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**COMPTON CITY COUNCIL
AGENDA
05/19/2020
5:30 PM**

**Closed Session 4:30 P.M.
Public Meeting 5:30 P.M.**

**CITY COUNCIL CHAMBERS
205 SOUTH WILLOWBROOK AVENUE
COMPTON, CALIFORNIA 90220**

CALL TO ORDER

ROLL CALL

PUBLIC COMMENTS ON CLOSED SESSION AGENDA ITEMS

(Persons wishing to address the City Council on the Closed Session items may do so at this time. Comments are limited to one (1) minute per speaker and shall be limited to Closed Session agenda items)

CLOSED SESSION – 4:30 p.m.

CONFERENCE WITH LEGAL COUNSEL-EXISTING LITIGATION

Sherani Taylor v. City of Compton, et al., LASC Case No. BC 709 024
Pursuant to Government Code Section 54956.9(a)

LIABILITY CLAIMS

Claimant: Angel Anthony Garcia, a minor
Agency Claimed Against: City of Compton
Pursuant to Government Code Section 54956.95

RECESS TO CLOSED SESSION

PUBLIC MEETING – 5:30 P.M.

WORKSHOP

4:00 P.M. - 2020-2021 FISCAL YEAR BUDGET WORKSHOP - (Continue to
May 26, 2020 at 4:00 p.m.)

OPENING

ROLL CALL

INTRODUCTION OF SPECIAL GUESTS

REPORT ON CLOSED SESSION ACTION(S)

PUBLIC COMMENTS ON AGENDA ITEMS AND NON-AGENDA MATTERS

CONSENT AGENDA

Consent items are routine and expected to be non-controversial. They will be acted upon by the Council at one time without discussion unless a Council Member requests an item be removed or discussed.

APPROVAL OF MINUTES

1. APRIL 28, 2020
MAY 6, 2020

REGULAR AGENDA

REPORTS OF OFFICERS, BOARDS, COMMISSIONS AND COMMITTEES AND CITY COUNCIL

2. APPOINTMENT(S) OF OFFICERS, COUNCIL MEMBERS,
BOARDS/COMMISSIONS AND COMMITTEES

(a.) COMPTON TAXPAYERS COMMITTEE (MEASURE P)

(b.) EMERGENCY STANDBY COUNCIL (CMC SECTION 2-4.11)

CITY MANAGER'S REPORT

3. A REQUEST TO SCHEDULE A PUBLIC HEARING - PROPOSED ADOPTION OF ADMINISTRATIVE FINE SCHEDULE FOR FIREWORKS VIOLATIONS (June 2, 2020 at 5:40 p.m.)

4. A REQUEST TO SCHEDULE A PUBLIC HEARING - PROPOSED AMENDMENTS TO THE COMPTON CITY CHARTER (June 2, 2020 at 6:00 p.m.)

5. EMPLOYEE RECOGNITION
Robert Chase IV
Patricia Maloney

BUSINESS RECOGNITION
OHS Clothing Corp - 855 W. Walnut Street

6. POWER POINT PRESENTATION - CITY BOARDS AND COMMISSIONS OVERVIEW

7. ORAL REPORT - STREET SWEEPING UPDATE - CLEANSTREET/TICKETING

8. ORAL REPORT - GRIND AND OVERLAY STREET ASSESSMENT

NEW BUSINESS

9. A RESOLUTION OF THE CITY COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF COMPTON AUTHORIZING THE CITY MANAGER TO AMEND THE EXISTING LEASE AGREEMENT BETWEEN THE CITY OF COMPTON AND ENTRENOUS YOUTH EMPOWERMENT SERVICES, INC. (DBA COMPTON YOUTHBUILD) TO OFFSET SIX (6) MONTHS RENTAL PAYMENTS ON THE LEASED SPACES AT 1108 NORTH OLEANDER AVENUE IN EXCHANGE FOR ACQUISITION OF A PREFABRICATED MODULAR FACILITY (\$57,012)

COUNCIL COMMENTS

ADJOURNMENT

NEXT REGULAR MEETING: 5/26/2020 @ 5:30 PM

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APRIL 28, 2020

The Compton City Council meeting was called to order at 5:46 p.m. in the Council Chambers of City Hall by Mayor Aja Brown.

ROLL CALL

Council Members Present – McCoy, Sharif, Brown *(Via Zoom teleconference)*

Council Members Absent – Chambers, Galvan *(Joined the meeting at 6:05 p.m.)*

Other Officials Present: D. Brown, A. Godwin, C. Cornwell

5:35 P.M. PUBLIC HEARING - PROPOSED STREET VACATION OF A PORTION OF SOUTH OLEANDER STREET, A PUBLIC RIGHT-OF-WAY, LOCATED BETWEEN WEST ALONDRA BOULEVARD AND THE COMPTON HIGH SCHOOL CAMPUS AND ADJACENT TO 417 WEST ALONDRA BOULEVARD (STREET VACATION NO. 19-001) (Item #6)

On motion by McCoy, seconded by Sharif, the hearing was opened at 5:47 p.m. by the following vote on roll call:

AYES: Council Members - McCoy, Sharif, Brown

NOES: Council Members - None

ABSENT: Council Members - Chambers, Galvan

Robert Delgadillo, Senior Planner, commented that this public hearing is being held to consider a resolution approving and ordering the vacation of a portion of South Oleander Street located between West Alondra Boulevard and the Compton High School campus. The subject public right-of-way is located adjacent to 417 West Alondra Boulevard, Compton. The Compton Unified School District (CUSD), the applicant, is requesting approval of Street Vacation No. 19-001, to facilitate the Compton High School reconstruction project. The street vacation consists of a 60-foot by approximately 148-foot section of South Oleander Street located between the Compton High School campus and West Alondra Boulevard. The street vacation area is approximately 8,770 square feet in size. The proposed street vacation (abandonment) will facilitate the Compton High School campus expansion to the northwest corner of West Alondra Boulevard and South Acacia Avenue.

The proposed vacation has been reviewed by the City of Compton Public Works Department and has determined that the area to be vacated is not necessary for current or future public use and that the vacation serves the public interest and is a public benefit as it eliminates any maintenance costs and liabilities imposed on the City associated with the right-of-way. Additionally, in accordance with the provisions of the Streets and Highways Code, notice of the time and place of the public hearing was published in the Compton Bulletin on April 15, 2020 and April 22, 2020 and posted along South Oleander Street. The owner of the properties adjacent to the proposed public right-of-way vacation, CUSD, was also notified by mail.

Approval of the request will have no significant impact on municipal expenditures. The City will relinquish its future maintenance responsibility of the public right-of-way, if the street vacation is granted.

PUBLIC COMMENTS REGARDING THE HEARING

City Clerk Alita Godwin informed the City Council that there were no public comments submitted regarding the public hearing.

On motion by Sharif, seconded by McCoy, the hearing was closed at 5:51 p.m. by the following vote on roll call:

AYES: Council Members - McCoy, Sharif, Brown

NOES: Council Members - None

ABSENT: Council Members - Chambers, Galvan

PUBLIC COMMENTS ON AGENDA ITEMS AND NON-AGENDA MATTERS

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City Clerk Godwin read the following comments into the record as submitted:

Alita Godwin indicated that her office has received over 40 public comments relating to agenda items and read the names and their stated positions:

Regarding Agenda Item Number 11 – Ordinance addressing E-cigarettes

In Favor of the Ban on E-cigarettes:

Pastor Ed Robinson, Jess, Jessie Dale, Stephanie Hernandez, Edgar Romo, Paulette Gibson, Sellie McDonald, Amber Wilburn, Amanda Staples, Dawn Franks, Michael Olivares, Katy Cisneros, Lisa Nieto, Primo Castro, Alejandro Alvarez, Susan Adams, Shannon Kozlovich, Richard Earl, Eric Batch, Ernest Wright, Veronica, Charmain Hays, Annie Tegen, Avin Brown, Shirly Gideon, Arabi Hassan, Joe Curry, Robert Ray, Ed Sanders, Francisco, Sylvia, Elvia Galarza, Elisa Villegas, Francisco Ramirez, Margarita Diaz, Maria Mata, Patricia and Noemi.

Opposed to the Ban on E-cigarettes:

Jeff
Bryson
Ricky

Charmaine Hayes, Resident of the great 3rd District “I am writing in regards to the Charter Review Committee. This committee is working diligently towards making recommendations for the council to review to be placed on the November ballot. The California League of Cities indicates that Charter Cities may use the Home Rule to supersede the state’s law. Many residents have stated that they want a 1 year residency requirement in the Charter to be eligible to run for office in Compton. Both attorney’s Brown and Clegg are of the opinion that we must follow the state law. However, the City of Redondo Beach challenged this law and won and several surrounding cities have different requirements. Inglewood and Bell, 60 Days Cerritos and Hayward, 1 year. This is what California League of Cities states, ‘Cities with voter-approved charters have additional home rule authority or supremacy over their municipal affairs, police, subgovernments, city elections, and their elected and appointed city officials and employees (art. XI, § 5). The provisions of a city charter and the ordinances adopted by a charter city prevail over general state law in areas that a court determines are municipal affairs, including the specific areas enumerated in section 5, subdivision (b) of article XI.¹⁸ As to matters of statewide concern, however, charter cities remain subject to state law.¹⁹ Therefore, whether a charter city may act independent of state general law in a particular domain, including the specific areas enumerated in section 5, subdivision (b) of article XI, depends upon a court’s determination of whether it is a municipal affair or a matter of statewide concern. I am requesting that our Compton Officials do right by the citizens of Compton and thoroughly review the law and make the peoples recommendation that 1 year residency in Compton be required. Additionally, add verification be verifiable by one of the following: * Tax Bill, previous year* 1 Year utility print out.’ It is important that we protect our city by requiring said information.”

Susan E. Adams - “1. A RESOLUTION OF THE CITY COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF COMPTON AUTHORIZING THE CITY MANAGER TO IMPOSE A TEMPORARY SUSPENSION ON THE ISSUANCE OF FIREWORKS PERMITS IN ORDER TO LIMIT THE SPREAD OF THE GLOBAL CORONAVIRUS (COVID-19) PANDEMIC - I do agree to temporarily suspend fireworks permits in order to comply with distancing to limit the spread of COVID-19.

At the last Council Meeting of April 21st, there was a robust discussion about what is the right decision for our community. For many, many years, minority communities have been targeted to increase business profits for tobacco companies and businesses, while health issues increase in communities. Making a decision based on supporting a healthier Compton should be an agreeable decision for the Mayor and Council. It has been proposed that **menthol cigarettes**, which are more addictive but not healthier, should be **banned**, on grounds that race-specific marketing for a more addictive product is a social injustice. The Mayor and Council needs to look further into the future and stand-up for our youth to disallow the effects that make menthol cigarettes more appealing to young, inexperienced smokers. The health of our community is much more vital than business profit or a tobacco industry intentionally markets to youths and African-Americans/Latinos to keep current smokers addicted and attract new “replacement” smokers. Option 3 should be supported by Mayor and Council.

FY2020 CARES Act Allocations Grants:

- a. Recently, it was reported on the CARES Act Allocations Grants list, Compton received \$889,272.00. What is the plan for these funds?
- b. Dr. Dre and Jimmy Lovine donation will provide 145,000 meals to Compton citizens and coronavirus testing; I applaud them for their donation. What was the total amount given and under what non-profit or City of Compton are the funds being managed? Is there a plan to reach clinics throughout the city to assist with COVID-19 testing and what type of testing will be used? Is there a physician working with this taskforce?
- c. Last, there are a number of good non-profits that are helping with providing food to Compton citizens, how can they help with the distribution of food throughout the community?”

Cynthia Macon - “The present City of Compton administration has continued to flagrantly, across the years, limit the public's access to information and input on city council meetings by failing to install and operate the proper broadcast equipment that assures continuity and constancy. Residents have complained now for the span of three years about missing key decisions and opportunities to comment due their inability to access the council and committee meetings. Promises this and the city surveillance system would be fixed have fallen on deaf ears. The public is disenfranchised.” Today's agenda contains several items of concern, particularly item 10 which sets up a Relief Fund for the city by combining private and government donations into one account. This should not be done as there are requirements by the government as to how the money received by the city should be used, especially to help its low income residents. Helping them cannot be accomplished by distributing these funds to non-profits and churches and other through-ways and watching the money disappear. The rush to crown some persons to receive the money is indicative of the on-going corruption of this administration and associated others. Below please find a detailed breakdown of collective comments regarding today's agenda items. Please distribute a copy of this email, including the contents below, in its entirety to the entire council asap and preferably before the meeting.”

Barbara Calhoun, former City Councilmember - “When will Republic trash resume bulky waste pick up in all districts? Citizens are putting out bulky. They do not know that Republic is not doing any bulky pick up. Is the city of Compton still paying for bulky pick up? If so, can you stop paying them? They are not doing their job and still getting paid. I will be listening for the answer if you decide to answer. Thank you.”

Connie Halbig – “I have emailed you a few times about these illegal fireworks. I see you are going to stop the safe and sane. But what about those illegal ones that are going off at night now. I do believe you should bring this up tonight. And what you and council going to do about them. Some of us would like to get some rest at night. Not having these going off. Please don't be the way Craig was and put it off another year. We need to have something done now. (TONIGHT!) Also, have the Sheriffs respond the way they should when called on them going off. Also, have the Sheriff's go to the house where they are called about shooting them off and not just driving by like they did last year and doing nothing when they were told who and where. Also, implement that \$1,000 fine for those that are shooting them off. We have waited a year. Now don't let us wait till after the Elections on City Attorney and others Council members that may not see another year in Compton. We are MAD that NOTHING has been done about this as of yet. SO BRIING THIS

UP TONIGHT BEFORE IT IS TOO LATE! The house that goes up in flames may be yours. The pet that runs away or dies may be yours. The life you save may be your family's."

Robert Ray - "Item #10 - I have been saying for years that the sale and use of all fireworks should be illegal. I totally support this item and hope it remains permanent. However, in the meantime, fireworks are already being shot off almost every night in several areas of Compton and no one is doing anything about it. Why aren't these violators being prosecuted? Item #11 - I wholly support any measure that will stop the use of E-cigarettes and tobacco paraphernalia. But, who is going to enforce this new ordinance? For years I have been complaining about stores selling single cigarettes and single cans of beer but no one has done anything about it and stores are still doing it. What good is an ordinance if it is not enforced? Sheriff's Department - In the past month I have called our Compton station at least 10 times to complain about people racing ATM's up and down my street. Each time I call I am told that they would send a unit out. I have proof that a unit was never sent out. My proof is my security cameras that record every vehicle that goes past my home in any direction. My cameras have not seen a unit in almost 3 month when Deputy Owens was dealing with a neighbor. It's time for deputies to actually respond to where they are dispatched. Finally, there has been a lot of talk, but when is Compton going to open some shelters for the homeless?"

