



County of San Diego Grand Jury

Citizen Complaint Form

San Diego County Grand Jury
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San Diego, CA 92101-3518
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Please Review Complaint
Guidelines on Reverse Side

Date Dec 18, 2024

1. **Who:** (Your Name) Darryl Cotton
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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.

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

Beginning on December 18, 2023, I have submitted a total of 5 Grand Jury Complaints that set forth [specific financial and processing irregularities](#) that are systemic in the City of San Diego's adult-use cannabis licensing program. With my 5 and an additional 16 related GJC's filed by other parties [there have been a total of 21 GJC's filed that I know of](#). There have been no responses whatsoever from the Grand Jury. Crickets! A [2023/2024 Grand Jury Report](#) was created whereby Mayor Todd Gloria responded to those findings in a [letter dated 08/28/2024](#). Gloria takes exception to the City reporting cannabis tax revenues as being separately reported since those funds are deposited in the General Fund. As these past GJC's have set forth, there is [pay-to-play corruption](#) in the City's adult-use licensing programs (see [DSD Deep Dive @ page 32 Benjamin Zobal](#)) that as a result of Mayor Gloria's response, DEMAND that these ALL CASH BUSINESSES, often run by criminals, be separately shown on [City Financials](#).

3. **When:** Date(s) of Incident Recurring

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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In 2021 CSU San Marcos published a paper titled: [Economic Impact of Cannabis in San Diego County](#) which beginning at page 14 shows, as a result of FOIA produced documents, the City's gross cannabis sales revenues from 08/2018 thru 11/2020. On page 15 it shows that in 3rd Q 2019 there were 16 approved dispensaries used to compile that data. The problem with that is on [09/26/2019 at page 8 the City's own Development Services Department \("DSD"\)](#) reported to the Planning Commission there were 24 approved applications not 16. With 8 dispensaries not being accounted for the actual revenues, again from 100% cash-based cannabis businesses are being underreported. This issue is further exacerbated by [industry lobbyists having special relationships with City staff and Councilmembers](#) in which this [cash money is being used to gain influence](#) and when [audits](#) are done [SDMC](#) is not being enforced.

5. **Why/How:** For more details regarding these practices please visit: [Justice4Amy.org at Section 12\(a\)](#)

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