

# **ACCELA ONLINE SUBMISSION FAILURE**

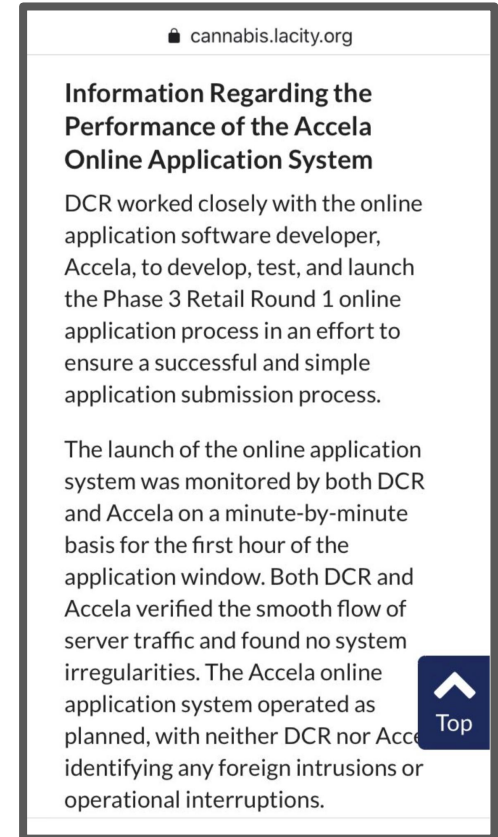
CITY OF LOS ANGELES SOCIAL EQUITY  
PHASE 3 RETAIL ROUND 1

## DCR STATEMENT REGARDING PERFORMANCE OF ONLINE APPLICATION

*“Both DCR and Accela verified the **smooth flow** of server traffic and found no system irregularities. The Accela online application system **operated as planned**, with neither DCR nor Accela identifying any foreign intrusions or operational interruptions.”*

After nearly two years of delays and setbacks, the City of Los Angeles Social Equity Program has succumbed to public corruption. first round of Phase 3 Commercial Cannabis Licensing for 100 Social Equity retail storefront dispensaries. This phase of licensing was intended to prioritize victims of the failed **WAR ON DRUGS**.

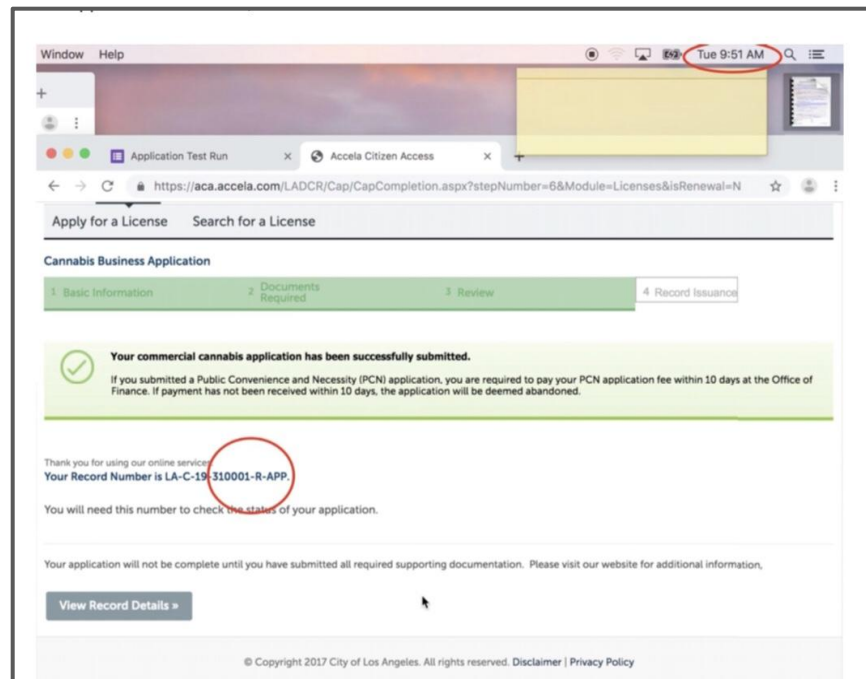
**The following evidence creates reasonable doubt that the application system “operated as planned” and that the process was subverted by data manipulation.**



## FAILURE #1: ACCELA SYSTEM OPENED EARLY

A Social Equity Applicant successfully submitted his online application at \*9:51am, Tuesday morning of September 3rd. MORE THAN 8 MINUTES BEFORE OFFICIAL 10AM SYSTEM OPENING.

