



STATE OF CALIFORNIA
FAIR POLITICAL PRACTICES COMMISSION
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August 31, 2026

Darryl Cotton

Sent via email only: 151darrylcotton@gmail.com

Re: Public Records Act - Request No. ENF 2026-144

Dear Darryl Cotton :

This letter is in response to your request for public records under the California Public Records Act (Gov. Code, §7920.000 *et seq.*) that was sent to and received by the Fair Political Practices Commission (the “Commission”) on August 26, 2026.

You made the following request:

"Request 2 — Statements of Economic Interests, named individuals

For calendar years 2019 through 2023 inclusive, please provide all assuming office, annual, and leaving office Statements of Economic Interests (FPPC Form 700), including all schedules, attachments, and amendments, held by the Commission for the individuals below.

If the Commission holds no responsive statements for a given individual, please state that in writing rather than treating the item as denied. A written confirmation of no records is a sufficient and complete response to this item.

- *Nicole Elliott, Director, Department of Cannabis Control, and any prior State position for which the Commission holds a statement*
- *Richard Parrott, in his capacity with CalCannabis Cultivation Licensing and/or the Department of Cannabis Control*
- *Tabatha Chavez, in her capacity with the Department of Cannabis Control compliance program*
- *Clint Kellum, Director, Department of Cannabis Control*

Request 6 — Enforcement records (submitted under the CPRA)

To the extent not exempt, please provide records identifying any closed Commission enforcement matter, stipulation, decision, or warning letter involving the Department of Cannabis Control, CalCannabis Cultivation Licensing, the Bureau of Cannabis Control, or any individual named in Request 2, from January 1, 2019 through the present.

I understand that records of open or pending investigations may be withheld. This item is directed to closed matters and to the Commission's public enforcement dispositions. If any

portion is withheld, please state the express provision relied upon as required by Government Code § 7922.540, and release any reasonably segregable portion under § 7922.525."

The California Public Records Act exempts from disclosure "(r)ecords, the disclosure of which is exempted or prohibited pursuant to federal or state law..." under Government Code Section 7927.705. Accordingly, we are required to redact or mask personal and confidential information such as email addresses and residential addresses. (The Information Practices Act under Civil Code §§1798.3, 1798.24, and 1798.42; and the Right of Privacy under the California Constitution, Article I, Section 1.). Pursuant to California Code of Civil Procedure Section 2018.030 and Government Code Section 7927.705, we have removed protected work product.

Additionally, Government Code Section 7922.000 permits agencies to withhold records when the public interest served by withholding the records clearly outweighs the public interest served by disclosure. Therefore, we have removed documents that are reflective of the agency's deliberative process. (See *Times Mirror v. Superior Court* (1991) 53 Cal.3d 1325.) The person responsible for these determinations was Jack Blattner, Commission Counsel, as required pursuant to Section 7922.540.

We conducted a thorough search and attached materials responsive to your request. Your request and our response are public records, which may be disclosed to the public upon receipt of a proper request for disclosure. If you have any questions regarding this matter, please contact me at jblattner@fppc.ca.gov.

Sincerely,

Jack Blattner

Jack Blattner
Commission Counsel
Enforcement Division