit of certain cannabis licenses. What we have come to find out about Austin, while representing Williams she was also representing other, more financially preferential applicants to her scheme to have representation and undisclosed interests in certain licensed cannabis entities within San Diego County. We request that a Grand Jury perform a full investigation of these violent, racist, unethical, and unlawful violations for criminal prosecution of what we know Austin and her government accomplices engage in.

3. **When:** Date(s) of Incident From 2016 forward

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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01/28/2020 Declaration of Gina Austin ISO of Proposed Intervenor KIM INVESTMENTS-3515 Harris St. Lemon Grove
10/26/2017 Texts from Tiasha Brown, SD Democratic Party **Black Caucus Chair**, soliciting bribe payment from me
2022 City of Lemon Grove Year End Audit Report showing accounting errors. This is just the tip of the iceberg.
10/18/2020 SDUT: 8920 Broadway, Lemon Grove re CUP license Gina Austin's opposition to Williams application.
April 2023 East County Magazine reports an alleged bribe to Mayor Vasquez to approve an adult-use CUP.
May 2023 East County Magazine reports preferential adult-use licensing treatment at 6691 Federal Blvd., LG
02/16/2023 City of San Diego Social Equity Cannabis funds are NOT going to legitimate applicants.
05/11/18 WILLIAMS v ARAMBULA ET AL Where Lemon Grove City Councilman Arambula beats Williams.

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

Print Name: Darryl Cotton



Chris Williams
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