



April 23, 2026

VIA EMAIL ONLY

The Castle Riverside, LLC dba The Syndicate Riverside
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Re: The Castle Riverside, LLC dba The Syndicate Riverside
Case No. DCC25-0000694-CIT
Order Adopting Stipulated Settlement and Order as Final Decision

Dear Mr. Guzman, and Mses. Gruntz and Kim:

Pursuant to section 11415.60 of the Government Code, attached please find a copy of the Department of Cannabis Control's Order Adopting Stipulated Settlement and Order as the Final Decision in the above-referenced matter involving The Castle Riverside, LLC dba The Syndicate Riverside.

The Department's Order and Final Decision will be effective today, April 23, 2026. Pursuant to this Final Decision and its stipulated settlement, The Castle Riverside, LLC has waived any right to reconsideration or appeal in this matter and to receive a copy of the Decision and Order via certified, registered, or first-class mail.

Sincerely,

Douglas Smurr
Assistant General Counsel

Enclosure

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**BEFORE THE
DEPARTMENT OF CANNABIS CONTROL
OF THE STATE OF CALIFORNIA**

In the Matter of the Citation Against:)
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THE CASTLE RIVERSIDE, LLC DBA)
THE SYNDICATE RIVERSIDE;)
GABRIEL GUZMAN, DRP/OWNER;)
HANNA GRUNTZ, OWNER)
)
287 W La Cadena Drive)
Riverside, CA 92501)
)
Cannabis Distributor License)
No. C11-0001767-LIC)
)
Respondent.)

CASE NO. DCC25-0000694-CIT

**ORDER ADOPTING STIPULATED
SETTLEMENT AND ORDER AS
FINAL DECISION**

Pursuant to Government Code section 11415.60, the Department of Cannabis Control hereby adopts the attached Stipulated Settlement and Order as its Final Decision in this matter.

This Order and Final Decision shall become effective on April 23, 2026.

IT IS SO ORDERED, April 23, 2026.



Douglas Smurr
Assistant General Counsel
FOR THE DEPARTMENT OF CANNABIS CONTROL

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STATE BAR NO. 281573
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DEPARTMENT OF CANNABIS CONTROL
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Attorneys for Complainant

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9 **BEFORE THE**
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10 **STATE OF CALIFORNIA**

11 In the Matter of the Appeals of the Citation
12 Against:

Case No. DCC25-0000694-CIT

13 **THE CASTLE RIVERSIDE, LLC;**
14 **GABRIEL GUZMAN, OWNER.**
287 W LA CADENA DR.
RIVERSIDE, CA 92501

**STIPULATED SETTLEMENT OF
CITATION AND ORDER**

15 **Cannabis - Distributor License**
16 **No. C11-0001767-LIC;**

17 Respondent.
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20 IT IS HEREBY STIPULATED AND AGREED by and between the parties to the above-
21 entitled proceedings that the following matters are true:

22 **PARTIES**

23 1. Evelyn Schaeffer (Complainant), Deputy Director of the Compliance Division of
24 the Department of Cannabis Control (Department), brought this action solely in her official
25 capacity and is represented in this matter by Joshua Eisenberg, Deputy Director for the Legal
26 Affairs Division, by Paul Atienza, Attorney IV.

27 2. Respondent The Castle Riverside, LLC (Respondent), with Gabriel Guzman,
28 Designated Responsible Party and Owner, is represented in this proceeding by attorney Katie

1 Kim, whose address is: 6000 Reseda Blvd, Unit R Tarzana, CA 91356. Respondent is acting in
2 this proceeding through Gabriel Guzman who has been designated and authorized by Respondent
3 to enter into this Stipulated Settlement of Citation and Order (Order) on behalf of the Respondent
4 (hereafter "Authorized Representative").

5 3. On or about November 14, 2022, the Department issued Cannabis - Distributor
6 License No. C11-0001767-LIC to Respondent. The Cannabis - Distributor License was in full
7 force and effect at all times relevant to the charges brought in this matter, and will expire on
8 November 14, 2026, unless renewed.

9 JURISDICTION

10 4. Citation No. DCC25-0000694-CIT ("Original Citation") was filed before the
11 Department. The Original Citation and all other statutorily required documents were properly
12 served on Respondent on April 2, 2025.

