

# **BLUE FOLDER ITEM**

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## **CITY COUNCIL MEETING AUGUST 19, 2025**

### **J.1 PUBLIC PARTICIPATION ON NON-AGENDA ITEMS**

- **PUBLIC COMMUNICATION**

**From:** [Mark Nelson \(Home Gmail\)](#)  
**To:** [CityClerk](#); [James Light](#); [Scott Behrendt](#); [Brad Waller](#); [Chadwick B. Castle](#); [Paige Kaluderovic](#); [Zein Obagi](#)  
**Cc:** [Kevin Cody](#)  
**Subject:** Public Comment - Pot taxes are tanking  
**Date:** Wednesday, August 13, 2025 3:42:17 PM

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As I noted at the meeting, the situation for weed tax isn't rosy anymore.

San Diego collected \$12.8 million in local cannabis tax in the first 11 months of fiscal year 2025. (The city's fiscal year ended July 31, but its accounting deadline isn't until mid-August.)

While \$12.8 million may sound like a lot, it's roughly half the amount of cannabis tax San Diego collected in FY2021. That year, the city collected \$23.6 million.

In fact, San Diego collected less cannabis tax than it anticipated it would each year for the past three fiscal years, according to city treasurer records published in response to an NBC 7 public records request.

source:

<https://www.nbcsandiego.com/news/investigations/san-diegos-weed-tax-revenue-takes-a-big-hit/3881229/#:~:text=NBC%20Universal%2C%20Inc.-,NBC%207%20Investigates%20found%20the%20city%20is%20set%20to%20collect,over%20the%20past%20four%20years.>

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**Subject:** Re: Public Comment - Pot taxes are tanking  
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Using State data:

Cannabis Sales for LA County, PerCapita, x 60,000 to estimate RB

Year	Total Revenue LA County	Approx Rev/Person	Est. RB Revenue
	\$		
2019	766,646,255.00	76.15079043	\$ 4,569,047.43
2020	\$ 1,392,275,815.00	138.8244907	\$ 8,329,469.44
2021	\$ 1,664,164,991.00	166.9783311	\$ 10,018,699.87
2022	\$ 1,508,815,128.00	152.8655239	\$ 9,171,931.43
2023	\$ 1,369,248,156.00	139.2320862	\$ 8,353,925.17
2024	\$ 1,187,588,296.00	120.5839521	\$ 7,235,037.13

On Wed, Aug 13, 2025 at 3:41 PM Mark Nelson (Home Gmail) [REDACTED] wrote:

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**From:** Mark Nelson (Home Gmail) [REDACTED]  
**Sent:** Friday, August 15, 2025 12:20 AM  
**To:** Valentine Gonzales [REDACTED]  
**Subject:** Fwd: Public comment - City Council Re: Closed & Complete - Case no. 50525

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FYI only. The Council needs to push for an audit function of RBPWs CIP BRRs.

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**From:** Mark Nelson (Home Gmail) [REDACTED]  
**Date:** Fri, Aug 15, 2025 at 12:18 AM  
**Subject:** Public comment - City Council Re: Closed & Complete - Case no. 50525  
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The City needs some oversight on its CPRA processes, as well as, its CIP BRRs.

Let's be really clear. Soundwalls are limited to 14-feet tall in the State of California standards. RBPWs made up height of 24 feet is taller than 14-feet.

Yes, the City can have partial credit for showing its incorrect work, but, how many OTHER CIP BRRs