The person completed the application and pressed submit which triggered the assignment of Record ID #001. It was the first application submitted, well before the stated 10am start time.



\*SCREEN RECORDING AVAILABLE

## FAILURE #2: BREACH OF PUBLIC TRUST

On September 26th, the DCR published the Phase 3 Retail Round 1 Submissions list of names and time stamps of all 802 Social Equity applications submitted.

Subsequently, Record #001 was given a **false timestamp** of 10:01:28 am.

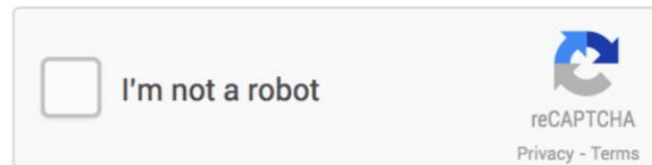
Phase 3 Retail Round 1 Submissions (09/03/19 10am to 09/17/2019 10am)					
Review Order	Submission Date	Timestamp	Record #	Last Name	First Name
51	9/3/2019	10:01:25 AM	LA-C-19-310053-R-APP	Shubunka	Brandon
52	9/3/2019	10:01:26 AM	LA-C-19-310054-R-APP	Shahnazarian	David
53	9/3/2019	10:01:26 AM	LA-C-19-310055-R-APP	Baber	Ishman
54	9/3/2019	10:01:26 AM	LA-C-19-310056-R-APP	Sargsyan	Anushavan
55	9/3/2019	10:01:26 AM	LA-C-19-310057-R-APP	Khachatryan	Maksim
56	9/3/2019	10:01:27 AM	LA-C-19-310058-R-APP	DE LEON	FATIMA
57	9/3/2019	10:01:27 AM	LA-C-19-310060-R-APP	Dorsey	Phyllis
58	9/3/2019	10:01:28 AM	LA-C-19-310059-R-APP	Mejia	Anibal
59	9/3/2019	10:01:28 AM	LA-C-19-310001-R-APP	Redway-Upshur	Jumane
60	9/3/2019	10:01:28 AM	LA-C-19-310061-R-APP	Sayegh	Johnny
61	9/3/2019	10:01:28 AM	LA-C-19-310062-R-APP	Haghverdi	Aram
62	9/3/2019	10:01:28 AM	LA-C-19-310063-R-APP	Moore	Patrick
63	9/3/2019	10:01:28 AM	LA-C-19-310064-R-APP	Hale	Norma
64	9/3/2019	10:01:28 AM	LA-C-19-310065-R-APP	Jones	Murial
65	9/3/2019	10:01:28 AM	LA-C-19-310066-R-APP	Toro	Christopher
66	9/3/2019	10:01:29 AM	LA-C-19-310068-R-APP	Mikael	Sevak
67	9/3/2019	10:01:29 AM	LA-C-19-310069-R-APP	Espinoza	Javier
68	9/3/2019	10:01:29 AM	LA-C-19-310070-R-APP	Gonzalez-Ramirez	Daisy
69	9/3/2019	10:01:30 AM	LA-C-19-310071-R-APP	Del Rosso	Joshua
70	9/3/2019	10:01:30 AM	LA-C-19-310072-R-APP	Pacheco	Angelica
71	9/3/2019	10:01:31 AM	LA-C-19-310067-R-APP	Machado	Luis
72	9/3/2019	10:01:31 AM	LA-C-19-310073-R-APP	Fraise	Darrell
73	9/3/2019	10:01:31 AM	LA-C-19-310074-R-APP	Castro	Cesar
74	9/3/2019	10:01:31 AM	LA-C-19-310075-R-APP	Flores	Alfonso
75	9/3/2019	10:01:31 AM	LA-C-19-310076-R-APP	Kuljis II	Christopher

## FAILURE #3: NO PROTECTION FROM BOTS OR AUTOMATION

The primary protection against the use of automation or bots is a CAPTCHA request.