13 5. On June 23, 2025, Modified Citation No. DCC25-0000694-CIT ("Citation") was
14 filed before the Department to replace Original Citation. Citation was personally served on
15 Respondent and is currently pending against Respondent. On June 24, 2025, Respondent timely
16 filed its request for a formal hearing to appeal the Citation.

17 6. A true and correct copy of Original Citation No. DCC25-0000694-CIT and
18 Modified Citation No. DCC25-0000694-CIT are attached as Exhibit A and incorporated herein by
19 reference.

20 ADVISEMENT AND WAIVERS

21 7. Respondent through its Authorized Representative has carefully read, fully
22 discussed with counsel, and understands the charges and allegations in Citation No. DCC25-
23 0000694-CIT. Respondent through its Authorized Representative has also carefully read, fully
24 discussed with counsel, and understands the effects of this Stipulated Settlement of Citation and
25 Order.

26 8. Respondent through its Authorized Representative is fully aware of its legal rights
27 in this matter, including the right to a hearing on the charges and allegations in the Citation; the
28 right to confront and cross-examine the witnesses against it; the right to present evidence and to

1 testify on its own behalf; the right to the issuance of subpoenas to compel the attendance of
2 witnesses and the production of documents; the right to reconsideration and court review of an
3 adverse decision; and all other rights accorded by the California Administrative Procedure Act
4 and other applicable laws.

5 9. Respondent through its Authorized Representative is fully aware of its legal rights
6 to receive a copy of the Decision and Order via certified, registered, or first-class mail.

7 Respondent agrees to receive a copy of the Decision and Order in this matter via email at the
8 following email address(es): gabe@socalthesyndicate.com and katie@thesyndicatelancaster.com.

9 10. Respondent through its Authorized Representative voluntarily, knowingly, and
10 intelligently waives and gives up each and every right set forth above.

11 CULPABILITY

12 11. Respondent understands and agrees that the charges and allegations in Citation No.
13 DCC25- 0000694-INV, if proven at hearing, constitute cause for imposing an administrative fine
14 against Respondent.

15 12. For the purpose of resolving this Citation without the expense and uncertainty of
16 further proceedings, Respondent agrees that, at a hearing, Complainant could establish a factual
17 basis for the findings in the Citation, and that Respondent gives up its right to contest those
18 findings.

19 13. Respondent agrees that its Cannabis - Distributor License No. C11-0001767-LIC
20 is subject to fines and agrees to be bound by the Department's imposition of an administrative
21 fine as set forth in this Order below.

22 CONTINGENCY

23 14. This stipulation shall be subject to approval by the Department's Director or his
24 designee. Respondent and its Owner/Authorized Representative understand and agree that
25 counsel for Complainant and the staff of the Department may communicate directly regarding this
26 stipulation and settlement, without notice to or participation by Respondent, Authorized
27 Representative, or its counsel. By signing the stipulation, Respondent understands and agrees
28 that it may not withdraw its agreement or seek to rescind the stipulation prior to the time the

1 Department considers and acts upon it. If the Department fails to adopt this stipulation as its
2 Decision and Order, this Order shall be of no force or effect, except for this paragraph, it shall be
3 inadmissible in any legal action between the parties, and the Department shall not be disqualified
4 from further action by having considered this matter.

5 **OTHER MATTERS**

6 15. The parties understand and agree that Portable Document Format (PDF) and
7 facsimile copies of this Stipulated Settlement of Citation and Order, including PDF and facsimile
8 signatures thereto, shall have the same force and effect as the originals.

9 16. This Stipulated Settlement of Citation and Order may be signed in any number of
10 counterparts, each of which is an original and all of which taken together form one single
11 document.

12 17. This Stipulated Settlement of Citation and Order is intended by the parties to be an
13 integrated writing representing the complete, final, and exclusive embodiment of their agreement.
14 It supersedes any and all prior or contemporaneous agreements, understandings, discussions,
15 negotiations, and commitments (written or oral). This Stipulated Settlement of Citation and Order
16 may not be altered, amended, modified, supplemented, or otherwise changed except by a writing
17 executed by an authorized representative of each of the parties.

18 18. In consideration of the foregoing admissions and stipulations, the parties agree that
19 the Department may, without further notice or formal proceeding, issue and enter the following
20 Order:

21 **ORDER**

22 1. **WITHDRAWAL OF APPEALS.** Respondent's appeals of Citation No. DCC24-
23 0000694-CIT, and requests for administrative hearing, are deemed withdrawn and any further
24 appeals are waived.

