

To: Robert Rodriguez

Effective immediately I am resigning my position as a member of the Planning Commission.

My reasons for doing so are as follows:

I feel unable to support the uncapped issuance of CUP licenses for marijuana dispensaries and cultivation sites. I feel it is completely irresponsible to open an unlimited number of these facilities without any study showing the potential negative impact to our city. I can not face the residents and business owners of this city and rubber stamp the endless marijuana CUP permits this City Council is pushing through with any sense of dignity. I feel they deserve better.

That said, I have voted for all of these licenses that have come before me with the exception of one. I feel I had legitimate concerns due to a night club with dubious hours, sharing a parking lot and in such close proximity to a dispensary and cultivation site.

Shortly after that vote , I received a voice message from Pat Milos wanting to know if I had found any evidence for my denial.

Within a week or so of that phone message, I received a phone call from Erica Vega, our city attorney. She said that there were "a couple versions" of a rumor that I had been in "some sort of litigation" with the owners of that property. She relayed that she had heard this from "a city council member" She refused to name them. She wanted to know if I was going to be able to participate in any further discussions regarding this CUP.

My reaction was and is shock. Not only was I NEVER any type of litigation with this individual, I never met them or knew them. As a matter of fact, I have NEVER been in any form of litigation with any person or business in Cathedral City. I did, however, know the individuals who leased that building and I was a steady customer of that business for more than a decade. As I stated in the meeting, I was very familiar with that building and its layout.

First, had I been in any form of litigation, that would be a matter of public record, secondly, had I been a part of any litigation with this individual, I would have

certainly recused myself from any participation, I found this insulting to say the least. I am only left to wonder why anyone would deliberately float a completely false rumor about me???

So, I am done, in addition to the reasons and issues I have stated, I also feel it is a complete waste of my time to rubber stamp medical marijuana CUP's. The City Council appears to be pushing these through as quickly as possible and have tied the hands of the Planning Commission to deny any of them. While I understand the desire for tax revenue and the desire to make some much needed repairs on some of these structures, I feel that there should be some moderation and I see absolutely none. As a 16 year resident of this city, I sincerely hope this all works out in the end but I can not morally serve on this commission any longer.

Sincerely,

Linda Snowden