Multiple applicants screen recordings\* show the security feature was **disabled** for at least the first 2 minutes after the application process officially started at 10am, allowing bots to go unblocked.

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## FAILURE #4: NO PROTECTION FOR SUBMISSION OF MULTIPLE APPLICATIONS

DCR stated, “Users who attempt to submit multiple applications simultaneously will receive an **error message.**”

The presence of duplicate applications with time stamps indicates the **failure of Accela system to identify/deploy error messages** to submissions that were aided by automation or submitted in parallel under a single user login.

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Review Order	Submission Date	Timestamp	Record #	Last Name	First Name
421	9/3/2019	10:04:26 AM	LA-C-19-310428-R-APP	Aldana	Miguel
431	9/3/2019	10:04:37 AM	LA-C-19-310438-R-APP	Aldana	Miguel
202	9/3/2019	10:02:05 AM	LA-C-19-310203-R-APP	Batres	Genara
258	9/3/2019	10:02:23 AM	LA-C-19-310260-R-APP	Batres	Genara
339	9/3/2019	10:03:00 AM	LA-C-19-310344-R-APP	Batres	Genara
785	9/17/2019	1:16:05 AM	LA-C-19-310857-R-APP	Bona	Christopher
786	9/17/2019	1:20:03 AM	LA-C-19-310858-R-APP	Bona	Christopher
787	9/17/2019	1:23:07 AM	LA-C-19-310859-R-APP	Bona	Christopher
788	9/17/2019	1:24:04 AM	LA-C-19-310860-R-APP	Bona	Christopher
789	9/17/2019	1:25:13 AM	LA-C-19-310861-R-APP	Bona	Christopher
790	9/17/2019	1:30:17 AM	LA-C-19-310862-R-APP	Bona	Christopher
147	9/3/2019	10:01:50 AM	LA-C-19-310148-R-APP	Bowens	Brian
237	9/3/2019	10:02:17 AM	LA-C-19-310239-R-APP	Bowens	Brian
056	9/3/2019	10:01:27 AM	LA-C-19-310058-R-APP	Deleon	Fatima
102	9/3/2019	10:01:40 AM	LA-C-19-310104-R-APP	Deleon	Fatima
405	9/3/2019	10:04:08 AM	LA-C-19-310412-R-APP	Deleon	Fatima
586	9/3/2019	10:14:06 AM	LA-C-19-310610-R-APP	Deleon	Fatima
605	9/3/2019	10:17:53 AM	LA-C-19-310632-R-APP	Deleon	Fatima
666	9/3/2019	10:32:12 AM	LA-C-19-310699-R-APP	Deleon	Fatima
763	9/6/2019	10:50:52 AM	LA-C-19-310816-R-APP	Deleon	Fatima
764	9/6/2019	10:58:16 AM	LA-C-19-310817-R-APP	Deleon	Fatima
106	9/3/2019	10:01:41 AM	LA-C-19-310107-R-APP	Hill-Negrete	Randall
145	9/3/2019	10:01:50 AM	LA-C-19-310146-R-APP	Hill-Negrete	Randall
423	9/3/2019	10:04:28 AM	LA-C-19-310430-R-APP	Hill-Negrete	Randall
293	9/3/2019	10:02:37 AM	LA-C-19-310297-R-APP	Kang	Yun
324	9/3/2019	10:02:50 AM	LA-C-19-310329-R-APP	Kang	Yun
479	9/3/2019	10:06:45 AM	LA-C-19-310492-R-APP	Kang	Yun
642	9/3/2019	10:24:43 AM	LA-C-19-310674-R-APP	Kang	Yun
027	9/3/2019	10:01:14 AM	LA-C-19-310030-R-APP	Mejia	Anibal
058	9/3/2019	10:01:28 AM	LA-C-19-310059-R-APP	Mejia	Anibal
356	9/3/2019	10:03:11 AM	LA-C-19-310361-R-APP	Mejia	Anibal
502	9/3/2019	10:07:38 AM	LA-C-19-310518-R-APP	Okoronkwo	Maryann
521	9/3/2019	10:08:39 AM	LA-C-19-310538-R-APP	Okoronkwo	Maryann
388	9/3/2019	10:03:36 AM	LA-C-19-310393-R-APP	Ovensii	Ernie