CONSENT AGENDA

PUBLIC WORKS DEPARTMENT

1. A RESOLUTION OF THE CITY COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF COMPTON AUTHORIZING THE CITY MANAGER TO ACCEPT THE CONSTRUCTION OF THE STREET REHABILITATION PROJECT (CIP# 13-01) AS COMPLETE, DIRECT STAFF TO FILE THE NOTICE OF COMPLETION WITH THE LOS ANGELES COUNTY RECORDER'S OFFICE AND AUTHORIZE THE RELEASE OF THE CONTRACTOR'S (PALP, INC. DBA EXCEL PAVING COMPANY) RETENTION (\$120,982.35) (*Approved Resolution Number 25, 250*)

RECREATION DEPARTMENT

2. A RESOLUTION OF THE CITY COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF COMPTON AUTHORIZING THE CITY MANAGER TO ACCEPT THE CONSTRUCTION OF THE SIBRIE PARK IMPROVEMENT PROJECT AS COMPLETE AND DIRECT STAFF TO FILE THE NOTICE OF COMPLETION WITH THE LOS ANGELES COUNTY RECORDER'S OFFICE (*Approved Resolution Number 25, 251*)
3. A RESOLUTION OF THE CITY COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF COMPTON AUTHORIZING THE CITY MANAGER TO ACCEPT THE CONSTRUCTION OF THE BURRELL MACDONALD PARK IMPROVEMENT PROJECT AS COMPLETE AND DIRECT STAFF TO FILE THE NOTICE OF COMPLETION WITH THE LOS ANGELES COUNTY RECORDER'S OFFICE (*Approved Resolution Number 25, 252*)
4. A RESOLUTION OF THE CITY COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF COMPTON AUTHORIZING THE CITY MANAGER TO ACCEPT THE CONSTRUCTION OF THE SOUTH PARK IMPROVEMENT PROJECT AS COMPLETE AND DIRECT STAFF TO FILE THE NOTICE OF COMPLETION WITH THE LOS ANGELES COUNTY RECORDER'S OFFICE (*Approved Resolution Number 25, 253*)

WATER DEPARTMENT

5. A RESOLUTION OF THE CITY COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF COMPTON RATIFYING THE EMERGENCY EMPLOYMENT OF J.A. SALAZAR CONSTRUCTION & SUPPLY CORPORATION FOR PROVIDING EMERGENCY WATER MAIN LEAK REPAIRS AT WEST GLENCOE STREET AND WILLOWBROOK AVENUE AND AUTHORIZING THE ISSUANCE OF A PURCHASE ORDER (\$11,320) (*Approved Resolution Number 25, 254*)

On motion by McCoy, seconded by Galvan, the consent agenda was approved by the following vote on roll call:

AYES: Council Members - Galvan, McCoy, Sharif, Brown
NOES: Council Members - None
ABSENT: Council Members - Chambers

REGULAR AGENDA

NEW BUSINESS

6. A RESOLUTION OF THE CITY COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF COMPTON APPROVING AND ORDERING THE VACATION OF A PORTION OF SOUTH OLEANDER STREET, A PUBLIC RIGHT-OF-WAY APPROXIMATELY 60-FEET BY 148-FEET, LOCATED BETWEEN WEST ALONDRA BOULEVARD AND THE COMPTON HIGH SCHOOL CAMPUS AND LOCATED ADJACENT TO 417 WEST ALONDRA BOULEVARD, COMPTON (STREET VACATION NO. 19-001)

On motion by Sharif, seconded by McCoy, **Resolution Number 25,255** entitled ‘**A RESOLUTION OF THE CITY COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF COMPTON APPROVING AND ORDERING THE VACATION OF A PORTION OF SOUTH OLEANDER STREET, A PUBLIC RIGHT-OF-WAY APPROXIMATELY 60-FEET BY 148-FEET, LOCATED BETWEEN WEST ALONDRA BOULEVARD AND THE COMPTON HIGH SCHOOL CAMPUS AND LOCATED ADJACENT TO 417 WEST ALONDRA BOULEVARD, COMPTON (STREET VACATION NO. 19-001)**’ was adopted by the following vote on roll call:

AYES: Council Members - Galvan, McCoy, Sharif, Brown
NOES: Council Members - None
ABSENT: Council Members - Chambers

7. A RESOLUTION OF THE CITY COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF COMPTON AMENDING THE FIRE DEPARTMENTS' 2019-2020 FISCAL YEAR BUDGET TO TRANSFER FUNDS AND AUTHORIZING THE CITY MANAGER TO ISSUE A PURCHASE ORDER WITH RUSH TRUCK CENTERS OF CALIFORNIA, INC. FOR THE MAINTENANCE AND REPAIR OF PARAMEDIC AND COMAND VEHICLES (\$31,000.00)

On motion by McCoy, seconded by Sharif, **Resolution Number 25,256** entitled ‘**A RESOLUTION OF THE CITY COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF COMPTON AMENDING THE FIRE DEPARTMENTS' 2019-2020 FISCAL YEAR BUDGET TO TRANSFER FUNDS AND AUTHORIZING THE CITY MANAGER TO ISSUE A PURCHASE ORDER WITH RUSH TRUCK CENTERS OF CALIFORNIA, INC. FOR THE MAINTENANCE AND REPAIR OF PARAMEDIC AND COMAND VEHICLES**’ was adopted by the following vote on roll call:

AYES: Council Members - Galvan, McCoy, Sharif, Brown
NOES: Council Members - None
ABSENT: Council Members - Chambers

8. A RESOLUTION OF THE CITY COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF COMPTON AUTHORIZING THE CITY MANAGER TO ENTER INTO A MEMORANDUM OF UNDERSTANDING AGREEMENT WITH LIFTING THE VEIL, INC. TO FACILITATE A TEMPORARY FOOD DISTRIBUTION PROGRAM AT THE KELLY PARK COMMUNITY CENTER

On motion by Sharif, seconded by McCoy, **Resolution Number 25,257** entitled ‘**A RESOLUTION OF THE CITY COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF COMPTON AUTHORIZING THE CITY MANAGER TO ENTER INTO A MEMORANDUM OF UNDERSTANDING AGREEMENT WITH LIFTING THE VEIL, INC. TO FACILITATE A TEMPORARY FOOD DISTRIBUTION PROGRAM AT THE KELLY PARK COMMUNITY CENTER**’ was adopted by the following vote on roll call:

AYES: Council Members - Galvan, McCoy, Sharif, Brown
NOES: Council Members - None
ABSENT: Council Members - Chambers

9. A RESOLUTION OF THE CITY COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF COMPTON DESIGNATING THE CITY MANAGER, ON BEHALF OF THE CITY, TO BE AN AUTHORIZED AGENT TO ENGAGE WITH THE FEDERAL EMERGENCY MANAGEMENT AGENCY AND THE CALIFORNIA GOVERNOR'S OFFICE OF EMERGENCY SERVICES (CAL OES) REGARDING FINANCIAL ASSISTANCE FOR EMERGENCIES/DISASTERS

It was moved by McCoy, seconded by Sharif, that the resolution be adopted.

Councilman Galvan stated that he would not be in favor of a COVID-19 quarantine facility in Compton, adding that the City must protect our elderly community.

Councilmember Sharif questioned the City's plans to address the housing of the homeless residents who test positive for COVID-19.

Mayor Brown commented that Project Roomkey is a collaborative effort by the State, County, and the Los Angeles Homeless Services Authority to secure hotel and motel rooms for vulnerable people experiencing homelessness. It provides a way for people who do not have a home to stay inside to prevent the spread of COVID-19.

Resolution Number 25,258 entitled 'A RESOLUTION OF THE CITY COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF COMPTON DESIGNATING THE CITY MANAGER, ON BEHALF OF THE CITY, TO BE AN AUTHORIZED AGENT TO ENGAGE WITH THE FEDERAL EMERGENCY MANAGEMENT AGENCY AND THE CALIFORNIA GOVERNOR'S OFFICE OF EMERGENCY SERVICES (CAL OES) REGARDING FINANCIAL ASSISTANCE FOR EMERGENCIES/DISASTERS' was adopted by the following vote on roll call:

AYES: Council Members - Galvan, McCoy, Sharif, Brown
NOES: Council Members - None
ABSENT: Council Members - Chambers

10. A RESOLUTION OF THE CITY COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF COMPTON AUTHORIZING THE CITY MANAGER TO IMPOSE A TEMPORARY SUSPENSION ON THE ISSUANCE OF FIREWORKS PERMITS IN ORDER TO LIMIT THE SPREAD OF THE GLOBAL CORONAVIRUS (COVID-19) PANDEMIC

It was moved by Sharif, seconded by McCoy, that the resolution be adopted.

John Kelly, Vice President for Southern California TNT Fireworks, read a letter to the City Council seeking approval to place Fireworks Stands in the City of Compton.

Councilman Galvan indicated that he has received emails from the City's non-profit groups regarding the necessity for the funds received from fireworks stands, which provide crucial funding for community services and social programs for Compton residents.

Resolution Number 25,259 entitled 'A RESOLUTION OF THE CITY COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF COMPTON AUTHORIZING THE CITY MANAGER TO IMPOSE A TEMPORARY SUSPENSION ON THE ISSUANCE OF FIREWORKS PERMITS IN ORDER TO LIMIT THE SPREAD OF THE GLOBAL CORONAVIRUS (COVID-19) PANDEMIC' was adopted by the following vote on roll call:

AYES: Council Members - McCoy, Sharif, Brown
NOES: Council Members - Galvan
ABSENT: Council Members - Chambers

11. AN ORDINANCE OF THE CITY COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF COMPTON
AMENDING SECTION 7-23A (TOBACCO RETAILER PERMIT) OF THE COMPTON
MUNICIPAL CODE (FIRST READING)

On motion by Sharif, seconded by Galvan, the reading of the ordinance in full was waived by the following vote on roll call:

AYES: Council Members - Galvan, McCoy, Sharif, Brown
NOES: Council Members - None
ABSENT: Council Members - Chambers

It was moved by Councilmember McCoy, seconded by Mayor Brown (who stepped from the Chair) to place the ordinance on first reading.

Councilmember Sharif questioned the manner in which the ordinance is presented, adding that Menthol products must be banned to protect the youth of the community.

Councilmember Sharif offered an amending motion to remove Subsection G which would approve the City Attorney's Option 3 ordinance for a total ban on flavored tobacco.

The amended motion failed by the following vote on roll call:

AYES: Council Members - Sharif
NOES: Council Members - Galvan, McCoy, Brown
ABSENT: Council Members - Chambers

Councilmember McCoy offered an amending motion to approve Option 2 of the ordinance as printed. Mayor Brown stepped from the Chair to second the motion which failed by the following vote on roll call:

AYES: Council Members - McCoy, Brown
NOES: Council Members - Galvan, Sharif
ABSENT: Council Members - Chambers

After further discussion, the City Attorney indicated that he will re-submit the ordinance for the Council's reconsideration at the next Council meeting.

COUNCIL COMMENTS

Councilperson Galvan offered the following communications/announcements:

- Reported that a large tree has fallen onto the canopy at Lueders park and requested that the situation be addressed as soon as possible.
- Requested that the City Attorney develop a strategy for combating illegal fireworks in the City.
- Requested that the City consider adopting a policy prohibiting COVID-19 quarantine centers in the Compton.

Councilmember McCoy offered the following communications/announcements:

- Requested that the City address the street vendors illegally operating in the evenings around the City.
- Requested that the City Manager require that the appropriate agency properly maintain the property easements on Greenleaf from Wilmington to Willowbrook and the area in front of the Alondra disposal area.
- Adjourn in memory of **Leslie Smalley**.

Councilmember Sharif offered the following communications/announcements:

- Invited the residents to join her in a Virtual Town Hall Meeting scheduled for April 30, 2020 from 9:30 a.m. until 10:30 a.m.—hosted by Pacific Coast Regional SBDC—please join the meeting by visiting the following link: [https://attendee.gotowebinar.com/register/8324342467305738508?source=city of compton](https://attendee.gotowebinar.com/register/8324342467305738508?source=city%20of%20compton).
- Requested a copy of the street repair and maintenance schedule for the benefit of the residents.
- Thanked all the residents and organizations that have provided food and critical supplies to the Compton community.
- Thanked City administration and the public relations teams for their wonderful work on the City’s newsletter.
- Commented that she has always acted in the best interest of the citizens of Compton.

Mayor Brown offered the following communications/announcements:

- Announced that Councilmember Chambers lost her Aunt and Uncle due to the coronavirus and extended her heartfelt condolences to the Chambers Family.
- Commented that the Alameda corridor is out of control and littered with discarded debris and homeless encampments and suggested that the City take legal action to enforce the maintenance agreement and require that the area be cleaned and properly maintained.
- Invited the community to join her in a Virtual Town Hall Meeting scheduled for April 29, 2020 beginning at 2 p.m. The Zoom meeting ID Number is: 893-7140-5166. Please visit the City’s website for additional information.
- Thanked Andre R. Young (Dr. Dre) and Jimmy Lovine for their very generous donations to the Compton community. Mayor Brown urged residents to be tested for COVID-19 and visit the City’s website at: www.comptontcity.org to view the City’s Resource Guide for further information.

ADJOURNMENT

On motion by Chambers, seconded by McCoy, the meeting was adjourned in memory of **Aretha Mae-Baylor, Sandra, Leslie Smalley, and Charles Booker** at 8:16 p.m. by the following vote on roll call:

AYES: Council Members - McCoy, Sharif, Brown
NOES: Council Members - None
ABSENT: Council Members - Chambers, Galvan

CITY CLERK OF THE CITY OF COMPTON

MAYOR OF THE CITY OF COMPTON

MAY 6, 2020

The Compton City Council meeting was called to order at 4:23 p.m. in the Council Chambers of City Hall by Mayor Aja Brown.

ROLL CALL

Council Members Present – Chambers, McCoy, Sharif, Brown *(Via Zoom teleconference)*

Council Members Absent – Galvan

Other Officials Present: D. Brown, A. Godwin, D. Sanders, C. Cornwell

4:00 P.M. - CONTINUED BUDGET WORKSHOP - CITY COUNCIL PRIORITIES

The Fiscal Year 2020-2021 Budget Workshop was conducted to identify City Council priorities. A power point presentation was illustrated and is on file and available for review in the City Clerk's Office.

