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**To:** [Haddon, Stacey](#)  
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To whom it may concern.

My name is Capriccia Colella, lifelong tri county resident who currently resides in Oxnard, California. I have the pleasure of meeting Drayton through my employment with Friendly Farms California. Additionally, I fancy myself a cannabis and community advocate with over 14 years as a medical patient and the same length of time working in marketing. I'm writing to you in support of, Indacut Premier outlet owned by Drayten Howell, Born, and raised in Lompoc. At 24 years old Drayton a black man represents the ONLY 1% of black owned cannabis businesses. In that time Indacut has been operating a first-rate delivery service within the city for some bit of time now.

Indacut as a delivery service is already locally licensed and state licensed. In a time where many young are struggling to retain gainful employment, Dray has created his own destiny, rooted in this city. His city. However, he is facing many delays with the opening of the brick-and-mortar store. Indacut is currently waiting for their certificate of occupancy and Tax Certificate, as well as awaiting permission to finalize bathroom construction/renovation which is causing delays in opening doors. The store has been licensed for the last two months and awaiting final approval as well as permissions to be able to finalize operations in their expansion.

As a medical cannabis patient for over 14 years and an advocate not just for cannabis but also the communities I live in and nearby surrounding areas, this project is near to my heart. In the Santa Barbara or Ventura counties there is nothing available like what has been proposed and is awaiting approval. Destination tourism is proven to revitalize areas, this would truly be providing a destination. Not just as a tourist but as one with a specific niche. In a town where there are also dispensaries, driving out of town is no longer a draw factor. Nevertheless a true cannabis experience is something that is desperately needed and would be a drive for tourists to travel into the area. I urge the city council to finalize the plans for Drayton Howell and the Indacut team to be able to move forward with expansion. As it is truly a mutually beneficial partnership that would be growing.

Thank you

Capriccia Colella