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Gentlemen,

As a supplement to my letter of October 8, 2025, to you, (See Attachment 1) I would like you to consider my October 17, 2025, Declaration (See Attachment 2) regarding Mr. and Mrs. Perkins' experience when applying for a cannabis Conditional Use Permit ("CUP") in the City of San Diego ("City").

This Declaration is important in many ways. It clearly provides the evidence that since these CUP application and award processes began, the game was rigged through the collaborative efforts of certain rogue attorneys and certain corrupt City employees.

As the old saying goes, "the devil is in the details," those details can be found in the hyperlinks and the footnotes. Footnote 13 in particular lists all the government and non-governmental party communications that, through the CA Public Records Act requests at the PRA's listed in the footnote, will give you an idea as to the size and scale of what has been occurring here and throughout the state for years. This is an all-cash industry. It should come as no surprise to you or anyone else for that matter that cash transactions are a fertile breeding ground for corruption. Especially when the bad actors believe no one is watching them.

This Declaration shows that even when strong legal representation is retained (i.e. Sheppard Mullin, Baker Botts) the licensing scheme the City has created is a fertile field for the cultivation of corruption in the form of pay-to-play schemes.

There are strong indications that among the bad actors who benefit from this process is the Democratic Party. (See the <u>02/20/2024 SDUT Article re Jesus Cardenas Cannabis Corruption</u>)

Based on my years of investigating these matters, it is my belief that the <u>UNAUDITED</u> Special Trust Funds ("STF") which are created with a maximum contribution amount of \$10MM, (so that the beneficiaries do not have to be disclosed) are possibly being used as a piggy bank the Democratic Party. To date, there are hundreds of these STF's which do not contribute to the state's General Fund.

In addition to the hard copies at Attachments 1 -3), the digital versions will let you see the embedded hyperlinks in each document and can be seen on my website at,

Attachment 1 link at, https://151farmers.org/wp-content/uploads/2018/04/25.10.08-Cotton-to-DOJ-Letter-re-Corruption-in-SD-Adult-Use-Cannabis-Licensing.pdf

Attachment 2 Link at, https://151farmers.org/wp-content/uploads/2018/04/2025.10.17- DARRYL-COTTON-DECLARATION-re-THOMAS-AND-ANJANETTE-PERKINS.pdf

Attachment 3 Link at, https://www.sandiegouniontribune.com/2024/02/20/andrea-and-jesus-cardenas-face-new-criminal-charges/

In anticipation of your reply, I remain.

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Attachments: (1) October 8, 2025, Cotton Letter to FBI re Municipal Corruption

- (2) October 17, 2025, DECLARATION OF DARRYL COTTON re THOMAS AND ANJANETTE PERKINS
- (3) February 20, 2024 San Diego Union Tribune Article re Jesus and Andrea Cardenas Involvement in Licensed Cannabis Fraud.

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