

NOTICE

COMPTON CITY COUNCIL AGENDA Tuesday, February 04, 2014 5:45 PM

HEARING(S)

**6:00 P.M. - PUBLIC HEARING - FOR CONSIDERATION OF A PROPOSED
ORDINANCE REGULATING THE PLACEMENT OF DONATION BOXES
(Requesting to Cancel)**

OPENING

ROLL CALL

INTRODUCTION OF SPECIAL GUESTS

COMMENDATORY RESOLUTIONS/PRESENTATIONS

1. **PRESENTATION - RESOLUTION FOR VOLUNTEER INCOME TAX
ASSISTANCE PROGRAM/EARNED INCOME TAX CREDIT - Mayor and
City Council**

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

2. JANUARY 14, 2014
JANUARY 21, 2014

REPORTS OF OFFICERS AND COMMISSIONS

CITY MANAGER/CITY ATTORNEY/CITY TREASURER REPORTS

3. INVESTMENT REPORT DECEMBER 31, 2013 (Receive/File)

END CONSENT AGENDA

REGULAR AGENDA

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

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

METROPOLITAN WATER DISTRICT OF SOUTHERN
CALIFORNIA - (Councilmember Yvonne Arceneaux)

CITY MANAGER'S REPORT

CITY ATTORNEY'S REPORTS

CLOSED SESSION

5. PUBLIC EMPLOYEE PERFORMANCE EVALUATION

Title: City Manager
Pursuant to California Government Code Section 54957

UNFINISHED BUSINESS

NEW BUSINESS

6. A RESOLUTION OF THE CITY COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF COMPTON DIRECTING THE CITY MANAGER TO WORK WITH THE CITY'S LEGISLATIVE CONSULTANT (STRATEGIC COUNSEL, PLC) TO SEEK LEGISLATIVE REMEDY TO THE DIVERSION OF THE VOTER APPROVED RETIREMENT PENSION LEVY.

APPROVAL OF WARRANTS

7. Warrant #219792 - Date - 1/29/14 - Name - 1st PMF Bancorp - Services - Emergency Transportation & Basic Life Support - Amount - \$56,871.89 - Requested by: Fire Department

COUNCIL COMMENTS

ADJOURNMENT

NEXT REGULAR MEETING: Tuesday, February 11, 2014 @ 5:45 PM.

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JANUARY 14, 2014

The City Council meeting was called to order at 5:50 p.m. in the Council Chambers of City Hall by Mayor Aja Brown.

ROLL CALL

Council Members Present: Zurita, Galvan, Arceneaux, Jones, Brown

Council Members Absent: None

Other Officials Present: C. Cornwell, A. Godwin, G. H. Duffey

INTRODUCTION OF SPECIAL GUESTS

Mayor Brown acknowledged representatives from the Office of Assemblyman Isadore Hall III; Dave Ford from Southern California Edison (SCE); Dr. Curry, CEO of Compton College and Leticia Vasquez, also a representative of Compton College.

COMMENDATORY RESOLUTIONS/PRESENTATIONS

1. **PRESENTATION** - Dave Ford, SCE Local Public Affairs, Regional Manager - Presenting a Grant Check to Compton Community College District

Dave Ford presented the Compton Community College District with a check for \$25,000 in recognition of institutions that promote education in and through community based organizations.

Dr. Keith Curry, CEO of Compton College, thanked SCE for their contributions to education and announced that the funds would be distributed as scholarship funds to El Camino College Compton Center students.

PUBLIC COMMENTS ON AGENDA AND NON-AGENDA ITEMS

B. J. Douglas, President of the United Rangers of America, announced the goals of his student recognition program.

Benjamin Holifield, Compton resident, recognized Dave Ford and SCE for bringing grant monies to the youth in Compton. He requested solar lighting at Walton Middle School Park and maintained that it takes a change in the entire community to stop the recent upsurge in shootings, i.e., the closure of Red's Liquor Store. He proposed zero tolerance for loiterers and attributed the improvements on Long Beach Boulevard to the establishment of the Business Block Club.

