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Subject: Demand for enforcement of mandatory cannabis ownership-disclosure requirements — Darryl Cotton (6176 Federal Blvd.; City App. No. 520606; 8863 Balboa Ave.)

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To: info@cannabis.ca.gov

Thu, Jul 30, 2026 at 1:12 PM

Director Kellum and the Department of Cannabis Control:

Attached is a written demand, dated July 30, 2026, that the Department perform its mandatory duty under Business and Professions Code section 26057, subdivision (a) — to require complete and truthful owner disclosure and to refuse to treat as "qualified" any application or license in which a true owner has been concealed behind a nominal ("strawman") owner.

I am the record owner of 6176 Federal Boulevard, San Diego. I write both as a party displaced from a licensing opportunity attached to my own property by concealed ownership, and out of the broader public interest in the integrity of the State's cannabis-licensing system.

The attached PDF is a single, consecutively Bates-stamped production — "2026.07.30 Cotton to DCC Demand & Attachments – 0001" through "0112" — consisting of the demand letter followed by its sixteen public-record attachments. A duplicate original is being sent by certified mail, return receipt requested (No. 7022 2419 0001 2590 0351).

The letter puts specific questions to the Department and requests a written response within thirty (30) days. Please direct any response, and any questions, to me at this email address or at the address in the letter.

Respectfully,

Darryl Cotton
619.954.4447

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Info@Cannabis <info@cannabis.ca.gov>

Fri, Jul 31, 2026 at 8:22 AM

To: Darryl Cotton <151darrylcotton@gmail.com>, "Info@Cannabis" <info@cannabis.ca.gov>

Good morning -

Your request has been forwarded to the appropriate team.

Thank you,

Katie O'Brien

Community Relations Office Manager

Public Affairs

Customer Service: 844-61-CA-DCC (844-612-2322)



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To: "Public Records@Cannabis" <publicrecords@cannabis.ca.gov>

Cc: info@cannabis.ca.gov

Sat, Sep 5, 2026 at 2:20 PM

To whom it may concern,

Attached is a request under the California Public Records Act, dated today, seeking the Department's records concerning enforcement and verification of the mandatory ownership-disclosure requirements of Business and Professions Code section 26051.5 and California Code of Regulations, title 4, sections 15002 through 15004.

I am sending it in this thread because it follows directly from my demand of July 30, which Ms. O'Brien advised on July 31 had been forwarded to the appropriate team. I have had no response since, and this request is not a substitute for one — the demand stands.

The request is narrow and I have tried to make it easy to fill. In substance it asks five things: whether the Department has ever denied, revoked, or disciplined a license on the ground that an owner was concealed or misrepresented; whether it has opened any investigation into concealed ownership; whether it has any written procedure for verifying owner disclosures; whether it verifies those disclosures at all beyond accepting the application as filed; and its existing disciplinary index.

I have said in writing that I could find no record of the Department revoking a license for concealed ownership. That reflects only what a member of the public can search. If the Department's records show otherwise, I would rather know it, and this request is how I find out. Where the Department holds no responsive records, a written statement to that effect fully answers the item.

I have addressed this to the Public Records Act Coordinator and copied this thread so the two matters remain connected in the file.

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