398	9/3/2019	10:03:54 AM	LA-C-19-310405-R-APP	Ovensii	Ernie
492	9/3/2019	10:07:16 AM	LA-C-19-310505-R-APP	Ovensii	Ernie
197	9/3/2019	10:02:04 AM	LA-C-19-310198-R-APP	Pineda-Aldana	Gerardo
256	9/3/2019	10:02:22 AM	LA-C-19-310258-R-APP	Pineda-Aldana	Gerardo
041	9/3/2019	10:01:23 AM	LA-C-19-310043-R-APP	Ross	Christian
269	9/3/2019	10:02:25 AM	LA-C-19-310272-R-APP	Ross	Christian
641	9/3/2019	10:24:43 AM	LA-C-19-310673-R-APP	Ross	Christian
516	9/3/2019	10:08:27 AM	LA-C-19-310533-R-APP	Ross	Lenson
540	9/3/2019	10:09:16 AM	LA-C-19-310559-R-APP	Ross	Lenson
019	9/3/2019	10:01:10 AM	LA-C-19-310021-R-APP	Saghiankalimi	Mansour
021	9/3/2019	10:01:11 AM	LA-C-19-310024-R-APP	Saghiankalimi	Mansour
024	9/3/2019	10:01:14 AM	LA-C-19-310027-R-APP	Saghiankalimi	Mansour
234	9/3/2019	10:02:15 AM	LA-C-19-310236-R-APP	Saghiankalimi	Mansour
051	9/3/2019	10:01:25 AM	LA-C-19-310053-R-APP	Shubunka	Brandon
340	9/3/2019	10:03:00 AM	LA-C-19-310345-R-APP	Shubunka	Brandon
556	9/3/2019	10:10:31 AM	LA-C-19-310575-R-APP	Shubunka	Brandon
206	9/3/2019	10:02:07 AM	LA-C-19-310207-R-APP	Sude	Joshua
232	9/3/2019	10:02:15 AM	LA-C-19-310234-R-APP	Sude	Joshua
020	9/3/2019	10:01:11 AM	LA-C-19-310023-R-APP	Suffolk	Andrew
098	9/3/2019	10:01:40 AM	LA-C-19-310100-R-APP	Suffolk	Andrew
270	9/3/2019	10:02:26 AM	LA-C-19-310273-R-APP	Suffolk	Andrew
612	9/3/2019	10:18:37 AM	LA-C-19-310639-R-APP	Suffolk	Andrew
043	9/3/2019	10:01:23 AM	LA-C-19-310045-R-APP	Woods	Rabin
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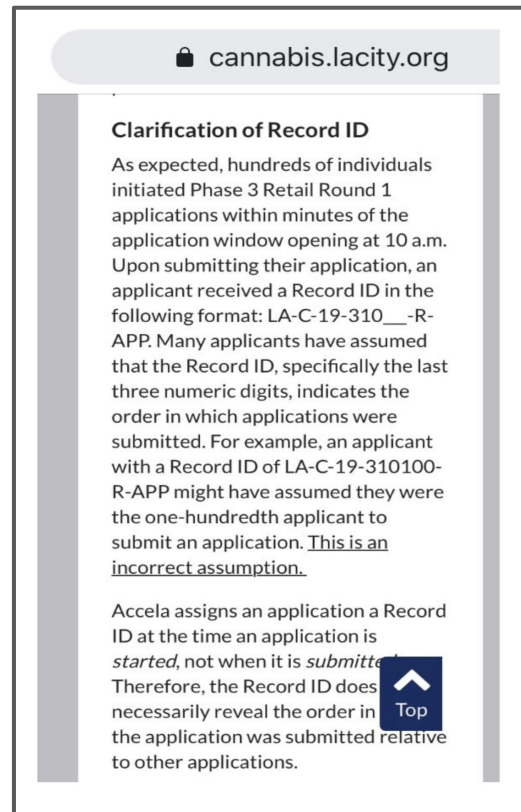