Reverend Charles Brown, Compton 125 Birthday Celebration, thanked the Mayor and City Council for their support of Compton's Special Day of Prayer in which 28 pastors, deacons, and laypersons attended. He went on to invite the community to attend the Color of Love Jazz Festival to be held Saturday, January 18, 2014; and solicited talent for the Martin Luther King Jr. speech presentation.

Tony Hicks, Compton resident, encouraged the citizens to attend the First District Town Hall meeting scheduled for Wednesday, January 15, 2014 at 6:30 p.m. He announced the next City-Wide Day of Prayer event to be held Saturday, March 1, 2014 in the Blue Room and the free Color of Love Jazz Festival to be held Saturday, January 18, 2014 from 11 a.m. to 4 p.m.

Brabra Keyes, Compton resident, petitioned the members of the City Council to contact the apartment owners that own buildings that violate the City's color code and are in need of renovations. She also asked that the remaining campaign flyers be removed from the City's utilities poles and that the pastors of the churches also improve the façade of their facilities.

Councilperson Arceneaux requested the department responsible for removing flyers and political signs.

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City Manager Duffey verified that Public Works staff is responsible for removing the signs.

Mayor Brown issued a call to action for management to make cleanliness a priority and for community leaders to remove their signs.

Muhammad Martinez, writer, journalist and member of the Latino Action Committee, alleged that in 2008 Councilperson Jones excluded Latino soccer players from playing in a City park. He also alleged that Councilperson Jones deliberately allowed the park to remain dark so as to discourage soccer at the park. He further warned Councilperson Jones that the Latino Action Committee would make certain that he is defeated in the next election because he is not a friend of the Latino community.

Councilperson Jones affirmed that he is not a racist, that he supports all members of the community; and that all of the information stated by Mr. Martinez is untrue because he was not elected until 2009. He maintained that he has never been against anyone playing soccer anywhere, he stated that he has always supported youth programs and he would never separate the people who play in the parks.

Mayor Brown affirmed that Councilperson Jones is involved in several issues specifically targeting the Latino community to ensure that they have the engagement that they require, i.e., healthcare sign-ups in Spanish, monthly meetings with one of the largest Latino churches in the City of Compton.

Mayor Brown recognized Compton College Board of Trustees' members Lawanda Green, Sonja Lopez and Leslie Irving.

Lynn Boone, Compton resident, informed the citizens that this is an election year and that a lot of things would be said and attempted that should have been done within the terms that the candidates were in office. She encouraged citizens to ask candidates questions to make sure the person is from Compton and willing to do their job, independently, once they get in the seat. She went on to declare that it has been over 20 years since the voter rolls have been purged which consists of a list of 45,000 names.

Michael Turner, Compton resident, requested the status of his question regarding the water rates and the trash.

Mayor Brown informed Mr. Turner that a community workshop would be held to discuss the water rates.

Mr. Turner asked Mayor Brown if she would permit apartment owners to issue 20 units of water per household on one meter.

Mayor Brown stated that all questions will be addressed in a public discussion.

City Manager Duffey notified Mr. Turner that the workshop is scheduled for the first week of April 2014.

CONSENT AGENDA

On motion by Zurita, seconded by Arceneaux, the Consent Agenda was approved, by the following vote on roll call:

AYES: Council Members - Zurita, Galvan, Arceneaux, Jones, Brown

NOES: Council Members - None

ABSENT: Council Members - None

APPROVAL OF MINUTES

1. DECEMBER 10, 2013 - Approved.

CITY MANAGER/CITY ATTORNEY/CITY TREASURER REPORTS

3. (MIDAS) ECONOMIC DEVELOPMENT PROGRAM - **Received and Filed.**
4. CLAIM AGAINST THE CITY: Nubia Caballero vs. City of Compton (Claim No. I-8622/LI000010A) - **Claim denied.**

END CONSENT AGENDA

RECONSIDER THE VOTE ON THE CONSENT AGENDA

On motion by Arceneaux, seconded by Zurita, a motion to reconsider the Consent Agenda, was approved by the following vote on roll call:

AYES: Council Members - Zurita, Galvan, Arceneaux, Jones, Brown

NOES: Council Members - None

ABSENT: Council Members - None

City Manager Duffey requested the removal of Item No. 3 due to a lack of background documentation.

