



City of Compton
OFFICE OF THE CITY MANAGER

JOHNNY FORD
City Manager

Office (310) 605-5585
Fax. (310) 761-1429
email: jford@comptoncity.org

July 2, 2015

Joseph Kelly
Los Angeles County Treasurer and Tax Collector
225 North Hill Street, Room 130
Los Angeles, CA 90012

Dear Mr. Joseph Kelly:

It has recently come to my attention that tax overage funds in the amount of \$300,000 are being scheduled for disbursement. This funding, as identified, stem from the sale of a tax defaulted property know as the former Campfire Site located at 450 West Raymond Street, Compton, CA 90220. The site was in default for uncollected tax fees in the amount of \$24,000 plus dollars and sold at public auction in October of 2013 for \$325,000. The City of Compton is the new owner after purchasing the site in late 2014 for a total of \$650,000.

It is my understanding a claim was submitted to the Los Angeles County Treasurer and Tax Collector by former board member, Ellen Senegal, of the former Compton Campfire Council representing to be the successor agency. The City's position has grave concerns with this claim. We not only believe they are not the rightful successor agency, but believe any claim awarded should go to the organization that can program these funds back into the site. The City would like to extend a strong recommendation to the Los Angeles County Treasurer and Tax Collector to halt the proposed claim and request there be no distribution of the funds until a full investigation can be conducted to determine the rightful successor agency.

The City's position to supports its above recommendation is as follows:

- The former Compton Campfire Council defaulted in its State Taxes for five years
- The Former Compton Campfire Council in 2014 was in default with the National Campfire Council Inc.
- The former Compton Campfire Council non-profit status is currently in default with the State of California



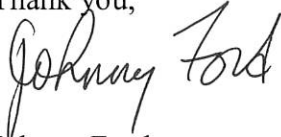
COMPTON CITY HALL

205 South Willowbrook Avenue Compton, California 90220

- The claim if awarded will not be used for any programming, renovation, and or operation purposes for the current property.

We would hope that you strongly consider our recommendation. Should you have any questions, please contact my office at (310) 605-5585.

Thank you,

A handwritten signature in black ink that reads "Johnny Ford". The signature is written in a cursive style with a large, stylized "J" and "F".

Johnny Ford

CITY MANAGER

cc: Marvin Hunt, City of Compton Parks and Recreation Director