RECONVENE TO OPEN SESSION

On motion by Chambers, seconded by Sharif, the City Council voted to reconvene at 5:42 p.m. by the following vote on roll call:

AYES: Council Members - Chambers, McCoy, Sharif, Brown

NOES: Council Members - None

ABSENT: Council Members - Galvan

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City Manager Craig Cornwell and City Attorney Damon Brown assisted City Clerk Alita Godwin in reading the following comments into the record:

Connie Halbig – "(1) I can't see why no council meeting on May 05, 2020, These meetings at this time are very important. (2) "Craig Cornwell" As I already sent you a message on Monday. There needs to be something done about this street sweeping company we have. As I told you again they are not using water when sweeping. If I want in front of my home swept correctly with water I must get up before he comes on my side of the street and make sure that I spray water out there. The other day he came down and all I could see was this BIG dust cloud going up in the air. (not good). He also thinks this is a race track the way he speeds down the street. He was going down Hickory so fast that he almost hit a person crossing the street. Thank God he didn't the person ran. I personally have called the company many times on not putting water down when sweeping streets. And also told them I was going to contact the city hall about it. And all they say is we will talk to the driver. This cannot be. We need another street sweeping company that will do it correctly now that there is so much in the air at this time. (3) Why is there so much trash in District 2 on the East side of Alameda from Elm Street all the way up? Isn't anyone cleaning up the street? (4) "Damon Brown" Thank You for the call Sunday night about the agenda not going to have the Illegal Fireworks on it but you did promise that it will be in the next weeks. We must have the Sheriff's involvement in this matter. They are paid enough more they should get paid for doing nothing but riding around doing nothing. I can sit on my porch and see them riding down Rosecrans and never do I see them coming down from Rosecrans down Hickory. They always go down Acacia when heading to the station. They must come down Hickory with all that is going on there selling of marijuana and other things that I have been noticing lately. Or burning rubber and think it is funny. Burning rubber from Cedar all the way up Hickory to Rosecrans and NEVER a Sheriff around. They also must do a better job on their patrols of the neighborhoods. And when

called respond in a much better time limit not 2 or 3 hours if that. And handle their jobs better. Or we need better Sheriffs that will handle their jobs when called. And get away from the 7-11 stores. The streets are still dim and these vandals are creeping at night around here.”

Robert Ray, Compton resident – “Item #8 - There are currently more than 200 "confirmed" cases of COVID-19 in the City of Compton. When a person is confirmed to be positive with COVID-19 they need to be isolated or quarantined from the general public for everyone's safety. Motel rooms are the perfect place, especially if the County is paying the bill. I would think twice before approving this measure. Item #9 - Same question I asked last week: "Who is going to enforce this municipal code"? There are 100's of municipal codes on the books that are never enforced. If it's not going to be enforced, why bother?”

Barbara Calhoun, Former City Councilmember, “Hello, my name is Barbara Calhoun, I live in District 1. I saw on Facebook, about a newsletter that was put out about all the things happening in District 1. Everyone is not on fb, when will the citizens of district 1 receive the newsletter? In all district, I realize that each district have issues with dumping & homelessness. I need the email/number/website for the correct railroad to send a video about the railroad tracks located on little Alameda between Elm & Pine. I'm aware that the homeless are located there, that is district 2 and it definitely needs to be cleaned up by both entities. Would you be so kind and provide me with the railroad contact information. Thank you.”

Janet Minero, Market Manager 7-Eleven Inc./Greater LA Zone – “My name is Janet Minero who works for 7-Eleven and work with independent contractors that are small business owners in the City of Compton. Many of these owners have worked with the city and have given back to the community. In many cases the owners also hire from within the community. These independent contractors will be impacted financially by this decision. I am emailing today to ask you to oppose these flavored tobaccos ban ordinances. The City’s focus should be directed towards implementing harsher penalties to enabling adults who illegally provide these products to minors, not these bans that hurt local businesses who legally sell the products. Shifting all flavored sales to a handful of stores outside this jurisdiction will devastate the independent contractor’s business. Finally, I hope the you support local businesses and vote against these bills.”

James Ellison, Public Affairs-California Fuels & Convenience Alliance – “CFCA represents California’s fuel retailers and over half of all gas stations and convenience stores. These businesses are largely small, family-owned stores. Our members would be disproportionately affected as a result of this proposal. The products named in your proposed ordinance make up a substantial revenue category for these stores, and their loss would be significantly impactful, even during normal circumstances. That said, they present markedly greater detriment under the current circumstances facing all businesses during the COVID-19 crisis.

These stores serve as essential businesses, as classified by Governor Newsom’s Executive Order N-33-20. These businesses are doing everything they can during these turbulent times to help their communities and making available the goods families need, providing groceries, fuel, and other necessities that larger, overwhelmed grocers simply cannot. Moreover, especially during this critical situation, store owners and employees are disadvantaged from participating in the virtual civic process. We implore you to dedicate this time to focusing on COVID-19 crisis relief and not enacting harmful policy towards small businesses. Attached is a formal letter opposing the proposed ordinance. We greatly appreciate your consideration, and if you have any questions or concerns at all, please do not hesitate to reach out. Thank you.”

Essam Sedrous, Royal Tobacco Merchandise “As the owner of a Royal Tobacco Merchandise here in our city of Compton, I am writing to you to ask you to oppose the proposed ordinance that would ban the sale of all flavored tobacco products.

A proposal like this would have drastic unintended consequences such as forcing consumers to drive across city lines and spend their money elsewhere which would in turn hurt our local economy. This destructive and overreaching proposal would have the ability to close my business and put my employees out of a job as the sale of flavored tobacco products accounts for a significant part of my bottom line, 88% of my share of market to be exact.

As a store owner that imposes strict ID checks and stands against underage use of tobacco, I don’t see how this proposal is meant to do anything except restrict customer choice and punish hardworking small business owners. I ask that you please vote NO on this ordinance that would outlaw the sale of flavored tobacco products.

A proposal like this would eventually force small businesses like mine to close up shop, which in turn hurts our economy here at home. Please think before you act, vote no on this proposed ordinance.”

Navid Jacob Godigar – “Thank you for your time today; I am a business owner in the great city of Compton. I own and operate a 7- Eleven Franchise at, 307 West Compton Blvd, Compton, CA 90220. I have been a part of the community for 15 years now and it has been a source of pride watching the city flourish and bossiness grow to the level that we can employ more of the city's locals. We have also been fortunate enough to support the local school's basketball and footballs teams by providing funds for uniforms, sports equipment, etc. I am calling and emailing today to oppose The Flavored Tobacco Ban Ordinances, as it would not only negatively impact our sales, not because of the profit margin but mainly because we carry them as a service to the customers. Not carrying these items would ultimately push our customers to seek the products in surrounding cities such as Gardena and Carson. Furthermore, I believe the loss of tax revenue coming from flavored tobacco products in our city would effect the local constructive projects funded by the city. Finally I hope that you choose to support your local businesses and vote against this bill.”

Mark Wilson, Field Consultant 7-Eleven Inc. – “My name is Mark Wilson, I am a 7-Eleven Field Consultant that consult several 7-11 business owner in the City of Compton. These independent owner operators will take a large financial impact with the approval of this Flavored Tobacco Ban Bill. Most of my 7-11 Franchisees have been doing business in the City of Compton for 5 years or more. They have all been great community partners! They have supported various community events like City of Compton Christmas Parade, Compton Chamber of Commerce, Compton High School basketball program, DeMar DeRozen Youth Camp, Wonderland Angels Early Learning Center, Earth Day at local parks to name a few. I am emailing today to ask you to oppose these flavored tobacco ban ordinances. 7-11 are responsible retailers. We check all ID's when customers purchase age-restricted products. We are members of your community. We provide jobs and a wide array of products people need. Shifting all flavored sales to a handful of stores outside this jurisdiction will devastate my business. The City is not banning the product it is just picking winners and losers on the sale of the product. How can you justify picking one constituent over another? Convenience stores have over a 95% FDA-verified compliance rate state-wide. We do our part. This proposed ban does not address youth access. It just shifts where the product is purchased. The City's focus should be directed towards implementing harsher penalties to enabling adults who illegally provide these products to minors, not these bans that hurt local businesses who legally sell the products Finally, I hope the you support local businesses and vote against these bills.”

Paulette Simpson Gibson, President Compton NAACP – “On behalf of the Compton NAACP, our nation's oldest, largest and most widely-recognized grassroots-based civil rights organization, I would like to thank you for your stewardship and willingness to address the negative impacts of flavored tobacco in the Compton community. The Compton NAACP supports an ordinance that ends the sale of flavored tobacco, including menthol-flavored tobacco products. One of your proposed ordinances will help put a stop to tobacco use by including a ban on all characterizing flavors of tobacco products, which are often created to appeal to the younger market and, in the case of menthol cigarettes, are targeted for use by African American community. The Compton NAACP urges you to follow the bill passed this year by the House of Representatives that called for restrictions on the sale of flavored tobacco, including menthol-flavored tobacco products. **E-Cigarettes** Flavored e-cigarettes have fueled a youth epidemic of tobacco use. Recent data shows that over 3.6 million youth used e-cigarettes in 2018, making this product the most commonly used tobacco product on the market. Nearly all tobacco use begins during youth and young adulthood—which is a crucial period for the development of the human brain. **Menthol Flavored Cigarettes and Tobacco Products** As was noted in our 2016 National NAACP resolution, “Support State and Local Restrictions on the Sale of Flavored Tobacco Products,” “the tobacco industry has a well-documented history of developing and marketing brands targeted to African Americans and their youth” and further that “the tobacco industry manipulated the manufacturing of cigarettes to ensure the uptake and continued use of tobacco, especially by African-American young people and other vulnerable populations for many years.” Menthol cigarettes make it easier to start and harder to quit smoking. Decades of targeted marketing directed at the African American community are reflected in the fact that over 85% of Black cigarette smokers use menthol cigarettes. Furthermore, we know that cigarette smoking begins at a young age and more worrisome is that over 7 in 10 African American youth (ages 12-17) who smoke use menthol flavored cigarettes. In general, the tobacco industry enjoys high initiation rates of new young

smokers of all ethnicities because of menthol. In fact, menthol cigarettes have become the choice of over half of all youth smokers (12-17). It is also clear from the LA County data that retailers in Compton cannot be trusted to protect our young people, as 1 in 5 retailers brazenly sales tobacco products to young people. The framework to keep tobacco products out the hands of young people does not work. Legal measures should focus on the manufacturers and distributors of these products. The best way to protect our young people is to remove flavored tobacco, including menthol products. A strong ordinance that does not exempt menthol cigarettes, makes clear that the proliferation of tobacco products purposefully designed with candy-like flavors to appeal to young people to get them addicted to nicotine and tobacco should not, and will not, be tolerated. It is time to take these products off the market once and for all. States and cities are standing up and taking action, and we believe the city of Compton should do the same. Thank you again for your leadership on this important issue, and for your concern for the health and well-being of future generations.”

Eric Batch, Vice President of Advocacy for the Western Region of the American Heart Association – “First, I want to reiterate my thanks for all that you are doing for your constituents as we manage through this current pandemic and the State’s “Safer at Home” orders. You continue to make sure that Compton residents have supplies, that essential businesses are serving the community, and that residents have access to things like grab and go lunches and meals, etc. We are living in a time of global, national, and local crisis, where every policy decision can make a dramatic difference in outcomes for our communities. And it is along those lines that **I write to encourage you to restrict the sale of all flavors (including MENTHOL) and all tobacco products in Compton.** Unincorporated Los Angeles County (including Rancho Dominguez and Willowbrook) and the neighboring City of Carson have already done this. During a time when we are all being asked to do what we can to protect the health of our communities from COVID-19, it is important that we protect the health of our cities from tobacco use and exposure. Why would we give our residents – and more importantly our kids - access to a product that has poisoned our communities for decades? Given the demographics of Compton and the fact that an overwhelming majority of African American smokers use menthol products, you cannot restrict the sale of flavored tobacco and leave menthol on the table. Flavored tobacco products attract youth. Nicotine addicts them. You put flavored tobacco together with nicotine and you’re setting our youth up for addiction and lifelong health problems. It is counterintuitive to continue the sale of flavored tobacco products given the current pandemic. Smoking cigarettes and vaping weakens the lungs and COVID-19 attacks the lungs. Making it harder for Compton youth to obtain these products is the right thing to do and I respectfully ask that you restrict the sale of **all flavored tobacco products (including MENTHOL)** in Compton.

Marjorie Shipp – “I live in District 3, I am urging you to take the stand tonight and pass the ban on flavored tobacco products, including menthol cigarettes and E-cigarettes, and all flavored products. Please make the health of the citizens a priority. I am supportive option three from last week’s presentation. The City Attorney had great presentation last week about how smoking affects the respiratory health of African-Americans and Latinos. This presentation was followed by a medical doctor that also talked about the danger of smoking and the overall health risks of smoking. You have a chance to do something great for this community. Have a conscious. Think about all the people and Seniors that are dying of lung disease, COPD, and cancer because of smoking. Vote ‘YES’ to ban all cigarettes from the City of Compton. Thank you for your time.”

Barbara Lawson – “Good evening mayor and members of the city council. I am a volunteer with the American Cancer Society. I would like you to support limiting the sale of tobacco products including menthol and e-cigarettes This is one form of protection that will stop the increase of health challenges that affect many members of minority communities. Please sat and with us to support this measure during your meeting. Thank you for your support.”

Dahlia Cruz – “I am a Los Angeles resident. I want you to pass a law tonight that removes tobacco with flavors and menthol in the City. This is affecting the health of our children, and this negatively affects the community. Thank you.”

Francisco Ramirez – “Support the removal of all tobacco products, including menthol.”

Sylvia – “Support the removal of all tobacco products, including menthol cigarettes to protect the children of Compton.”

Jaime Rojas –Compton Retailers, The National Association of Tobacco Outlets - “As Executive Director of the National Association of Tobacco Outlets, and National Retail Trade Association that represents more than 60,000 retail stores throughout the country including several Compton retail store members, I am writing to submit our comments and concerns regarding the proposed changes to tobacco regulations, Item 9 on your May 6, 2020 agenda. These changes would add to your already unconstitutional advertising restrictions, and depending on which alternative is selected, either ban the sale of flavored tobacco products entirely, or limit their sale to adult only locations that primarily deal in tobacco products.