25 2. **PAYMENT OF FINE.** Respondent shall pay to the Department an administrative
26 fine in the amount of five hundred dollars (\$500). The fine payment shall be made within 30 days
27 of the approval of this Stipulated Settlement of Citation and Order.

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ENDORSEMENT

The foregoing Stipulated Settlement of Citation and Order is hereby respectfully submitted for consideration by the Department of Cannabis Control.

DATED: 4/7/2020

Respectfully submitted,

Joshua Eisenberg
Deputy Director, Legal Affairs Division
FREDA LIN
Assistance Chief Counsel


PAUL ATIENZA
Attorney IV
Attorneys for Complainant

Exhibit A

**Citation No. DCC25-0000694-CIT
and
Modified Citation No. DCC25-0000694-CIT**



CITATION and FINE
Business and Professions Code, § 26031.5
California Code of Regulations, Title 4, §§ 17802-17804

Citation Number: DCC25-0000694-CIT

Issued To	The Castle Riverside, LLC – Gabriel Guzman
Date and Method of Service	April 2, 2025 via Certified Mail
License Number	C11-0001767-LIC

Business and Professions Code section 26031.5 provides the Department of Cannabis Control (Department) the authority to issue a citation, including fines and orders of abatement, to a licensee or unlicensed person for any act or omission that violates or has violated any provision of the Medicinal and Adult-Use Cannabis Regulation and Safety Act (MAUCRSA) or any regulation adopted pursuant thereto. You are being issued this citation for the following violations of MAUCRSA (Bus. & Prof. Code (BPC) § 26000 et seq.), and the Department’s regulations. (Cal. Code Regs. (CCR), tit. 4, § 15000 et seq.)

VIOLATION	VIOLATION DATE(S)	AMOUNT OF FINE PER DAY	TOTAL AMOUNT OF FINE FOR VIOLATION
1. California Code of Regulations §15023(c)(1)	July 1, 2024 – September 30, 2024 (63 days)	\$500	\$31,500
2. California Code of Regulations §15044(i)	October 31, 2024	\$500	\$500
			Total: \$32,000

Violation 1

CCR, title 4, section 15023(c)(1), states that licenses are not transferrable or assignable to another person or owner. In the event of the sale or other transfer of the business or operations covered by the licensee, changes in ownership shall be made in accordance with the following: If one or more of the owners change, the new owners shall submit the information required under section 15002(c)(16) for each new owner to the Department within 14 calendar days of the effective date of the ownership change. The business may continue to operate under the active license while the Department reviews the qualifications of the new owner(s) in accordance with the Act and these regulations to determine whether the change would constitute grounds for denial of the license, if at least one existing owner is not transferring their ownership interest and will remain as an owner under the new ownership structure. If all owners will be transferring their ownership interest, the business shall not operate under the new ownership structure until a new license application has been submitted to and approved by the Department, and all application and license fees for the new application have been paid. The former owner's inventory shall be transferred to the new owner's track and trace account upon issuance of the license.

On October 31, 2024, a compliance inspection was conducted at the licensed premises. During the inspection, it was discovered that the licensee had a management services agreement with 444 LLC dba Kushagram. 444 LLC provided contracted employees to conduct commercial cannabis activity for the licensee.

Records obtained from the licensee showed the management services agreement was effective and signed on July 15, 2024. On October 1, 2024, the Department received DCC Form 9101 – Commercial Cannabis Owner Submittal Form from the licensee, listing 444 LLC as a non-equity owner.

In violation of CCR, title 4, section 15023(c)(1), the licensee did not apply for the ownership change within the required timeframe of fourteen (14) calendar days of the effective date of the ownership change. The management services agreement between the licensee and 444 LLC was entered on July 15, 2024, however, the licensee did not submit DCC Form 9101 until October 1, 2024, requesting 444 LLC as a non-equity owner.

Violation 2

CCR, title 4, section 15044(i), states surveillance recordings are subject to inspection by the Department and shall be kept in a manner that allows the Department to view and obtain copies of the recordings at the licensed premises immediately upon request. The licensee shall also send or otherwise provide copies of the recordings to the Department upon request within the time specified by the Department.

On October 31, 2024, a compliance inspection was conducted at the licensed premises. During the inspection, it was discovered that the video surveillance system installed at the licensed premises was not functioning. The Department was unable to view any video surveillance footage upon immediate request.

