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San Diego Planning Commission Hearing

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1 DAVID DEMIAN: And so we come to the question
2 of this specific application for in this case, the
3 hearing officer was instructed by staff not to consider
4 other relevant applications. That is incorrect. Those
5 applications are relevant. We all know they're
6 relevant. That hearing officer must make a decision
7 including those facts presented to him at that hearing.

8 Two, the applicants' backgrounds are relevant
9 to his decision. At the hearing the transcript shows
10 the hearing officer was instructed not to consider the
11 background of the competing -- of the applicant. Today,
12 the staff's report suggests that they investigated the
13 hearing -- the applicant's background. So which is it?
14 A decision must be made by that hearing officer on those
15 points.

16 Last, the community planning group
17 recommendations are going to have to be taken into
18 account as to what is best for the safety and welfare of
19 their respective communities, and that's going to be
20 coming next. And the only way to do that is to hear the
21 applicant's all together. And we're not in a vacuum
22 here. There are four applicants that are coming to a
23 hearing officer hearing next month. We know who all the
24 applicants are. They should be heard together. They
25 can be heard together. So we're asking for the planning

1 commission to exercise it's authority and to do that.

2 I appreciate your listening to me. I apologize
3 for going over time. Thank you very much.

4 UNIDENTIFIED SPEAKER: All right. Thank you,
5 sir. Next individual speaker I have is Benjamin
6 Zobal.

7 BENJAMIN ZOBAL: Hello. My name is Benjamin
8 Zobal. I'm at twenty nine -- or 3928 Eleanor Street.
9 I'm here to inform you that I was asked to file a CEQA
10 appeals against other medical marijuana consumer
11 collective for the purpose of slowing down other MMC
12 applications. The people that asked me to file these
13 appeals did so in order to obtain one license in the
14 sports arena area.

15 When I was asked to do this I didn't think much
16 about it, and I agreed. Since then, I have had some of
17 these people I appealed reach out to me and explain how
18 much this has affected them. I did not realize that
19 there are several good people trying to get license and
20 have risked a lot to do so. I now regret filing my
21 appeals against these good people. I'm not comfortable
22 saying who asked me to file these appeals, but I hope
23 the city does what is right and approves the best
24 applications on the merits -- on merit and not on
25 first-come-first-serve-basis. Thank you for your time.

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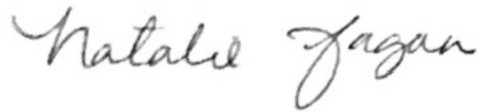
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