During the current national emergency caused by the Coronavirus pandemic, we believe that it would be very inappropriate for a local government to move forward on significant legislation that would severely restrict the sale of legal products. This is especially true when employees of retail stores that sell food, groceries and beverages have been designated by the U.S. Department of Homeland Security as “essential workers for critical infrastructure” and should remain working to provide basic necessities to the public, that both the State of California and Los Angeles County have designated such stores as “essential businesses” and that the County recently extended its Stay at Home order through May 15. How can retailers meaningfully participate in a city council meeting with a Stay at Home order in place, especially at a time when they have been tasked with ensuring the needs of the public are met? An ordinance prohibiting the sale of numerous tobacco products is not an essential action item for the City Council to consider now. We respectfully ask that this matter be postponed until the county and state Stay at Home restrictions have been lifted, so that affected retail stakeholders may meaningfully participate in a hearing on an ordinance that may very well cause some retail stores to close. With the average convenience store relying on tobacco product sales, Including flavored Products Menthol cigarettes, electronic cigarettes, and vapor products, for approximately 36% of in-store sales, banning electronic cigarettes vapor products and many flavored tobacco products would force stores out of business and leave a further void in the Public’s need for stores that sell food and beverages. This is particularly ironic given that these stores have been deemed essential by federal, state and county governments. What purpose would it serve to the general public of adopting policies that will likely drive many of these essential outlets for food, beverages, and in sundry items out of business. NATO and Its retail members with stores in Compton, share everyone’s interest in keeping tobacco products, including electronics smoking devices, out of the hands of persons under 21 years old. Youth vaping needs to be addressed, but the need to address that issue is no reason to ban products that Compton adults who are 21 and over decide to purchase such as flavored cigars and pipe tobacco. We thank you for your consideration. Jaime Rojas - National Association of Tobacco Outlets

Micah Ali -Compton Unified School District Board President - “I write to urge you to adopt a complete and total ban on the sale of all flavored tobacco products, including menthol-flavored cigarettes and sweet flavored cigars, in any ordinance passed to regulate the sale of flavored tobacco in the City of Compton.

The Compton Unified School District is responsible for the education and development of more than 23,000 students in our community. The prevalence and increased use of tobacco products, such as e-cigarettes, cigars or cigarettes, on campus and used by students is highly alarming. This is a public health crisis that represents a failure of our community to protect our children from a known danger and threat.

Too often we view tobacco use as an adult matter. The truth is that most people begin smoking, as adolescents and teens. Nicotine addiction carries the practice into adulthood. The study and facts presented by the Los Angeles County Public Health Department mirror the national trends and underscore some disturbing conclusions. Flavored tobacco products are the lure that attract young people to start using tobacco products. L.A. County Health reports that 83% of current high school-aged tobacco users reported using a flavored tobacco product.

While there have been over two hundred local jurisdictions that have acted to end the sale of flavored tobacco, much of the action has been directed at ending the highly popular use of the E-Cigarette as a social justice, morale and child safety issue. In addition to increased e-cigarette and vaping use, I have witnessed a rise in use of other tobacco products such as cigars and cigarettes. Compton children are using candy-flavored cigars like *Swisher Sweets* and *Black & Milds* and smoke menthol cigarettes like *Newports*. Over 70% of African American youth (ages 12-17) who smoke use menthol-flavored cigarettes.

This 70% figure is a product of intense marketing campaigns directed at young people. Tobacco companies have been targeting young African Americans since the 1950s. In neighborhoods, like ours, where there are young African Americans, you will see more menthol ads. Our leadership team at the Compton Unified School District has a strong track record on this issue, having previously filed lawsuits against JUUL for cultivating and fostering an e-cigarette epidemic by specifically targeting school-age children for long-term continued growth of their consumer base. All of us work hard to do what we can to keep kids safe, but the current efforts in place, like restricting the sale of tobacco to those older than 21, simply do not work. Tobacco products are too easily obtained by children, even in middle school. These kinds of bans assume that violation penalties are deterrence enough. However, we know this is not true - the County Health Department even reports that 1 in 5 retailers sold tobacco to a minor. I urge you to take a stance that protects our community by putting the health of our young people first. Enact a strong ordinance without exemptions for menthol cigarettes or any other flavored tobacco products. Send the signal that the City of Compton is a place where the predatory profiteering off our children and bad-faith investments targeting black and brown communities will simply not be tolerated. Thank you again for your leadership on this important issue, and for your concern for the health and well-being of future generations.”

Arabi Hasan, - “BREATHE CA of Los Angeles County strong urges you to pass a full flavor ban in the City of Compton, including all flavored tobacco products such as menthol cigarettes, e-cigarettes, and hookah. Any exemptions will weaken the ordinance and create loopholes for young people to access flavored tobacco products that lure them into using addictive, nicotine products. Please make the health of your constituents a priority.

Over 80% of youth who start using tobacco for the first time, start with a flavored product like menthol cigarettes. These flavored tobacco products are driving tobacco-related diseases and deaths throughout the country, disproportionately impacting African American communities. For decades, Big Tobacco has strategically target African American communities through intense advertising and promotional efforts, particularly of menthol products. In 2013, the FDA released a report that found menthol cigarettes lead to increased smoking initiation among youth and young adults, greater addiction, and decreased success in quitting smoking. Flavored tobacco products, and particularly menthol products, pose a serious public health risk that must be addressed. Our community deserves a comprehensive ban on the sale of flavored tobacco products, including menthol cigarettes. We strongly encourage the Compton City Council to support an ordinance that prioritizes the health and well-being of the community. Thank you.”

Gisela Friedman, Parents Against Vaping e-cigarettes (PAVe) – “I urge you to please pass a full flavor ban in the city of Compton. We must end the sale of all flavored tobacco products including menthol cigarettes, e-cigarettes, hookah, and all other flavored tobacco products and make the health of your constituents a priority. Menthol cigarettes and other flavored tobacco products are driving tobacco-related diseases and deaths throughout the country. Over 80% of youth who start using tobacco for the first time, start with a flavored product like menthol cigarettes. Big tobacco has targeted African American communities throughout the United States with menthol cigarettes for decades and now our youth are also being targeted with flavored tobacco. According to the CDC, Diabetes is the fourth leading cause of death among African Americans. **The risk of developing diabetes is 30–40% higher for cigarette smokers than nonsmokers**”. We urge you to protect youth and adults in Compton and set an example for other cities throughout California. Thank you for your time and your commitment to passing a full flavor ban.”

Tongho Won, B M Food Market “As the owner of B M Food Market in Compton, I am writing to ask you to reconsider the ordinance to ban the sales of flavored tobacco products in our city. The sale of these products, which includes menthol cigarettes accounts for 94% of my market share and as you can see I have a significant interest in this ordinance. Over the years the state of California has grown more hostile to business, however I never thought I would see the day that my local government would try to shutter my doors. Not only is this proposal to prohibit the sale of flavored tobacco products bad policy, it just won’t work. It will drive customers across city lines to buy tobacco products or purchase them from illegal sellers and cause small businesses like mine to close up shop, which in turn hurts our economy here at home. Please think before you act, vote NO on this ordinance.”

Tony Henderson – “I represent Hope in Christ Community Church. I urge you to act tonight and pass a full flavor ban in the city of Compton. Please end the sale of all flavored tobacco products including menthol cigarettes, e-cigarettes, hookah, and all other flavored tobacco products and make the health of your constituents a priority. Menthol cigarettes and other flavored tobacco products are driving tobacco-related diseases and deaths throughout the country. Over 80% of youth who start using tobacco for the first time, start with a flavored product like menthol cigarettes. Big tobacco has targeted African American communities throughout the United States with menthol cigarettes for decades and now our youth are also being targeted with flavored tobacco. This has to stop and we urge that you put an end to tonight and protect youth and adults in Compton and set an example for other cities throughout California. Thank you for your time and your commitment to passing a full flavor ban.”

Annie Tegan, MPH, Director, Western States, Tobacco-Free Kids Action Fund - “Thank you Mayor Brown & honorable members of the Council, for considering an end the sale of flavored tobacco products in the City of Compton. Taking action on this public health issue is now even more critical during the Covid-19 health crisis and I am grateful for your leadership. My name is Annie Tegen with Tobacco-Free Kids. We are proud to represent youth in the City of Compton and across California, who are fighting to become the first tobacco-free generation. At the previous council hearing where you discussed this topic, there was a question about whether young people really use menthol cigarettes. The answer is **yes**. I’d like to share some data on that question:

- Youth smokers are **more** likely to use menthol cigarettes than any other age group.
- **Over half of youth smokers ages 12-17 use menthol cigarettes.**
- The smoking rate of menthols is even higher among African American youth. **In fact, SEVEN out of TEN African-American youth smokers, smoke menthol cigarettes.**

Why do so many kids smoke menthols? We have the tobacco industry to thank for that. Big Tobacco has marketed menthol cigarettes to young people, especially young people of color, for decades. The menthol flavoring gives the sensation of cooling the throat. And as my friend Dr. Phillip Gardiner says, “*the menthol helps the poison go down easier*”. **Tonight, I understand you will decide whether or not to include menthol cigarettes in the new ordinance. I hope you will make the best choice for health equity, and include menthol cigarettes in order to protect all Compton kids. Again, SEVEN out of TEN African-American youth smokers, start with menthol cigarettes.** Recently, cities inside LA County including Carson, Culver City, Burbank and Beverly Hills have already ended the sale of menthol cigarettes. **In fact, over 50 other cities and counties in California, including LA County, already have comprehensive ordinances that INCLUDE menthol.** If the Compton Council were to pass the weaker version tonight – the ordinance would become the weakest ordinance of its kind in LA County. Please vote for health. Please support a comprehensive ordinance with no exemptions. Thank you for your time, your leadership, and for putting ***the lungs of Compton youth*** before ***the*** tobacco industry’s profits.”

Michael Olivares – “I am an Advocacy Manager at the American Lung Association, whose mission it is to save lives and prevent lung disease. As such we strongly support the city’s efforts to protect the health of the residents by restricting flavored tobacco, including Menthol, the number one flavor of youth users. The tobacco industry has a well-documented history of marketing menthol to communities of color and youth, even developing some as “starter” products to attract kids. Lastly, as it relates to recent concerns over COVID 19, the following are the American Lung Associations official points: The Centers for Disease Control and Prevention has identified smokers at **high-risk for severe illness** from COVID-19.

- Smoking and vaping causes harm to the lungs, leaving lung tissue inflamed, fragile and more susceptible to infection.
- Tobacco use harms the immune system, which is especially important in fighting viruses like COVID-19.
- Quitting smoking and vaping is even more important now during the COVID-19 pandemic.
- For individuals currently using tobacco, including e-cigarettes and vaping products, who want to quit, the American Lung Association is here to support you. Call 1-800-LUNG-USA for available cessation programming.

Now is the time to prevent a new generation of addiction. We call on city leaders to end the sale of all flavored tobacco. If you have any questions or comments, please don't hesitate to contact me. Thank you."

Primo Castro, Director of Government Relations American Cancer Society Network – "The American Cancer Society Cancer Action Network's mission is to end suffering and death from cancer, and we are committed to advancing that mission in the City of Compton. **We are writing to voice strong opposition to the adult-only retail exemption as provided in the ordinance.** We are deeply concerned about the epidemic of teenage e-cigarette use fueled by the availability of flavored tobacco products. The consensus of the public health community is that it is flavors that are driving the epidemic of e-cigarette use among teenagers and the best way to address that epidemic is to remove flavors from all retail tobacco sellers with no exemptions.

We have learned from experience that exempting adult-only stores is problematic and weakens what could be a strong policy, which we have seen happen in other communities, with one of the most egregious examples being in Oakland. Oakland's experience in creating this loophole that was taken advantage by bad actors has served as a cautionary tale for other jurisdictions across the state. Exemptions of some retailers complicates enforcement and creates resentment among retailers. Most importantly, if flavored tobacco products remain in the community, they will find their way into the hands of youth. The California Department of Public Health found that "vape" shops and tobacco stores had much higher violation rates for selling to youth when compared to every other category of tobacco retailer—30% and 36% respectively, compared to the state average of 19% for all types of tobacco retailers. All places where tobacco is sold, including adult-only tobacco shops, should be required to have a TRL with the same requirements as other tobacco retailers.

In 2017, the Oakland City Council was one of the first in the country to adopt a flavored tobacco ordinance with the aim of protecting youth and community health. Due to the inclusion in that ordinance of an adult-only retail exemption, their efforts to decrease health inequities were undermined. Since the ordinance went into effect, the number of adult-only tobacco stores expanded from a just a couple to 56 stores (as of February 2020). **These are not new businesses, rather they are existing tobacco retailers that converted a section of their stores to "adult-only" in order to continue to sell flavored tobacco products, including menthol cigarettes.** Across the country there is a disproportionate numbers of tobacco retailers are located in lower income neighborhoods, and this is no different in Oakland. This means that the majority of retailers who continue to sell flavored tobacco products are located in the most underserved communities with some of the greatest health disparities. Eliminating the sale of flavored tobacco products, including menthol cigarettes, is a social justice issue. Tobacco companies have aggressively marketed menthol products in communities of color, low income communities and LGBTQ communities. These are the same communities that already bear a greater burden of health disparities, and increasing tobacco use only increases the disparities among some of the most vulnerable in our communities.

Tobacco companies target to kids with imagery and by marketing appealing flavors in packaging that appeals to youth. Actions taken now at the local level can help to encourage a generation of tobacco-free kids—potentially saving them from a lifetime of addiction and the deadly consequences of tobacco use.

It is imperative to include menthol cigarettes and all other flavored tobacco products, including e-cigarettes in a policy that aims to address the epidemic of youth tobacco use. Four out of five youth who have ever used a tobacco product started with a flavored tobacco product, and when asked why, say because they come in flavors they like. A recent study concluded that youth who use e-cigarettes are more than 4 times as likely to try cigarettes and nearly three times as likely to smoke cigarettes than those youth who never tried e-cigarettes.

In African American communities, the tobacco industry has aggressively marketed menthol flavored tobacco products to youth. Approximately 85% of African Americans who smoke use menthol cigarettes, and consequently, African American men have the highest death rates from lung cancer, when compared to other demographic groups. The anesthetizing effect of menthol masks the harshness of tobacco, making menthol cigarettes more appealing to beginning smokers, and menthol smokers demonstrate greater dependence, and are less likely to quit. Prohibiting the sale of all flavored tobacco products, including menthol cigarettes, removes much of the allure of

these products and is a key component of a comprehensive strategy to effectively help reduce tobacco initiation, and subsequent addiction. The City Council needs to make the health of Compton youth a priority and join our neighbors in the many communities throughout California who have adopted strong policies to end the sale of all flavored tobacco products. **We urge Compton to end the sale of all flavored tobacco products citywide, with no exemption for adult-only retail stores in the city.** We want to avoid the pitfalls learned in early efforts by providing protections for all Compton youth. We cannot put the profit of a few retailers over the health of our kids. The exemption for adult- only retailers has been tried and failed, and now you have an opportunity to create a strong policy with no exemptions that will not allow the tobacco industry front row access to our most vulnerable populations.

Jorge Gonzalez, BSN, RN, PHN, CEN – “What is the Compton City Council doing to ensure the safety of its constituents from non-essential vendors, that do not abide by stay-at-home orders issued by Gov. Newsom? For example, several ice cream truck vendors frequently patrol District 4 and do not abide by social distancing guidelines required of essential businesses. They pose a significant vector of transmission for COVID-19 and can further spread the disease inside of Compton. Thank you.”