In violation of CCR, title 4, section 15044(i), the licensee's installed video surveillance system was not functioning and the Department was unable to view any video surveillance footage upon immediate request.

If you have any questions regarding this citation or the appeals process, please contact Cory Piscineri at DCCcitations@cannabis.ca.gov.

Date: April 1, 2025

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By: Daniel Briot
Daniel Briot
Assistant Branch Chief
Compliance Division
Department of Cannabis Control



APPEALING THE CITATION

To appeal the citation, you may request an informal conference with the Department, or request a formal hearing to contest the citation before an Administrative Law Judge, or both. Requests must be submitted in writing in accordance with the timeframes specified below or the right to a hearing is waived. If a hearing is not requested, payment of a fine will not constitute an admission of the violation charged.

INFORMAL CONFERENCE

You may request an informal conference with the Department regarding the acts or omissions found in the citation in accordance with CCR, title 4, section 17803. During an informal conference, you may present evidence supporting an adjustment to the citation and/or fine(s). The Department may affirm, modify, or dismiss the citation, including any fines assessed or orders of abatement issued. The informal conference may also resolve any matters relating to the citation through a settlement agreement.

To request an informal conference, your request must be in writing and submitted to the Department at DCCcitations@cannabis.ca.gov, within 15 calendar days from service of this citation. The informal conference may be conducted by telephone, through a virtual platform, or in person, at the Department's Headquarters, located at 2920 Kilgore Road, Rancho Cordova, California 95670. The informal conference will be held within 15 calendar days from receipt of the written request by the Department.

Requesting an informal conference does not stay or toll the running of the 30-day period for you to request a formal hearing to contest the citation before an Administrative Law Judge. You should request an informal conference as soon as possible if you would like to allow time to hold the conference prior to the deadline for contesting the citation as the time to contest a citation does not stop if you request an informal conference.

At the conclusion of the informal conference, a written decision stating the reasons for the decision will be mailed to you within 15 calendar days from the date of the informal conference, which shall be deemed a final order. If the citation is dismissed, any request for a formal hearing shall be deemed withdrawn. If the citation is affirmed or modified, you may either withdraw the request for a formal hearing or proceed with the hearing. If the citation is modified, the original citation shall be considered withdrawn and a new citation issued. A request for a formal hearing on the new citation must be submitted to the Department in writing within 30 calendar days of issuance of the new citation.

Failure to pay the full amount of the administrative fine within thirty (30) days from the date of service of the citation, unless you appeal the citation, is a separate violation and may result in additional action by the Department. Licenses shall not be renewed or granted if fines are not paid and unpaid fines will be added to license renewal fees.

CONTESTING THE CITATION

You have a right to contest the finding of a violation before an Administrative Law Judge by requesting a formal hearing. To request a formal hearing, your request must be in writing and submitted to the Department within 30 calendar days from service of the citation. If a request is not received by the Department within 30 calendar days, the right to a hearing is waived, and the citation becomes final and not subject to review by any court. The hearing shall be held pursuant to the Administrative Procedure Act (Chapter 5 (commencing with Section 11500) of Part 1 of Division 3 of Title 2 of the Government Code). Written requests for a hearing to contest the finding of a violation must be emailed to appeals@cannabis.ca.gov or submitted in hard copy by mail or delivery to:

U.S. Postal Service	FedEx or USPS
Department of Cannabis Control Legal Affairs Division PO Box 419106 Rancho Cordova, CA 95741	Department of Cannabis Control Legal Affairs Division 2920 Kilgore Road Rancho Cordova, CA 95670

The Department may seek recovery of the reasonable costs of investigation and enforcement pursuant to Business and Profession Code section 26031.1 at the formal hearing on the citation.

If you have any questions regarding this citation or the appeals process, please contact Cory Pisciuneri at cory.pisciuneri@cannabis.ca.gov.

ADMINISTRATIVE FINE ASSESSED

Pursuant to Business and Professions Code section 26031.5, the Department may assess a fine not to exceed five thousand dollars (\$5,000) per violation by a licensee or thirty thousand dollars (\$30,000) per violation by an unlicensed person. Each day of violation shall constitute a separate violation.

