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Gentlemen,

As I have done in my previous letters to your office, I’ve made you aware of the mountain of evidence I have accumulated regarding the public corruption that exists in the adult-use cannabis licensing process occurring within the City of San Diego (“City”). The unaccounted money in both the licensing and operation of these businesses has led to fraud in our courts and the corruption of certain government officials and their agencies whereby City officials are now in league with certain bad-actor attorneys and lobbyists who, after having accepted these bribes, are now beholden to them when it comes to practically anything they might request on behalf of their clients. What I enclose today<sup>1</sup> describes what could only have occurred with the continued accumulation of factual evidence that goes to support these allegations.

The attachments will show how these actions have harmed and endangered not only me for having exposed it, but also my 87 year old father Dale Cotton, Amy Sherlock, Tiffany Knopf and others, who have had to fight for years without success, to prove to the courts or law enforcement that these illegal acts are occurring and to act on our behalf.

What I offer in additional support of these claims is the San Diego Planning Commission Hearing (“SDPC”) of March 12, 2015, wherein attorney David Demian (“Demian”) of Finch, Thornton & Baird, LLP (“FTB”) sets forth where that the Hearing Officer, in consideration of awarding a Conditional Use Permit (“CUP”) was, “...instructed not to consider the background of the competing applicant.” Such instruction is a suborning the commission of a felony, specifically under California Penal Code § 115. (SDPC Hearing of 03/12/2015, Transcript at Pg. 2:9-13)

And the following speaker, Mr. Benjamin Zobel, (“Zobel”) a self-avowed strawman appellant, delivers his comments that the entire appeals process is a fraud by stating, “I now regret filing my appeals against these good people...The people who asked me to file these appeals did so in order to obtain one license in the Sports Arena area...I’m not comfortable saying who asked me

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<sup>1</sup> All referenced documents can be found in their digital form at;

- a) <https://151farmers.org/wp-content/uploads/2018/04/2025.10.07-Cotton-to-Demian-at-FTB-Letter.pdf>
- b) <https://151farmers.org/wp-content/uploads/2018/04/2025.10.06-Cotton-to-Penman-EMAIL-Reply-Letter.pdf>
- c) <https://151farmers.org/wp-content/uploads/2018/04/15-03-12-David-Demian-and-Ben-at-Planning-Commission-Hearing-for-3452-Hancock-Street.pdf>

to file these appeals.” (SDPC Hearing of 03/12/2015, Transcript at Pg. 3:3-25)

**Why wasn't the Zobal statement ever followed up on?** Demian knew what was occurring here. He testified to it. Why didn't anyone on the SDPC follow up with ANY questions to Zobal? This is willful negligence and/or reckless indifference. Instead, this body ignored the statement completely and took no action in response to an open admission of unlawful behavior.

What I've seen in the news recently is a renewed Department of Justice (“DOJ”) commitment to exposing the corruption that exists in government such as the DOJ investigating Senators' phone records without apparent cause. I realize the weaponization of the DOJ is of active concern. While we are not Senators, as whistleblowers, over the last 12 months we have brought you information that offers incontrovertible evidence of these RICO or more accurately CCE-level criminal activities.

Obviously, providing this information to the DOJ exposes us all to incredible personal risk for having done so. With that in mind, on behalf of myself and all the other victims of this abuse, including the multitude of unnamed parties and the taxpayers, we ask that you please consider the enclosed evidence; and to finally hold those accountable for their actions.



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Attachments:

- 1) 10/07/2025, Cotton Letter to attorney David Demian at Finch, Thornton & Baird, LLP.
- 2) 10/06/2025, Cotton Letter to Chris Penman, City of San Diego Zoning Investigator II
- 3) 03/12/2015, SDPC Hearing Video Transcript of David Demian and Benjamin Zobal

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