Donald – “As the owner of Donald’s Mobil in Compton I am concerned about this proposal to ban the sale of menthol cigarettes, which account for 68% of my market share. This type of proposal will only stand to hurt the small business community in Compton and will restrict the choices of consumers. This will force the citizens of Compton to spend their hard-earned money across city lines in areas that do sell these products. As a store owner that imposes strict ID checks and stands against underage use of tobacco, I don’t see how this proposal is meant to do anything except restrict customer choice and punish hardworking small business owners such as myself. I ask that you please vote NO on this ordinance and think before outlawing the sale of flavored tobacco products.”

Kellie Hawkins, EKA – “I hope all is well. I’m assuming the Mayor does not have any additional questions regarding the importance of passing a comprehensive ban on flavored tobacco including menthol products. The campaign is hopeful that the Council will support an ordinance that includes the ban on menthol products. They are hoping to highlight Compton and its leadership on the issue. Without menthol in the ban, I don’t see them issuing a favorable public message.”

Lisa Leiato, Office of Samoan Affairs – “I urge you to act tonight and pass a full flavor ban in the city of Compton. Please end the sale of all flavored tobacco products including menthol cigarettes, e-cigarettes, hookah, and all other flavored tobacco products and make the health of your constituents a priority. Menthol cigarettes and other flavored tobacco products are driving tobacco-related diseases and deaths throughout the country. Over 80% of youth who start using tobacco for the first time, start with a flavored product like menthol cigarettes. Big tobacco has targeted African American communities throughout the United States with menthol cigarettes for decades and now our youth are also being targeted with flavored tobacco. This has to stop and we urge that you put an end to tonight and protect youth and adults in Compton and set an example for other cities throughout California. Thank you for your time and your commitment to passing a full flavor ban.”

James Allison, Public Affairs, California Fuels & Convenience Alliance “In response to a proposal on Wednesday’s agenda, the California Fuels & Convenience Alliance would like to take this opportunity to provide a written statement regarding the impacts of this proposal. CFCA represents California’s fuel retailers and over half of all gas stations and convenience stores. These businesses are largely small, family-owned stores. Our members would be disproportionately affected as a result of this proposal. The products named in your proposed ordinance make up a substantial revenue category for these stores, and their loss would be significantly impactful, even during normal circumstances. That said, they present markedly greater detriment under the current circumstances facing all businesses during the COVID-19 crisis. These stores serve as essential businesses, as classified by Governor Newsom’s Executive Order N-33-20. These businesses are doing everything they can during these turbulent times to help their communities and making available the goods families need, providing groceries, fuel, and other necessities that larger, overwhelmed grocers simply cannot. Moreover, especially during this critical situation, store owners and employees are disadvantaged from participating in the virtual civic process. We implore you to dedicate this time to focusing on COVID-19 crisis relief and not enacting harmful policy towards small businesses. Attached is a formal letter opposing the proposed ordinance. We

greatly appreciate your consideration, and if you have any questions or concerns at all, please do not hesitate to reach out. Thank you”

Ed Sanders – “The Los Angeles Families Fighting Flavored Tobacco would like to encourage the Honorable Mayor and Members of the Compton City Council to enact an ordinance that protects the overall health of the Compton community. Vaping and the use of E-cigarettes has become a national crisis among young people and adults. Over 3.6 million youth used e-cigarettes in 2018, making this product the most commonly used tobacco product on the market. Since nearly all tobacco use begins during youth and young adulthood, it is important to understand how the use of flavored tobacco is the lure used by the industry to initiate several generations of young people to a harmful practice. Using candy flavors and menthol to target young children is insidious and needs to stop. Get rid of flavored tobacco. You should also be a champion for better health in the community by also including menthol flavored tobacco products in your ordinance. Frankly, it really is a simple choice and a value statement by you: Do you place the health of your community over the profits of an industry that has no hesitation about selling a product that kills your children? Be a protector and not an enabler! Menthol cigarettes is a product that kills African Americans. You know the stats: 85% of African American Smokers use menthol products. And this is no accident. Tobacco industry marketing strategies have driven African Americans to menthol for decades. Now, African Americans bear the highest mortality rate of any ethnic group when it comes to smoking. The industry targets African American young people, ages 12-17 such that over 70% of African American youth who smoke use menthols. Removing this product will not bankrupt any business in Compton. Furthermore, studies show that close to half of menthol smokers will quit smoking all together if the product is not available. Finally, please realize that allowing the menthols to be sold only puts kids at risk. In surveys, kids readily admit that they are able to buy cigarettes directly from retailers. And it’s true. In Compton, 21% of retailers will sale cigarettes to a minor. That is one in five. The United States House of Representatives recently voted to end flavored tobacco, including menthol. Cities all over California and across the country recognize the insidious nature of flavor tobacco, including menthol and how it impacts the health of our communities. You should act as well!! The COVID-19 pandemic should be a wake-up call to all. The health of our lungs and pulmonary system is vitally important. I trust that you will do all that you can to protect our communities from the coronavirus. I hope you view the removal of flavored tobacco as an important way to protect ourselves and promote stronger, healthy lungs. With Hope for a Healthier Community.”

Cynthia Macon – “Any incoming monies, donations or disaster funding due the pandemic were meant to help the residents of Compton. We therefore should be fully aware of every penny that comes through the door so that we can assure it doesn't go out the back door. There should always be a vote of council to determine how any funds are used yet I see no such council deliberations. For transparency as there has been little information coming from the administration while citizens repeatedly ask the same questions, please post a page on the city website showing any and all incoming donations and include the following--

1. The maker of the donation
2. Whether they be private individual, government, business, a foundation or other
3. The amount of donation
4. The type of donation or in-kind if not monetary
5. The purpose of the donation according to the donor not city
6. Whether the money has been received or the date anticipated
7. Any allocations made out of the donation to include the name of the person or entity, the amount, purpose, address, and EIN number if applicable.
8. The final vote of the council, or who and how the determination of the allocation was made.

EVERY TABLE The city-sponsored giveaway at this location began today at 10 AM and was reportedly completed for the day within 30 minutes. Reportedly there were 500 meals given away and to be expected each day thru mid-June. Was the above part of the donation made by Dr. Dre of 145,000 meals and if so, did he designate and select this company. If so, 500 meals per day for approximately 6 weeks equals 250 persons per day or 15,000 meals at a minimum, or if it meant 500 persons per day receiving 2 meals for six weeks would equal 30,000 meals maximum for the period. What then is the status and plans for the other 130,000 or 115,000 meals remaining. Here are some other thoughts and concerns. Persons working during the day will not be able to get meals. What if the same 250 or 500 persons line up and take all the meals each day. Is there some limit. What about children who are half of the population. Can a family send one person to pick-up meals for everyone in the home especially if someone is disabled, aged, or on the

vulnerable corona list. Why was not the entire 145,000 meals allocated to this entity and if not, what are the plans. I will take my answers now and in writing. Thank you for listening.”

Dr. Valerie Yerger, African American Tobacco Control Leadership Council – “I represent the African American Tobacco Control Leadership Control. I am a licensed naturopathic doctor and Professor of Health Policy at the University of California, San Francisco, where I began my career over twenty years ago as one of the first tobacco documents researchers. I am also a former Health Disparities Scholar of the National Institutes of Health. My research of previously secret tobacco documents uncovered the tobacco industry’s relationship with African American leadership groups, the relationship between melanin and nicotine dependence, and the disproportionate marketing of menthol cigarettes in inner-city communities. I have provided expert testimony to the FDA on the use of menthol as an additive in cigarettes. I have been a key expert involved in many local educational and advocacy efforts focused on restricting the sales of menthol cigarettes and other flavored tobacco products. I authored the two national resolutions calling for a ban on menthol cigarettes that were adopted by Delta Sigma Theta Sorority, Inc. in 2013 and 2017, and I co-authored the menthol resolution adopted by the NAACP at its national convention in July 2016. I know you are aware that the tobacco industry has a well-documented history of developing and marketing menthol-flavored brands to a number of racial and ethnic minorities, youth and women. It is by corporate design that menthol-flavored cigarettes are “starter” products for youth. I agree with your desire to ban the sale of flavored vaping products to protect the children in your community. But, this is NOT ENOUGH. You must include menthol cigarettes in this ban. I urge you to protect the lives of youth and adults in Compton and to join the increasing number of other cities in California that are putting their community residents before the profits of the tobacco industry and their front groups. Thank you for your time and your commitment to passing a comprehensive flavor ban that includes menthol cigarettes.”

Phillip Gardiner - Co-Chair AATCLC and Carol McGruder, Co-Chair AATCLC Re: End the Sale of Menthol and All Flavored Tobacco Products, Especially in the Midst of the COVID-19 Pandemic! Through the power of social media, another video has made it way into the ethos and it has over 8 million view and counting. The video gives the world a front row seat to the vicious pummeling of a slight-thin 14 year-old Black boy by a big muscular white police officer. The incident took place April 27th in Rancho Cordova, California, a small city just north of Sacramento. The officer clearly loss his cool, the officer’s anger is palpable, race...ego...power all on the screen. The officer punches the boy, pushes his head violently into the cement, you can see the boy try to be still but the officer keeps going as if inciting him to resist. Inciting him to fight against a basic human drive to fight to save one’s life. Why does the tobacco industry love this...it apparently started over the minor Black boy buying or having possession of a Swisher Sweet little cigar. Another horrific example of tobacco laws and regulations that are used by police officers to target, profile and/or assault Black people. This is why according to them we shouldn’t restrict the sale of deadly menthol and flavored tobacco products and get them out of our communities once and for all. Though we have never “seen” a top (white) tobacco industry executive personally weigh in how much Black Lives Matter, police brutality or the over policing of Black communities. The tobacco industry does pay a considerable amount of money for others to silently represent their business interests which is to keep their products in front of our children and in our communities. This is the time to have courage and push back against the industry that kills 45,000 Black people every year. Black boys are not born with a Newport or Swisher Sweet in their mouths. This is precisely the time to adopt tobacco control public health measures that can protect our families, especially in poor Black communities. We already know that menthol and flavors “makes the poison go down easier.” Let’s not now allow menthol to make covid-19 go down easier too. The Compton City Council needs to put the health of its residents in the forefront of their thoughts, not the interests of tobacco and vaping industry. This is not the time for half-steps, like allowing these products to be sold in adult-only venues, rather it is time to take a stand for the public’s health and get menthol and flavored tobacco products, the vector for the coronavirus, straight out of Compton! We are all counting on you!”

Gurdev (Mani) Singh – “Good afternoon Mayor Brown and Esteemed Councilmembers. Thank you for your time today. My name is Gurdev (Mani) Singh. I am a small business owner in the City of Compton. I operate the 7-Eleven store located at 2251 West Rosecrans Avenue. I was the store manager for the previous owners for ten years. I recently purchased this store location and have been the owner since December 2018. I have worked my way from being a sales associate, then manager, and now owner myself. I am very proud of this accomplishment. This business

is my livelihood. It is a family run operation. My wife, my mother, and I operate the business and depend on its success to provide for our family. More than half of my sales associates are members of this community. I have a longstanding relationship with the neighborhood and the people of this community, which I have developed over my twelve years being at this store. I believe my location has come to be a staple in the community where patrons can purchase a number of their essential needs in addition to a variety of food and beverage items. I understand that the Compton City Council is considering two ordinances that will ban the sale of all flavored tobacco product in the city. This ban would significantly impact my livelihood as a small business operator. The cigarette and tobacco category accounts for 22% of my business, about \$1800 a day. These patrons don't only purchase those items, but also buy grocery and other packaged food items during their visit to my store. I am afraid that the ban will drive my overall customer count down. As a business owner that contributes to the tax base here in Compton, when looking at this ban, please weight the negative impact it will have on my sales and my ability to continue to keep my current staff as you consider your vote. Our business is already severely affected by our current COVID-19 climate. My final ask is that the council will at least consider an extension on ban enforcement to allow the effects of the COVID-19 to pass and to also allow time for adjustments to be made offset the loss in sales I will surely sustain with the loss of the flavored tobacco category. I make this request, not just for myself, but also on behalf of my peers, the other 7-Eleven business owners operating here in Compton."

Rena Mamoun, President of American Lung Association Collegiate Council- California State University, Fullerton – "I am a student from California State University of Fullerton, and I'd like to ask that you please support a comprehensive ordinance that ends the sale of flavored tobacco products with no exemptions. It's very important to include menthol cigarettes in this final ordinance. Thank you!"

Bernice Sanders - "I am a volunteer with the American Cancer Society Cancer Action Network. I would like to thank the council for the work you are doing to end the sale of flavored tobacco and I would like to encourage you to pass a comprehensive ordinance that ends the sale of all flavored tobacco, including menthol. The tobacco industry has purposely targeted African American community with menthol products. Thank you."

Julia Stratton – "My landlord is threatening me with eviction for nonpayment of rent, but I have not been able to work because of the COVID government orders. Do we have an emergency ordinance like so many cities do that protects me from eviction under these circumstances? I could not find any on the city's website. If there is one, could you please send it to me?"

Nicole Turkson, African Communities Public Health Coalition – "I am representing the Keeping Our Lungs Safe tobacco control program. We primarily serve the city of Compton's African-American faith community with tobacco/e-cigarette education and resources. I was present in January when the council chose to table an ordinance that would end the sale of flavored tobacco products after several people spoke against it. As the council meets today to consider a new ordinance, I would like to provide more information about smoking's strong connection to the active COVID-19 pandemic. Increasing evidence is suggesting that smokers are at higher risk of severe COVID-19 than those who don't smoke. Recent data from the *Chinese Medical Journal* reported by UCSF found that patients diagnosed with COVID-19 associated pneumonia had a 14 times higher chance of disease progression (including to death) if they had a history of smoking. This was the strongest risk factor among those examined. Several individuals at the January 7th council meeting described the inclusion of menthol in the proposed ordinance as discriminatory towards African-Americans. It is true that most African-American smokers use menthol products, however menthol has been linked to stronger nicotine addictions and more lung disease in the long term because its cool taste allows users to inhale the damaging smoke more deeply. Recently public health officials took to the media to inform us of the frightful statistic that while African-Americans make up only 13% of the population, they represent a disproportionately high amount of COVID-19 fatalities. Underlying health conditions like hypertension and diabetes have been linked to this increased risk. Smoking has been proven to exacerbate these types of chronic conditions. It is my hope that this information will help guide the council to vote in the public's best interest. For your reference I have included some sources below. Thank you!"

Candace Leos, Founder - Compton Advocates – "Compton Advocates is committed to protecting the health and well-being of the youth and residents we serve in Compton. As part of our mission, we support public health efforts to prevent tobacco-related disease and death and the growing epidemic of youth tobacco use initiation driven by flavored tobacco products. These products contain nicotine and can have a damaging impact on the adolescent brain and cause long-term addiction. Compton Advocates supports policies that restrict the sale of all flavored tobacco products including menthol and hookah tobacco to youth. Eight out of ten youth tobacco users start vaping with a flavored tobacco product. Flavored tobacco is attributed to a 135% increase in youth tobacco use between 2017 and 2019. There is growing evidence that e-cigarette use increases the frequency and intensity of cigarette smoking in the future. Menthol cigarettes are also frequently used by youth and minority populations. We encourage you to follow the growing list of California cities that have restricted the sale of flavored tobacco products. Now is the time for us to become a leader in saving lives by protecting residents from getting hooked on candy flavored tobacco products. Thank you in advance for your consideration."