The full amount of the fine must be paid within thirty (30) days of the date of service of this citation, unless the citation is contested. To ensure the payment is credited, indicate on your payment the

case number provided at the top of this citation. Payment made by check, money order or cashier's check may be made payable to "DCC" or "California Department of Cannabis Control." Payment shall be made by one of the following methods:

In person: at one of our office locations with exact cash, cashier's check, money order, or a personal or business check

- To schedule an in-person payment appointment, email us: payments@cannabis.ca.gov
- Or call us at: 1-844-61-CA-DCC (1-844-612-2322)

By mail: cashier's check, money order, personal or business check

- U.S. Postal Service: ATTN: Payments, PO Box 419106, Rancho Cordova, CA 95741
- FedEx or UPS: ATTN: Payments, 2920 Kilgore Road, Rancho Cordova, CA 95670

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Issued To: Gabriel Guzman
License/Citation No: C11-0001767-LIC / DCC25-0000694-CIT
Issued By: Daniel Briot
Date: April 1, 2025
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----- Return Payment Slip -----

Citation #: *Citation No.*

License #: *License No. or Unlicensed*

Business Name: *Legal Business Name*

Due Date: *30 days from Date Served*

Amount Due: *Total Balance Owed*

Date of Service: *Date Served*



**MODIFIED
CITATION, FINE and ORDER OF ABATEMENT
Business and Professions Code, § 26031.5
California Code of Regulations, Title 4, §§ 17802-17804**

Citation Number: DCC25-0000694-CIT

Issued To	The Castle Riverside LLC – Gabriel Guzman
Date of Service	June 23, 2025 via Personally (Licensed Premises)
License Number	C11-0001767-LIC

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Total of all Combined Violations			\$9,950

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Date: 6/23/2025

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Daniel Briot
Assistance Branch Chief
Compliance Division
Department of Cannabis Control

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----- **Return Payment Slip** -----

Citation #: DCC25-0000694-CIT
Business Name: *The Castle Riverside LLC*
Amount Due: \$9,950

License #: *C11-0001767-LIC*
Due Date: *30 days from Date Served*
Date of Service: June 23, 20



PROOF OF SERVICE

Case Name: In the Matter of the Citation Against: The Castle Riverside, LLC dba The Syndicate Riverside
DCC Case No. DCC25-0000694-CIT
License No. C11-0001767-LIC, Distributor

I am a resident of the State of California, over the age of eighteen years, and not a party to the within action. My business address is Department of Cannabis Control, 2920 Kilgore Road, Rancho Cordova, CA 95670. On April 23, 2026, I served the within documents:

ORDER ADOPTING STIPULATED SETTLEMENT AND ORDER AS FINAL DECISION

- VIA ELECTRONIC TRANSMISSION. Pursuant to CCP § 1010.6, I caused the document(s) to be sent to the person(s) at the Email address(es) listed below. I did not receive, within a reasonable time after the transmission, any electronic message or other indication that the transmission was unsuccessful.
- VIA CERTIFIED MAIL by placing the envelope for collection and mailing following our ordinary business practices for collecting and transmitting mail through the United States Postal Service to the individual(s) or entity(ies) listed below.
- Service via certified mail to be completed upon the following business day.

The Castle Riverside, LLC dba
The Syndicate Riverside
Gabriel Guzman, DRP/Owner
gabe@socalthesyndicate.com

Evelyn Schaeffer
Deputy Director
Compliance Division
Department of Cannabis Control
Evelyn.Schaeffer@cannabis.ca.gov

Hanna Gruntz, Owner
The Castle Riverside, LLC dba
The Syndicate Riverside
hannagruntz@gmail.com

Freda Lin
Assistant Chief Counsel
Legal Affairs Division
Department of Cannabis Control
Freda.Lin@cannabis.ca.gov

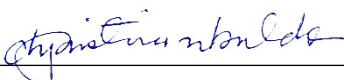
Katie Kim, Esq.
Authorized Representative for
The Syndicate Riverside
katie@thesyndicatelancaster.com

Paul Atienza
Attorney IV
Department of Cannabis Control
Paul.Atienza@cannabis.ca.gov

I am familiar with the Department's business practices for collecting and transmitting mail through the United States Postal Service. In accordance with those practices, correspondence placed in the Department's internal mail collection system is, in the ordinary course of business, deposited in the United States Postal Service, with postage paid, on the same day.

I declare under penalty of perjury under the laws of the State of California, and the United States of America, that the above is true and correct.

Executed on April 23, 2026, at Rancho Cordova, California.



Christina C. Ubaldo