

## CT Social Equity Council's Statement in Response to Comptroller Scanlon's Report

**HARTFORD, CT (September 23, 2024)** – Connecticut's Social Equity Council (SEC) Executive Director and Chair has released the following statement in response to Comptroller Scanlon's report.

"I am grateful to Governor Lamont and the leadership of the BPRC for initiating this process, which will serve as a blueprint for process improvement," said **Andréa Comer, SEC Council Chair**. "I look forward to working with my Council colleagues and Executive Director Brandon McGee to engage with licensees, policymakers and the community to honor our commitment to equity in the state's cannabis industry."

"Thanks to Comptroller Scanlon and his team, we now have critical information to guide our next chapter and strengthen our approach to confronting the devastating impact of the war on drugs," said **Brandon McGee, SEC Executive Director**. "In the month I have been in this role, reviewing our policies, processes and procedures has been a top priority, and we have already taken steps to begin a strategic planning process. I'm eager to continue working with the Council and my team to ensure our efforts foster the systems change this critical effort demands."

### **About the CT Social Equity Council (SEC)**

The Social Equity Council was created to make sure the adult-use cannabis industry is grown equitably and ensures that funds from the adult-use cannabis program are brought back to the communities hit hardest by the "war on drugs." The SEC oversees the verification of equity applicants, creates new programs to support cannabis businesses and businesses in other industries, and manages the more general community investments derived from the cannabis tax revenue. To learn more about Social Equity Council announcements, upcoming meetings, and adult-use cannabis information, visit [Social Equity Council \(ct.gov\)](https://socialequitycouncil.ct.gov).

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