

## **Donnie Anderson you don't speak for us.**

Robert and I have greatly benefited from the support and training programs offered to us by 4thMVMT. At no cost, 4MVMT provided intensive training in the areas of business management, leadership, and personal development.

Throughout the various programs, we have identified and strengthened our business and interpersonal skills. We hope to increase job satisfaction among our staff, build morale, and a sense of pride throughout the communities in which we serve.

In such a time that we are in now, this opportunity provides hope for my family and community. Demonstrating when black and brown people are given an equitable opportunity, they can take the lead in providing the resources needed for their communities.

With social injustices and economic disparities all around us, this Social Equity initiative has been a major blessing to Robert and me. It creates an opportunity, where one would not have been because of our race or economic standings. By owning a retail dispensary, I hope to begin building generational wealth for my family.

In other words, I pray to be able to acquire assets that will appreciate, to save, and to invest in my community. I would also like to be a source of encouragement for mothers that may have similar stories as me. We have been through a lot and we have a long way to go.

Social Equity initiatives and 4thMVMT have begun to create an environment that fosters and promotes growth and ownership opportunities within inner-city communities. I see my future as one of "unlimited possibilities". When you have financial freedom, you can embrace opportunities that would not normally come your way.

I have read the comments from Donnie Anderson in the LA Times and his op-ed letter and I have no idea why he is targeting us. Thanks to Social Equity initiatives and 4thMVMT, I have the tools to create opportunities for others in my community. I remain passionate concerning creating comprehensive curriculums to aid in recidivism efforts for non-violate cannabis offenders.

My final comment regarding Mr. Anderson, I will not put my time or energy into thinking about his comments and I quote the following from the proclaimed Michelle Obama, "When they go low, we go high."