## FAILURE #5: MISINFORMATION- CLARIFICATION OF RECORD ID#

This statement by the DCR claiming that Record ID#'s were triggered when application was started is inaccurate.

Screen Recordings\* and the list subsequently provided by the DCR show a direct correlation between the Record ID# and the ending time stamp, indicating it was actually triggered when the application was completed.

\*SCREEN RECORDINGS AVAILABLE



The screenshot shows a web browser window with the address bar displaying "cannabis.lacity.org". The page content is titled "Clarification of Record ID". The text explains that hundreds of individuals initiated Phase 3 Retail Round 1 applications, and upon submission, an applicant received a Record ID in the format: LA-C-19-310\_\_-R-APP. It clarifies that the last three numeric digits indicate the order of submission. An example is given: an applicant with a Record ID of LA-C-19-310100-R-APP might have assumed they were the one-hundredth applicant to submit, but this is an incorrect assumption. The text states that Accela assigns a Record ID at the time an application is started, not when it is submitted. Therefore, the Record ID does not necessarily reveal the order in which the application was submitted relative to other applications. A "Top" button is visible at the bottom right of the text area.

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### Clarification of Record ID

As expected, hundreds of individuals initiated Phase 3 Retail Round 1 applications within minutes of the application window opening at 10 a.m. Upon submitting their application, an applicant received a Record ID in the following format: LA-C-19-310\_\_-R-APP. Many applicants have assumed that the Record ID, specifically the last three numeric digits, indicates the order in which applications were submitted. For example, an applicant with a Record ID of LA-C-19-310100-R-APP might have assumed they were the one-hundredth applicant to submit an application. This is an incorrect assumption.

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## FINDINGS BY EXPERT AUDIT OF ACCELA ONLINE SUBMISSION PROCESS

After a thorough review of the Accela Online Submission process, the following are the findings of an Industry Expert (Chief Design Architect and Data Management Specialist). This Expert possesses an extensive background of over 35 years experience in the design, development and implementation of complex databases.

**1) BAD PLANNING:** The gap between **screen recording #1** and **screen recording #2** was most likely due to **insufficient resources** for the block of transactions that came in at that moment. SR#2 barely missed the bottleneck but SR#1 hit it. This can be a millisecond difference in. This tells me the City of Los Angeles **did NOT allocate sufficient resources** to the process.

**2) DATA MANIPULATION:** The first Record ID was assigned prior to 10AM based on the recorded video yet has a posting time recorded well after 10AM. This is a significant issue. The application that got the first Record ID# prior to 10AM was erroneously assigned a posting time of 10:01:29. **This is data manipulation.**

**3) RECORD ID# MISINFORMATION:** The DCR said that the Record ID was assigned at application start. Yet we have again SR#2 and SR#1 starting the process within the same second yet they got records ID's assigned to them 25 apart. There is video evidence that shows SR#1 got stalled by resource contention about the right amount of time to cause her to get a ID 25 higher than SR#2. **Clearly the record ID's were assigned at the final submit.**

**4) INADEQUATE SECURITY FEATURES:** In the initial few minutes of the the application process there was **NO "BOT" check (captcha process)** for logging into the system. A full 3 minutes after the start we begin seeing a captcha process implemented. This means that it's **almost impossible to say "No automated processes were used"**.