Pastor Ed Robinson, Hope In Christ Community Church – "The Hope In Christ Community Church is committed to protecting the health and well-being of the youth and residents we serve here in the City Compton and surrounding cities. As part of our mission, we support public health efforts to prevent tobacco-related disease and death and the growing epidemic of youth tobacco use initiation driven by flavored tobacco products. These products contain nicotine and can have damaging impact on the adolescent brain and cause long-term addiction. Hope In Christ Community Church supports policies that restrict the sale of all flavored tobacco products *including menthol* and hookah tobacco. Eight out of ten youth tobacco users start vaping with a flavored tobacco product. Flavored tobacco is attributed to an 135% increase in youth tobacco use between 2017 and 2019. There is growing evidence that e-cigarette use increases the frequency and intensity of cigarette smoking in the future. Menthol cigarettes are frequently used by youth and priority populations. Over half of youth smokers use menthol cigarettes and the rate is much higher among African American youth. Furthermore, hookah use has become increasingly popular among high school students and doubled between 2011 and 2015. *On a personal note, my father died, from emphysema, at the age of 51 due to the fact that for over 40 years, he smoked menthol cigarettes.* Hence, I strongly urge the City of Compton to follow the growing list of California cities that have restricted the sale of flavored tobacco products. Now is the time for Compton to become a leader in saving lives by protecting residents from getting hooked on candy flavored tobacco products and a lifetime of nicotine addiction that *vastly cut short the life of my father.* Thank you in advance for your consideration.

Sharon Turner – "I believe a full flavor ban including menthol is just what the city of Compton needs especially during the time of this pandemic"

Because of the following:

- Flavored tobacco products contain nicotine, which can have long-term damaging impacts on a young adult well until they are in their mid-twenties. Nicotine is addictive
- Menthol and flavored tobacco products are driving tobacco-caused deaths and diseases nation-wide including the new COVID-19 pandemic. The use of menthol cigarettes is on the rise in youth and adults, among Latinos, Blacks, and Whites.
- Kids will find it harder to quit with inhaling more smoke which means greater nicotine intake making menthol and other flavor products the reason to their health issues.
- 8/10 youth tobacco users started off with a flavored product. Almost if not all of youth e-cigarette users are using flavored e-cigarettes now.

I am a mother of 3 young adults and this worries me because I am not around them all the time so having a ban would be helpful. I speak to my children and explain to them the danger of using this product but children sometimes get peer pressure or just curious."

Gurdev (Mani) Singh - "I am a small business owner in the City of Compton. I operate the 7-Eleven store located at 2251 West Rosecrans Avenue. I was the store manager for the previous owners for ten years. I recently purchased this store location and have been the owner since December 2018. I have worked my way from being a sales associate, then manager, and now owner myself. I am very proud of this accomplish-ment. This business is my livelihood. It is a family run operation. My wife, my mother, and I operate the business and depend on its success to provide for our family. More than half of my sales associates are members of this community. I have a longstanding relationship with the neighborhood and the people of this community, which I have developed over my twelve years being at this store. I believe my location has come to be a

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Jack Kearney – "As a smoking cessation/addictions counselor I use vaping as one of the evidence-based tools for adult smoking cessation, as it is 95% safer than smoking. 80% of my clients who vape use flavored e-liquid, and I fear that if they do not have access to flavors they will relapse into smoking. For the health of adults in Compton I beg you not to ban these life-saving products."

Katy Cisneros – "On behalf of myself and my family, we urge you to take bold action to end the sale of all flavored products with no exemptions for menthol cigarettes and 21 and over tobacco shops. I frequent the City of Compton to visit friends and family and have seen several smoke shops compared to other cities, when I visit convenience stores, there is a plethora of flavored tobacco products. I have learned from community members, coalitions, and my own personal research that this is due to exemptions within tobacco ordinances. This creates loopholes for young people to access flavored tobacco products that lures them into using addictive, nicotine products. If the City of Compton acts, it will join over 200 localities nationwide that participate in a tobacco free environment. In California, only 40 localities are aligned with this action, which is only the beginning. The City of Carson has adopted similar ordinances and has rare sightings of smoke shops and eye level tobacco products. This city is right next door and is a prime example of the execution of this action. It is a concern that tobacco marketing is aimed at colored communities and has contributed to an increase in menthol use among the Black population who smoke from 5% to 85% nationally today. The flavored tobacco and menthol products make it more appealing to younger populations, and a smoother taste for all ages, which poses a problem of addiction and unnecessary medical issues. Lung Cancer is one of the leading causes of death in America and is highly associated with the use of tobacco products. If Compton is willing and able to reduce factors that contribute to death (ie. Tobacco use) it will reap positive effects and will show the dedication and consideration for its community members."

Charmaine Hays, Resident in the Great 3rd District – "I am writing to encourage you to vote to restrict / ban the sale of all e-cigarettes in the City of Compton. The damage caused by e-cigarettes does not exclude menthol and it does not make any logical sense not to restrict menthol. Additionally, in an effort to be a good neighbor to our neighboring city, City of Carson please vote for the strongest of all the options presented. Keeping our children healthy and safe is our responsibility, we should not fall short. Thank you for the opportunity to address this issue."

Tracey Brown – "Big tobacco has shamelessly targeted Big tobacco has shamelessly targeted our youth and community with methyl products for decades. So menthols are smoked at disproportionately higher rates by African-Americans and other communities of color. While menthol products account for about 30% of US cigarette sales, over 82% of African-Americans smokers smoke menthol tobacco nearly 3 times higher than white smokers. Additionally, menthol cigarettes are starter products for youth especially among middle school smokers. While 37% of all smokers are addicted to menthol cigarettes, 50% of 12 to 17 year old's smoke menthols. I repeat, 12 year-olds smoke menthols. It has been proven that that statistics is not a coincidence. Most people do not realize at that African man people of all ages suffer higher death rates from tobacco induced illnesses than any of the group. Almost 47,000 African-Americans die annually from smoking related illnesses, making tobacco use the largest preventable cause of death among African-American people. It is time you take a stand on behalf of the most vulnerable population of your constituency and vote to enact a total ban and all flavored nicotine products, including menthol without exemptions. If you exempt menthol from the ban, you are essentially telling the

world that you do not care about Black people of any age and that you are not really serious about making it less pleasant for babies to to kill themselves slowly with minty fresh poison. Regards.”

Amanda Staples, Community Advocacy Director - **American Heart Association** “Thank you for reading the following comments into the record in support of a comprehensive flavored tobacco ordinance with **no exemptions for menthol cigarettes**. The American Heart Association is in strong support of ending the sale of all flavored tobacco products for the health and future of the City of Compton. We thank you for your leadership in bringing forth this option for tonight’s consideration.

- In regards to the option that includes exemptions for adult-only tobacco retail stores – in July 2018, the City of Oakland adopted a similar policy providing an exemption for flavored tobacco to be sold in adult-only tobacco retail stores. Oakland has found the exemption for tobacco-only retailers to be ineffective and weakens the flavored-tobacco restriction policy. The City Council is likely to remove the exemption in May 2020.
- Compton deserves a strong flavored tobacco ordinance that prioritizes the health of its constituents and is effective. The current public health crisis has shed light on the health disparities certain communities face.
- Allowing the continued sale of any menthol tobacco product in Compton enables the tobacco industry to extend a dangerous legacy that began with menthol cigarettes, which contribute to African Americans suffering the greatest burden of tobacco-related mortality of any racial or ethnic group in the United States.
- Menthol cigarettes are more appealing to youth smokers who are new tobacco users, highlighting that flavored tobacco is a gateway for youth to become addicted.
- 57% of smokers in the U.S. age 12–17 smoke menthol cigarettes.
- Tobacco has always been a product targeted to kids – today, nearly 90% of adult smokers started using the product **before the age of 18**.
- Flavored tobacco has no place in Compton – please support ending the sale of ALL flavored tobacco, no exemptions for menthol. Thank you.”

Carol McGruder, Co-Chair AATCLC “Through the power of social media, another video has made its way into the ethos and it has over 8 million view and counting. The video gives the world a front row seat to the vicious pummeling of a slight-thin 14 year-old Black boy by a big muscular white police officer. The incident took place April 27th in Rancho Cordova, California, a small city just north of Sacramento. The officer clearly loss his cool, the officer’s anger is palpable, race...ego...power all on the screen. The officer punches the boy, pushes his head violently into the cement, you can see the boy try to be still but the officer keeps going as if inciting him to resist. Inciting him to fight against a basic human drive to fight to save one’s life. Why does the tobacco industry love this...it apparently started over the minor Black boy buying or having possession of a Swisher Sweet little cigar. Another horrific example of tobacco laws and regulations that are used by police officers to target, profile and/or assault Black people. This is why according to them we shouldn’t restrict the sale of deadly menthol and flavored tobacco products and get them out of our communities once and for all. Though we have never “seen” a top (white) tobacco industry executive personally weigh in how much Black Lives Matter, police brutality or the over policing of Black communities. The tobacco industry does pay a considerable amount of money for others to silently represent their business interests which is to keep their products in front of our children and in our communities. This is the time to have courage and push back against the industry that kills 45,000 Black people every year. Black boys are not born with a Newport or Swisher Sweet in their mouths. This is precisely the time to adopt tobacco control public health measures that can protect our families, especially in poor Black communities. We already know that menthol and flavors “makes the poison go down easier.” Let’s not now allow menthol to make covid-19 go down easier too. The Compton City Council needs to put the health of its residents in the forefront of their thoughts, not the interests of tobacco and vaping industry. This is not the time for half-steps, like allowing these products to be sold in adult-only venues, rather it

is time to take a stand for the public’s health and get menthol and flavored tobacco products, the vector for the coronavirus, straight out of Compton! We are all counting on you!”

Kimberly McKinny, Volunteer with the American Cancer Society Cancer Action Network. I would like to thank Council for the work you are doing to end the sale of flavored tobacco and I would like to encourage you to pass a comprehensive ordinance that ends the sale of all flavored tobacco, including menthol. I work with youth in the city of Compton and also Watts. I’ve witnessed youth becoming addicted to flavored tobacco products. This is a public health crisis. We need to do all we can to reduce the appeal of those deadly products to young people. Tobacco use is a major contribution to the cause of death among African-Americans. We must reduce these risk factors. I hope to see Compton join the more than 50 other cities and counties including the County of L. A., the City of Carson which have enacted flavored tobacco restrictions.”

CONSENT AGENDA

On motion by McCoy, seconded by Chambers the consent agenda was approved by the following vote on roll call:

AYES: Council Members - Chambers, McCoy, Sharif, Brown
NOES: Council Members - None
ABSENT: Council Members - Galvan

APPROVAL OF MINUTES

1. APRIL 21, 2020

REGULAR AGENDA

CITY MANAGER'S REPORT

2. A REQUEST TO SCHEDULE A PUBLIC HEARING TO AMEND THE CITY OF COMPTON GENERAL PLAN TO ADOPT THE FOUR-YEAR UPDATE TO THE 2014-2021 HOUSING ELEMENT

On motion by Chambers, seconded by McCoy, the hearing was scheduled for **May 26, 2020 at 5:35 p.m.** by the following vote on roll call:

AYES: Council Members - Chambers, McCoy, Sharif, Brown
NOES: Council Members - None
ABSENT: Council Members - Galvan

3. A REQUEST TO SCHEDULE A WORKSHOP FOR CONSIDERATION OF FINANCING OPTIONS FOR THE CITY'S CRITICAL STREET INFRASTRUCTURE AND PUBLIC FACILITIES (May 12, 2020 at 4:00 p.m.)

On motion by Sharif, seconded by Chambers the workshop was scheduled for **May 12, 2020 at 4:00 p.m.** by the following vote on roll call:

AYES: Council Members - Chambers, McCoy, Sharif, Brown
NOES: Council Members - None
ABSENT: Council Members - Galvan

4. ORAL REPORT - FIREWORKS ENFORCEMENT UPDATE

City Manager Craig Cornwell informed the City Council that he met with Compton Sheriff’s Captain Clark and the Fire Department, regarding developing a plan for zero tolerance of illegal fireworks in the City. Mr. Cornwell noted that there was discussion regarding supplemental law enforcement and the funds required to support these efforts with Sheriff’s Personnel dedicated solely to this effort outside of the patrolling deputies. There will be a cost of approximately \$6,000 a day for this task force.

Councilmember Chambers emphasized that she is not in favor of incurring additional expenses for illegal fireworks eradication, given the City's current financial constraints.

Mayor Brown expressed her dismay that the City would incur additional charges for what, in essence, is considered basic law enforcement.

Captain La Tonya Clark commented that the Department proposes performing several undercover operations to address the illegal fireworks in Compton. Captain Clark further stated that she will present a plan to the City, detailing supplemental Deputies in the field.

Damon Brown raised concerns that there have been many instances whereby residents have made claims that they have called the Compton Sheriffs relative to illegal fireworks, however, the responding Deputies have not taken witness statements regarding illegal activity. Attorney Brown indicated that the Sheriff's Department is responsible for enforcing the Compton Municipal Code, and timely and appropriately responding to calls for service from the residents. City Attorney Brown then requested a written report of the residents' complaints regarding fireworks over the past year.

Mayor Brown indicated that she has also received multiple complaints from the residents regarding untimely responses or no response at all.

5. ORAL REPORT - STREET REPAIRS UPDATE

City Manager Craig Cornwell provided an update on the street repairs, and indicated that the City Council has approved street related times for the last three meetings. Mr. Cornwell indicated that Project 1801 includes these streets: Caldwell Street, Myrrh Street, Grandee Avenue, Elva Street, Tajuata Avenue, Bradfield Avenue and Alondra Boulevard. Mr. Cornwell indicated that Z and K Consultants, Inc. have recommended that 'continuous' work be performed on all streets with a broad plan of improvements. There is a pre-construction meeting scheduled for May 14, 2020 to develop strategies on the most efficient way to perform the construction repairs.

CITY ATTORNEY'S REPORTS

6. ORAL REPORT - RESIDENTIAL EVICTIONS UPDATE

City Attorney Damon Brown provided information to the residents and City Council that local governments can impose eviction restrictions as a result of financial hardships caused by COVID-19. Attorney Brown then indicated that residents still have an obligation to pay rent if they are able; however, if a residents is unable to pay rent, the landlord cannot evict you. If you were served with an eviction notice, you have 60 days to respond. If you were presented with a notice to vacate prior to this date, this does not apply to you.

