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RE: Cannabis Businesses in the City of La Mesa

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Thu, Oct 15, 2020 at 10:44 AM

Mr. Cotton,

Your records request was forwarded to the City Clerk for distribution and processing. Staff is in the process of assembling the requested information. There is a high volume of information requested and limited staff to fulfill the request. We will provide response as quickly as we are able and incrementally as records are assembled.

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From: Darryl Cotton [mailto:indagrodarryl@gmail.com]

Sent: Thursday, October 15, 2020 9:35 AM

To: Kerry Kusiak; Mark Arapostathis; epap@cityoflamesa.us; Andrew Flores; Jake Austin

Subject: Re: Cannabis Businesses in the City of La Mesa

Greetings,

I haven't had a response from my email. Do you have any idea how long it will take to fill my request?

Thank you.

Darryl Cotton

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On Fri, Oct 9, 2020 at 2:10 PM Darryl Cotton <indagrodarryl@gmail.com> wrote:

| Greetings Mr. Kusiak;

I am in the middle of a federal lawsuit against the City of San Diego where as a plaintiff it has come to my attention that a number of the attorney/specialists/consultants/lobbyists (Canna-Professionals) co-defendants in that matter have assisted clients in La Mesa in the Cannabis application process.

Under the Freedom of Information Act, what I would like is to have is any of the files that the City of La Mesa has that went to applications, approvals and/or denials for any cannabis licensing the City of La Mesa has had available from January 2017 to now. Please include any minutes and transcripts where these projects were open to public debate.

I realize this is a formidable request but with the information I already have I know for certain that there is going to be litigation, if there hasn't been already, over how these licenses were awarded and what part those Canna-Professional played in helping to secure, or deny, the applications which the City processed. To be clear I am not suggesting the City had any issues with how your staff processed these applications. I have no reason to believe that whatsoever. The information I request will provide additional evidence of how these Canna-Professionals ply their trade up and down the State when creating their enterprises.

If you would like to meet with me, or call to discuss in further detail this request I would be amenable to that. If you would like an elevator view of my case and the parties that are currently involved I would refer you to my litigation flowchart which has links to all of the documents within it for your review.

<https://151farmers.org/wp-content/uploads/2017/10/Geraci-Flowcharts-Combined-11.pdf>

Thank you for your attention to my request and in anticipation of your reply I will remain.

Darryl Cotton

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