



CITY OF DETROIT

MARY WATERS

COUNCIL MEMBER AT-LARGE

MEMORANDUM

To: Conrad Mallett, Corporate Counsel, Law Department
Anthony Zander, Civil Rights, Inclusion, and Opportunity

Through: Mary Sheffield, City Council President

From: Council Member At-Large Mary Waters submitting memorandum
relative to

Date: 5/17/2024

RE: Questions RE Marijuana Social Equity Contract Violations

SUMMARY:

Our office had been made aware of Detroiters who have partnered with recreational marijuana businesses as social equity applicants who are now facing contract disputes and outright violations of their agreements:

- Please let us know what the City is doing, between the Law Department and CRIO, to help social equity business partners who might face abuse from the principal owners of the marijuana facility
- Please detail the process by which a person who is a partner in a marijuana business can file a complaint in regards to contract violations
- Please provide a point-person for our office to work with to address specific constituent complaints
- Please explain what statutory consequences, if any, a marijuana business that received social equity credits from CRIO on their license application would face if they violated their agreement with a social equity partner

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