- California state law generally limits the right of local jurisdictions to impose substantive limitations on residential and commercial evictions.
 - On March 16, 2020, California's Governor issued Executive Order N-28-20, which removed state law restrictions on local government's ability to impose limitations on residential or commercial evictions for tenants unable to pay their rent because of COVID-19.
 - The Executive Order allows local governments to impose eviction restrictions, including a suspension on residential or commercial evictions and only for tenants who are unable to pay their rent because of COVID-19.
 - The Order does not relieve a tenant of their obligation to pay rent.
 - The Order will expire on May 31, 2020.
 - Currently, there is no statewide California moratorium governing all evictions.
 - Generally speaking, residential tenants must demonstrate that the statewide temporary ban on evictions applies to them because their inability to pay rent is due to COVID-19.
 - Some counties and cities have adopted their own eviction orders, ordinances and proclamations imposing temporary moratoriums on residential and commercial evictions.
 - The City of Compton suspended evictions by the Local Housing Authority (Resolution 25,226 adopted March 17, 2020).
 - Residential and commercial tenants and landlords will have to determine which moratorium applies to their property interest, lease provision, security deposit etc.
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- If a commercial tenant fails to pay rent and is not protected by an eviction moratorium, courts throughout California have been suspending eviction proceedings.
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California Judicial Council issues new Emergency Rules of Court prohibiting evictions during COVID-19 crisis.

Emergency Rule Number 1 (Unlawful Detainers), issued April 6, 2020 prevents California courts from issuing a summons on any unlawful detainer complaint, unless necessary to protect public health and safety.

A court may not issue a summons on a complaint for unlawful detainer unless the Court finds, in its discretion and on the record, that the action is necessary to protect public health and safety (*this restricts the filing of new unlawful detainer cases*).

- 1) A court may not issue a summons on a complaint for unlawful detainer unless the Court finds, in its discretion and on the record, that the action is necessary to protect public health and safety (*this restricts the filing of new unlawful detainer cases*).
- 2) A court may not enter a default and/or default judgments in unlawful detainer cases unless the action is necessary to protect public health and safety and Defendant has not appeared in the action within the time provided by law including any applicable executive order.
- 3) If a defendant has appeared in the action, the court may not set a trial date earlier than 60 days after a request for trial is made unless the court finds that an earlier trial date is necessary to protect public health and safety. Any trial set in an unlawful detainer proceeding as of April 6, 2020 must be continued at least 60 days from the initial date of trial.
- 4) This rule will remain in effect until 90 days after the governor declares that the state of emergency related to the COVID-19 pandemic is lifted (or amended/repealed by the Judicial Council).

NEW BUSINESS

7. A RESOLUTION OF THE CITY COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF COMPTON AUTHORIZING THE CITY MANAGER TO ENTER INTO A CONSTRUCTION CONTRACT WITH AND ESTABLISH A PURCHASE ORDER FOR SUPERIOR PAVEMENT MARKINGS, INC. FOR THE WILMINGTON AVENUE IMPROVEMENTS - BICYCLE PATH IMPROVEMENTS PROJECT, CIP# 15-01A (\$1,205,034.60)

On motion by Chambers, seconded by McCoy, **Resolution Number 25,260** entitled ‘**A RESOLUTION OF THE CITY COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF COMPTON AUTHORIZING THE CITY MANAGER TO ENTER INTO A CONSTRUCTION CONTRACT WITH AND ESTABLISH A PURCHASE ORDER FOR SUPERIOR PAVEMENT MARKINGS, INC. FOR THE WILMINGTON AVENUE IMPROVEMENTS - BICYCLE PATH IMPROVEMENTS PROJECT, CIP# 15-01A (\$1,205,034.60)**’ was adopted by the following vote on roll call:

AYES: Council Members - Chambers, McCoy, Sharif, Brown
NOES: Council Members - None
ABSENT: Council Members - Galvan

8. AN URGENCY ORDINANCE OF THE CITY COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF COMPTON, CALIFORNIA ENACTING A TEMPORARY MORATORIUM ON THE CONVERSION/UTILIZATION OF HOTELS, MOTELS, OR OTHER RESIDENTIAL AND COMMERCIAL PROPERTIES, FOR HIRE OR RENT, LOCATED IN THE CITY OF COMPTON FOR PURPOSES OF CREATING COVID-19 QUARANTINE/ISOLATION, AND OTHER RELATED EFFORTS, WITHOUT PRIOR CITY APPROVAL AND RESTATING AND REAFFIRMING THE IMPORTANCE OF LOCAL CONTROL OVER LAND USE MATTERS AND RELATED ACTIVITIES DURING THE CURRENT STATE OF EMERGENCY RESULTING FROM THE NOVEL CORONAVIRUS (COVID-19)

It was moved by Sharif, seconded by Mayor Brown (who stepped from the Chair), that the reading of the ordinance in full be waived, by the following vote on roll call:

AYES: Council Members - Chambers, McCoy, Sharif, Brown
NOES: Council Members - None
ABSENT: Council Members - Galvan

On motion by Chambers, seconded by McCoy that the Ordinance be placed on first reading.

Councilmember Chambers raised concerns that the ordinance provides for protection for residents seeking to remove individuals from their home, should they choose to discontinue participation in this program.

Ordinance Number 2,319 entitled ‘AN URGENCY ORDINANCE OF THE CITY COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF COMPTON, CALIFORNIA ENACTING A TEMPORARY MORATORIUM ON THE CONVERSION/UTILIZATION OF HOTELS, MOTELS, OR OTHER RESIDENTIAL AND COMMERCIAL PROPERTIES, FOR HIRE OR RENT, LOCATED IN THE CITY OF COMPTON FOR PURPOSES OF CREATING COVID-19 QUARANTINE/ISOLATION, AND OTHER RELATED EFFORTS, WITHOUT PRIOR CITY APPROVAL AND RESTATING AND REAFFIRMING THE IMPORTANCE OF LOCAL CONTROL OVER LAND USE MATTERS AND RELATED ACTIVITIES DURING THE CURRENT STATE OF EMERGENCY RESULTING FROM THE NOVEL CORONAVIRUS (COVID-19)’ was adopted by the following vote on roll call:

AYES: Council Members - Chambers, McCoy, Sharif, Brown
NOES: Council Members - None
ABSENT: Council Members - Galvan

9. AN ORDINANCE OF THE CITY COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF COMPTON AMENDING SECTION 7-23A (TOBACCO RETAILER PERMIT) OF THE COMPTON MUNICIPAL CODE (FIRST READING)

It was moved by McCoy, seconded by Mayor Brown (who stepped from the Chair) that the reading of the ordinance be waived, by the following vote on roll call:

AYES: Council Members - Chambers, McCoy, Sharif, Brown
NOES: Council Members - None
ABSENT: Council Members - Galvan

Councilmember Chambers moved to approve the ordinance. The motion was seconded by McCoy.

City Attorney Damon Brown explained that ‘Attachment A’ of the ordinance would ban flavored tobacco, including a menthol exemption.

Councilmember McCoy offered an amended motion to adopt Attachment A of the ordinance, with the exemption of Menthol. Mayor Brown stepped from the Chair to second the motion.

Councilmember Sharif indicated that several letters have been presented from the community requesting that the flavored tobacco ban include Menthol, as Black and Brown children are being targeted for these tobacco sales. Councilmember Sharif emphasized that the residents are trying

to create a healthy environment in which families can raise their children. Moreover, Menthol products are a public health threat to the entire community and a particular threat to the young, adding that we must act now to protect the children.

Councilmember McCoy indicated that she has received numerous emails and calls from adults who commenting that they have a right to smoke Menthols. Councilmember McCoy offered that her primary concern is protecting the youth of the community.

Councilmember Chambers commented that she too had received many calls and emails from constituents that indicated that adults have a right to smoke Menthols, if they so choose.

Mayor Brown read excerpts from documents provided by the US Dept of Health and Human Services which indicated that cigarette use is down among the youth; however, e-cigarette usage has increased over the years.

The Ordinance entitled **‘AN ORDINANCE OF THE CITY COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF COMPTON AMENDING SECTION 7-23A (TOBACCO RETAILER PERMIT) OF THE COMPTON MUNICIPAL CODE’** was placed on first reading by the following vote on roll call:

AYES: Council Members - Chambers, McCoy, Sharif, Brown
NOES: Council Members - None
ABSENT: Council Members - Galvan

CONSIDER A SUBSEQUENT NEED ITEM

On motion by Chambers, seconded by Sharif, to consider a ‘Subsequent Need’ item by the following vote on roll call:

AYES: Council Members - Chambers, McCoy, Sharif, Brown
NOES: Council Members - None
ABSENT: Council Members - Galvan

10. SUBSEQUENT NEED - RESOLUTION OF THE CITY COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF COMPTON EXTENDING THE DUE DATE OF THE CHARTER REVIEW COMMITTEE’S FINAL REPORT CONTAINING RECOMMENDED CITY CHARTER AMENDMENTS TO MAY 12, 2020

On motion by McCoys seconded by McCoy, **Resolution Number 25,261** entitled **‘A RESOLUTION OF THE CITY COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF COMPTON EXTENDING THE DUE DATE OF THE CHARTER REVIEW COMMITTEE’S FINAL REPORT CONTAINING RECOMMENDED CITY CHARTER AMENDMENTS TO MAY 12, 2020’** was adopted by the following vote on roll call:

AYES: Council Members - Chambers, McCoy, Sharif, Brown
NOES: Council Members - None
ABSENT: Council Members - Galvan

COUNCIL COMMENTS

Councilperson Chambers offered the following communications/announcements:

- Reported a substantial amount of illegally dumping material near the railroad tracks on Willowbrook Avenue from Rosecrans to the Compton City limits.
- Thanked and commended Compton employees LaTonya Knox and Jimmy in General Services for providing excellent customer service to the community.
- Requested that the City Manager coordinate with Parks and Recreation, along with Public Works to improve the maintenance schedule for the City’s parkways.
- Thanked and commended EVERYTABLE for the very generous food giveaway, which provided groceries, diapers, face masks and hand sanitizer to the residents of Compton.

Councilmember McCoy offered the following communications/announcements:

- Announced that she will be collaborating with local businesses to host a Drive-thru Food and Essential Give Away on May 9, 2020 beginning at 12:00 noon at Burrell MacDonald Park, 2516 W. Alondra Boulevard.
- Thanked and commended EVERYTABLE and Martha Barajas for providing groceries and other critical supplies to the residents of the City of Compton.
- Invited the Compton residents to visit the City's website at: www.comptoncity.org to receive vital information regarding COVID-19 and a Resource Guide for vital community services.

Councilmember Sharif offered the following communications/announcements:

- Invited the community to participate in the District 4 Virtual Town Hall meeting in conjunction with Congresswoman Nanette Barragan, scheduled for Saturday, May 9, 2020.
- Reminded everyone to respond to the 2020 Census to ensure that Compton receives its fair share of funding and visit: 2020Census.gov for additional information.
- Thanked all the residents and organizations that have provided food and critical supplies to the Compton community.
- Thanked the community along with Pacific Coast Regional for participating in the recently held Business Round Table.

Mayor Brown offered the following communications/announcements:

- Provided COVID-19 update and stated that as of May 5, 2020, there are 242 confirmed cases of the coronavirus in the City, adding that it is critical that everyone maintain social distancing, perform frequent hand-washing and continue to Shelter in Place to combat the spread of the virus. Mayor Brown encouraged the residents to visit: www.comptoncity.org to access the Resource Guide to receive vital information.
- Emphasized the importance of every household responding to the 2020 Census to ensure that Compton receives its fair share of critical funding to continue to provide vital programs and services to the residents.
- Thanked and commended Andre R. Young (Dr. Dre) and Jimmy Iovine for their extremely generous donation of \$200,000 to support Compton residents during the COVID-19 health crisis. The donation will fund vital needs in the City including food, medical testing and medical supplies. Mayor Brown urged residents to be tested for COVID-19.

ADJOURNMENT

On motion by Chambers, seconded by Mayor Brown (who stepped from the Chair), the meeting was adjourned at 9:02 p.m. by the following vote on roll call:

AYES: Council Members - McCoy, Sharif, Brown
NOES: Council Members - None
ABSENT: Council Members - Galvan, Chambers

CITY CLERK OF THE CITY OF COMPTON

MAYOR OF THE CITY OF COMPTON

May 19, 2020

TO: HONORABLE MAYOR AND COUNCIL MEMBERS

FROM: CITY ATTORNEY

**RE: A REQUEST TO SCHEDULE A PUBLIC HEARING: PROPOSED
ADOPTION OF ADMINISTRATIVE FINE SCHEDULE FOR FIREWORKS
VIOLATIONS**

[Tuesday, June 2, 2020 @ 5:40 p.m.]

The City Council will consider a request to schedule a public hearing on **Tuesday, June 2, 2020 at 5:40 p.m.**, to hear public comments and consider the adoption of administrative fine schedule for violations of the City's Fireworks Ordinance, codified at Section 22-2 of the Compton Municipal Code.

On June 26, 2012, the City Council adopted Ordinance No. 2,232 which, in part, established provisions, codified in Section 22-2 ("Fireworks") of Chapter XXII of the Compton Municipal Code, for the regulation of fireworks within the City. Currently, the City's Municipal Code permits charitable organizations, associations, and corporations to sell "safe and sane" fireworks after first obtaining a permit from the City. Safe and sane fireworks are those fireworks that are approved by the State Fire Marshal and are not classified as "dangerous fireworks." Dangerous fireworks are deemed illegal fireworks and are not permitted to be sold or used within the City. Any person who violates any provision of the fireworks ordinance is guilty of a misdemeanor. Any permitted retailer of fireworks may also have its permit revoked upon any violation of this section.

Pursuant to Section 1-7, the City may also issue an administrative citation to any person or persons who commits a violation of the Compton Municipal Code. The fines associated with the issuance of an administrative citation are established by ordinance or resolution of the City Council. Currently, most administrative fines for Compton Municipal Code violations are set at \$500 for the initial violation, \$750 fine for a second violation within a twelve (12) month period and a \$1,000 fine for a third and any subsequent violation within the twelve (12) month period.

On June 2, 2020, staff intends to bring to the City Council for consideration and action an Urgency Ordinance Amending Certain Provisions of Section 22-2 ("Fireworks Ordinance") of the Compton Municipal Code and Establishing an Administrative Fine Schedule for Fireworks Violations.

**Request to Schedule Public Hearing:
Establish Administrative Fine Schedule
Fireworks Violations (CMC Section 22-2)
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In addition to amending specified provisions of the City's current Fireworks Ordinance, the proposed Ordinance established a separate, higher fine schedule for violations of Section 22-2. The purpose of the higher fines is to increase deterrence of illegal fireworks use and help offset the costs associated with the administration and enforcement of the City's Fireworks Ordinance.

