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Dear Ms. Tinio,

Thank you for your email. While you reference a potential City Council meeting on the subject in mid-June, it appears to me that the matter is on calendar for May 20, 2025. Can you please confirm we are talking about the same file?

Thank you for clarifying and confirming that no appeal is necessary. Notwithstanding, attached is our draft appeal that we had intended to file on Monday (given that the end of the ten day appeal period falls on Sunday). In the event that you are mistaken in the process or the City changes its mind with respect to the availability of appellate review, please inform us immediately.

@CityClerkMbx please include this email correspondence as well as the attached letter appeal in all council and planning files related to the commercial cannabis business process in the City of Riverside, including, but not limited to Council file for item 28 on the May 20, 2025 City Council meeting agenda and case number PR-2025-001795 and Planning file 25-1637.

Sincerely,

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Hello Ms. Cisneros,

Thank you for your email. Pursuant to Riverside Municipal Code section 19.680.020 - Appeal authority, "Where the Planning Commission denies legislative cases initiated by an applicant, the action is final unless appealed to the City Council. For City-initiated legislative cases, the Planning Commission is a recommending body and the City Council's action is final." There is no appeal from a recommendation, and none is needed as the matter will be heard by the City Council in any event. Although no appeal is necessary, you can provide comment (written, e-comment, in-person) when the item is considered at City Council.

The item is tentatively scheduled for City Council consideration on Tuesday, June 17, 2025.

With regards to CEQA determinations, the information is included within the agenda and staff report and can be found here: [Agenda](#). Any filings for CEQA determinations will occur after consideration at the City Council, if finalized and acted upon.

Thank you,

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Dear Mr. Taylor,

My clients will be appealing the planning commission's decision and actions with respect to PLANNING CASE PR-2025-001795, which notably did not contain reference to my co-counsel's 32 page analysis and objections.

Please provide any and all appeal filing and processing information we may need to perfect the appeal as the staff report directs aggrieved parties to contact the planning department.

Additionally, please provide a copy of any and all CEQA notices, files, findings, determinations or exemptions for PLANNING CASE PR-2025-001795 as well as the relevant State Clearing House (SCH) number.

Our deadline to file the appeal is May 18, 2025 so we anticipate filing no later than this Friday. Thank you for your anticipated timely response.

Sincerely,

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