

There needs to be a change in the narrative around social equity, 4thMVMT and its partners. I am a young black woman of South-Central LA with dreams of entrepreneurship and giving back to the children of my community. Success comes with hard work and my life is dedicated to just that.

4thMVMT saw me, my potential, my drive, my vision.

My tribe invested and enrolled themselves in my life vision, with zero financial contribution on my part. My tribe helped me gain access to capital. My tribe gave me access to equity through the cannabis retail industry in which my family and generations have suffered tremendously. For Mr. Anderson or anyone to make a remark about predatory or ill intent on the behalf on myself or partners only puts a further strain on the countless days, months and now years that we, the social equity applicants, have invested. As well as 4thMVMT who invested in leasing fees, intensive training in life coaching, personal development, how to own and operate a retail business, leadership, business acumen, etc.

Owning a retail dispensary business puts me in a position to enroll and invest in the children of my community; showing them a brighter future where they may not see light. I want to help mold and build-up future black lawyers, judges, politicians and Presidents.

Outsiders targeting my tribe has a reverse effect on the purpose of social equity, which is an equitable outcome. A chance for those of us who suffered from the War of Drugs to gain capital through the best in class retail cannabis spaces. Our mission and model has always been and will be to gain capital to rebuild our communities and our culture.

We need LA's support on all social equity efforts, especially in a program where out of 100 licenses few are the intended recipients.