**DAMON M. BROWN
CITY ATTORNEY**

APPROVED FOR FORWARDING:

**CRAIG J. CORNWELL
CITY MANAGER**

May 19, 2020

TO: HONORABLE MAYOR AND COUNCIL MEMBERS

FROM: CITY ATTORNEY

**RE: A REQUEST TO SCHEDULE A PUBLIC HEARING: PROPOSED
AMENDMENTS TO THE COMPTON CITY CHARTER.**

[Tuesday, June 2, 2020 @ 6:00 p.m.]

The City Council will consider a request to schedule a public hearing on **Tuesday, June 2, 2020 at 6:00 p.m.** to discuss and heard public comments on the final report of proposed amendments to the City Charter presented by the Compton Charter Review Committee.

On November 5, 2019, the City Council adopted Resolution No. 25,156, which established a City Charter Review Committee ("Committee") to evaluate existing City Charter provisions and recommend any proposed amendments to the City Council for consideration as a ballot measure(s) in the November 2020 statewide general election.

The Charter Review Committee was created as an advisory body to the City Council solely created for the purpose of reviewing the City Charter and recommending proposed Charter amendments to the City Council. The City Council has the right in acting on the Committee's recommendations to approve, modify, or reject any Committee recommendations and to propose additional Charter amendments. The City Council may place one or more proposed Charter amendment(s) on the ballot as stand-alone ballot questions, or alternatively, place groups of proposed Charter amendments on the ballot in one or more ballot questions.

Pursuant to law, at least two (2) public hearings are required to be conducted before the City Council may adopt a resolution calling for an election on November 3, 2020 to present any proposed City Charter amendments to the voters. This request is for purposes of setting the date of the first of the two (2) required public hearings.

**DAMON M. BROWN
CITY ATTORNEY**

APPROVED FOR FORWARDING:

**CRAIG J. CORNWELL
CITY MANAGER**

May 19, 2020

TO: HONORABLE MAYOR AND COUNCIL MEMBERS

FROM: GENERAL SERVICES DEPARTMENT

SUBJECT: A RESOLUTION OF THE CITY COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF COMPTON AUTHORIZING THE CITY MANAGER TO AMEND THE EXISTING LEASE AGREEMENT BETWEEN THE CITY OF COMPTON AND ENTRENOUS YOUTH EMPOWERMENT SERVICES, INC. (DBA COMPTON YOUTHBUILD) TO OFFSET SIX (6) MONTHS RENTAL PAYMENTS ON THE LEASED SPACES AT 1108 NORTH OLEANDER AVENUE IN EXCHANGE FOR ACQUISITION OF A PREFABRICATED MODULAR FACILITY (\$57,012)

SUMMARY

Adoption of the attached resolution will authorize amending the current lease agreement between the City and Compton and EntreNous Youth Empowerment Services, Inc., doing business as Compton YouthBuild (“Compton YouthBuild”), to retroactively offset or credit six (6) months (i.e. February 2020 through July 2020) of rental payments; payable at \$9,502.00 per month; due the City in exchange for the acquisition of a 15’ x 40’ (i.e. 600 sq. ft.) prefabricated modular facility.

BACKGROUND

The City of Compton owns certain real property located at 1105 North Oleander Avenue, commonly known as the “Old Dollarhide Center” facility. This property is used as a “shared occupancy” facility, offering indoor and outside space for leasing to outside agencies, organizations, and individuals.

In accordance with Resolution No. 24,812, adopted by the City Council on July 3, 2018, the City entered in a five (5) year (i.e. August 1, 2018 through July 31, 2023) lease agreement with EntreNous Youth Empowerment Services, Inc., doing business as Compton YouthBuild for exclusive occupation of 9,502 square feet of indoor spaces at the Old Dollarhide Center facility for administrative offices and educational services to administer Compton YouthBuild.

In 2016, LG Electronics collaborated with HDR Architecture and MODS PDX to design and build a new six hundred (600) square foot modular community-learning center for the Compton YouthBuild Program. The structure was featured at the Greenbuild Conference in 2016 to demonstrate the energy efficiencies that were built into the facility and to

demonstrate the sustainability of green building. The building features a duct-free, Energy Star certified multi-zone air conditioning system, wireless LED lighting, quartz countertops, and additional green features.

On or about October 6, 2016, Compton YouthBuild received as a gift and obtained ownership thereto of the 15' x 40' prefabricated modular facility from Building Design+Construction of Arlington Heights, Illinois.

STATEMENT OF THE ISSUE

Compton YouthBuild has been unable to find or obtain sufficient space on which to place and use or store the above-mentioned prefabricated modular facility, in addition to issues with utility service connection limitations, and foundation support challenges. In short, Compton YouthBuild does not see a viable way to utilize the modular facility.

Compton YouthBuild staff approached the City with a proposal to sell the modular facility; valued at approximately \$100,000.00; to the City in exchange for six (6) months of rent credits, beginning February 2020 through July 2020. In mid-January, City staff began the process of obtaining the items needed to meet planning, safety, electrical, transportation and inspection related approvals. The legal department requested information to assure the City's effort to establish ownership. Staffs efforts to assure the highest level of due-diligence created a slight delay in delivering this item to Council for consideration and the COVID-19 virus further exacerbated the delay.

The City has a need for such a facility. The Public Works Street Maintenance Division has four (4) employees who currently work out of a trailer that has been deemed a "high risk" by the Risk Management Department. The trailer sits on the corner of Alameda Street and Myrhh Street. Gas meters that supply the site are exposed and located within feet of the trailer. Extensive damage, including the potential loss of life, is likely to occur should an automobile accident occur on that corner. Acquiring this trailer would provide staff with an office within the Public Works Yard, safely positioned away from such a potential threat.

FISCAL IMPACT

In accordance with Resolution No. 24,812 and the supporting lease, Compton YouthBuild leases 9,502 square feet of indoor space at \$1.00 per square foot for \$9,502 per month. If City Council approves the proposed agreement, the City will forgo \$57,012 in estimated lease revenue, but will recognize a net gain of approximately \$43,000.00 from the difference in acquiring the modular facility.

RECOMMENDATION

In consideration of the safety benefits associated with the acquiring and locating the proposed modular office at the Public Works Yard, staff recommends that Council adopt the attached Resolution.

**VAN WILSON, DIRECTOR
GENERAL SERVICES DEPARTMENT**

APPROVED FOR FORWARDING:

**CRAIG J. CORNWELL
CITY MANAGER**

RESOLUTION NO. _____

**A RESOLUTION OF THE CITY COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF COMPTON
AUTHORIZING THE CITY MANAGER TO AMEND THE EXISTING LEASE
AGREEMENT BETWEEN THE CITY OF COMPTON AND ENTRENOUS
YOUTH EMPOWERMENT SERVICES, INC. (DBA COMPTON YOUTHBUILD)
TO OFFSET SIX (6) MONTHS RENTAL PAYMENTS ON THE LEASED
SPACES AT 1108 NORTH OLEANDER AVENUE IN EXCHANGE FOR
ACQUISITION OF A PREFABRICATED MODULAR FACILITY (\$57,012)**

WHEREAS, the City of Compton owns certain real property located at 1108 North Oleander Avenue, commonly known as the “Old Dollarhide Center” facility. This property is used as a “shared occupancy” facility, offering indoor and outside space for leasing to outside agencies, organizations, and individuals; and

WHEREAS, in accordance with Resolution No. 24,812, adopted by the City Council on July 3, 2018, the City entered in a five (5) year (i.e. August 1, 2018 through July 31, 2023) lease agreement with EntreNous Youth Empowerment Services, Inc., doing business as Compton YouthBuild (“Compton YouthBuild”), for exclusive occupation of 9,502 square feet of indoor spaces at the Old Dollarhide Center facility for administrative offices and educational services to administer Compton YouthBuild at a monthly rental amount of \$9,205.00; and

WHEREAS, on or about October 6, 2016, Compton YouthBuild received as a gift and obtained ownership thereto of a 15’ x 40’ (i.e. 600 sq. ft.) prefabricated modular facility from Building Design+Construction of Arlington Heights, Illinois; and

WHEREAS, Compton YouthBuild has been unable to find or obtain sufficient space on which to place and use or store the above-mentioned prefabricated modular facility, in addition to issues with utility service connection limitations, and foundation support challenges; and

WHEREAS, Compton YouthBuild staff approached the City with a proposal to sell the prefabricated modular facility; valued at approximately \$100,000.00; to the City in exchange for the City agreeing to granting Compton YouthBuild retroactive rent offsets or credits for a period of six (6) months (i.e. February 2020 through July 2020), totaling \$57,012.00; rental payments that would otherwise be due to the City; and

WHEREAS, the City has a need for such a facility in that the Public Works Street Maintenance Division has four (4) employees who currently work out of a trailer that has been deemed a “high risk” by the Risk Management Division because the trailer sits on the corner of Alameda Street and Myrhh Street, gas meters that supply the site are exposed and located within feet of the trailer and extensive damage, including the potential loss of life, is likely to occur should an automobile accident occur on that corner; and

WHEREAS, acquiring this modular facility would provide staff with an office within the Public Works Yard, safely positioned away from such a potential threat.

**NOW, THEREFORE, THE CITY COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF COMPTON DOES
HEREBY RESOLVE AS FOLLOWS:**

Section 1. That the City Manager, upon the advice and approval of the City Attorney is hereby authorized to amend the current lease agreement between the City and EntreNous Youth Empowerment Services, Inc., doing business as Compton YouthBuild to offset or credit six (6) months (i.e. February 2020 through July 2020) of rental payments; payable at \$9,502.00 per month; due the City in exchange for the City’s

acquisition of the 15' x 40' prefabricated modular facility acquired as a gift by Compton YouthBuild in or about October 2016.

Section 2. That at the end of the six (6) month offset or credit period (i.e. July 31, 2020), EntreNous Youth Empowerment Services, Inc., doing business as Compton YouthBuild, shall immediately resume paying the agreed rental rate of \$9,205.00 per month to the City for the remainder of the lease agreement term.

Section 3. That all other provisions of the lease agreement shall remain unchanged.

Section 4. That a certified copy of this Resolution shall be filed in the offices of the City Manager, City Clerk, City Controller, General Services and the City Attorney.

Section 5. That the Mayor shall sign and the City Clerk shall attest to the adoption of this Resolution.

ADOPTED this ____ day of _____, 2020.

MAYOR OF THE CITY OF COMPTON

ATTEST:

CITY CLERK OF THE CITY OF COMPTON

STATE OF CALIFORNIA)
COUNTY OF LOS ANGELES) ss
CITY OF COMPTON)

I, Alita Godwin, City Clerk of the City of Compton, hereby certify that the foregoing Resolution was adopted by the City Council of the City of Compton, signed by the Mayor and attested by the City Clerk at a regular meeting thereof held on this ____ day of _____, 2020.

That said Resolution was adopted by the following vote, to wit:

AYES: COUNCILMEMBERS-
NOES: COUNCILMEMBERS-
ABSTAIN: COUNCILMEMBERS-
ABSENT: COUNCILMEMBERS-

CITY CLERK OF THE CITY OF COMPTON

**AMENDMENT TO LEASE AGREEMENT
BETWEEN
CITY OF COMPTON AND
ENTRENOUS YOUTH EMPOWERMENT SERVICES, INC.
[Old Dollarhide Center]**

This **AMENDMENT** to the Lease Agreement is entered into by and between the **CITY OF COMPTON**, a municipal corporation of the State of California (hereinafter referred to as "**LANDLORD**") and the **ENTRENOUS YOUTH EMPOWERMENT SERVICES, INC. dba COMPTON YOUTHBUILD** (hereinafter referred to as "**TENANT**"), collectively, the "Parties."

RECITALS

WHEREAS, pursuant to Resolution No. 24,812, adopted by the City Council of the City of Compton on July 3, 2018, the Landlord and Tenant entered into a sixty (60) month (i.e. August 1, 2018 through July 31, 2023) Lease Agreement for the lease of approximately 9,502 square feet of indoor space located within the Old Dollarhide Center located at 1108 North Oleander Avenue, Compton, at the monthly rental rate of One Dollar (\$1.00) per square foot for indoor space; and

WHEREAS, it is the desire of the Parties to the Lease to amend the current rental rates provisions of the Lease Agreement to waive the requirement that the Tenant pay rent to the Landlord for a period of six (6) months in exchange for the Tenant transferring ownership of a 15' x 40' (i.e. 600 sq. ft.) prefabricated modular facility to the Landlord; and

WHEREAS, by Resolution No. _____, adopted on the ____ day of _____ 2020, the City Council gave approval to amend the Lease Agreement with the Tenant to offset or credit six (6) months of rental payments in exchange for the City's receipt of a prefabricated modular facility.

NOW, THEREFORE, the parties do hereby mutually agree to amend the Lease Agreement as follows:

AMENDMENTS

1. The parties agree to amend **Section 3 – Rent** of the original Lease Agreement to provide as follows:

In exchange for Tenant transferring legal ownership, free of any liens and/or encumbrances, of a 15' x 40' (i.e. 600 sq. ft.) prefabricated modular facility; inclusive of any appurtenances located, attached and/or constructed within and with-on the modular facility; Landlord shall offset or credit Tenant with six (6) months (specifically the months of February 2020 through July 2020, only) of rental payments in the amount of Nine Thousand Five Hundred Two Dollars (\$9,502.00) per month for a total of Fifty Seven Thousand Twelve Dollars (\$57,012.00).

This amending provisions to Section 3 of the Lease Agreement are valid for a term of six (6) consecutive months only and shall automatically terminate after July 31, 2020, unless the Parties agree in writing to other arrangements or provisions.

2. Except as provided for above, all other terms and conditions of the original Lease Agreement and any amendments thereto between the Landlord and the Tenant all remain in effect.

Amendment to Lease Agreement – Entrenous Youth Empowerment Services, Inc.
Old Dollarhide Center
Resolution No.

IN WITNESS WHEREOF, the authorized representatives of the parties have executed this **AMENDMENT** to the **LEASE AGREEMENT** between the **CITY OF COMPTON** and **ENTRENOUS YOUTH EMPOWERMENT SERVICES, INC.**

**ENTRENOUS YOUTH EMPOWERMENT
SERVICES, INC./COMPTON YOUTHBUILD
TENANT**

By _____
Sara Silva, Co-Founder/CFO

Dated: _____

**CITY OF COMPTON/LANDLORD
Recommended for Approval:**

By _____
Van Wilson, Director
General Services Department

Dated: _____

Approved by:

By _____
Craig J. Cornwell, City Manager

Dated: _____

Approved as to form:

By _____
Damon M. Brown, City Attorney

Dated: _____

ATTEST:

Dated: _____

By _____
Alita Godwin, City Clerk