3. (MIDAS) ECONOMIC DEVELOPMENT PROGRAM - **Removed.**

On motion by Arceneaux, seconded by Jones, the Consent Agenda was approved, by the following vote on roll call:

AYES: Council Members - Zurita, Galvan, Arceneaux, Jones, Brown

NOES: Council Members - None

ABSENT: Council Members - None

REGULAR AGENDA

CITY MANAGER'S REPORTS

5. **ORAL REPORT** - Dave Ford, SCE Local Public Affairs, Regional Manager - Update on Lights out in the City of Compton

Dave Ford, Regional Manager, addressed the concerns of the City Council over the last several months regarding street light outages and repair processes. He acknowledged that public safety is the City's number one priority and announced that there were processes in place that help report street light outages on a timely basis so that repairs can be more expedient than they have been in the past.

He also reported that they would be replacing 2,200 metal light fixtures and poles in the City of Compton during the third and fourth quarter of the year as part of addressing reliability issues.

Residents and business owners are asked to report street light outages online at www.sce.com or call (800) 611-1911. Cities and counties are asked to utilize the fax process.

Suspicious activity around the infrastructure should be reported immediately to local law enforcement.

Mayor Brown requested the average response time to repair street lights.

Mr. Ford stated that it depends on the nature of the outage, if the pole is blocking a roadway the streetlight is repaired in as quickly as 24 hours; whereas a typical street light outage should be repaired within 24-48 hours depending on when it is reported and how quickly it is reported. In some cases it can be longer depending on the nature and reoccurrence of a lamp outage in a particular area.

Councilperson Arceneaux requested the status of legislation to address the recycling centers receiving these materials for profit.

#2.

Mr. Ford indicated that he did not have that information at this time.

Councilperson Arceneaux asked the City Manager to partner with the City's lobbyist to aid SCE in pushing legislation forward.

Councilperson Galvan stated that he has a light out in the alley behind his home. Mr. Ford asked that Mr. Galvan call him with the pole number.

Councilperson Arceneaux asked the City Manager if the City is experiencing copper thefts from the City's street light poles. City Manager Duffey affirmed that he has not heard of any reports about that specific issue.

Councilperson Zurita asked the City Manager if the City uses copper wiring. City Manager Duffey replied affirmatively.

Councilperson Zurita asked Mr. Ford if citizens can call the 1-800 number to receive updates about reported light outages. Mr. Ford replied affirmatively, noting that the same capability is available online.

Mayor Brown asked the City Manager if he has an assessment of the lighting throughout the City of Compton. City Manager Duffey answered affirmatively.

Mayor Brown asked that the City Manager incorporate into the capital improvement plan an assessment of what constitutes a well-light, safe, clean, and healthy city.

Mr. Ford proposed a partnership with the City to help identify those areas that require special interest and attention.

Mayor Brown thanked Mr. Ford for the additional partnership and urged the citizens to download the Compton City app to report street light outages, potholes, etc.

6. **POWERPOINT PRESENTATION** - Dr. Keith Curry, CEO Compton Community College District Update

Dr. Keith Curry presented a Power Point presentation on various issues of concern regarding the Compton Community College District.

El Camino College Compton Center

<u>Year</u>	<u>Total Enrollment</u>
2008-2009	10,060
2009-2010	12,902
2010-2011	16,203
2011-2012	14,599
2012-2013	13,938

*Approximately 22% of enrollments come from the Compton District.

Accreditation

Out of 21 accreditation eligibility requirements, 16 were met.
By this Spring 2014 the Center will know if they meet the requirements.

Fiscal Crisis Management Assistance Team (FCMAT)

Required to provide semi-annual reports on 5 operational errors on the District and its progress towards recovery.

Last FCMAT visit was in Spring 2013 and the report is available on the website.
[district.compton.edu/district information/fcmat.asp](http://district.compton.edu/district%20information/fcmat.asp)

No official impact on accreditation status.
The next FCMAT visit is scheduled for March/April 2014.

Fiscal Stability

Developed CCCD Five Year Budget Assumptions

Develop a plan to fund the District's Other Post Employment Benefits (OPEB) Liability (\$15M unfunded actuarial accrued liability)

Limit the usage of the Compton Community District Line of Credit (Drawdown \$17.9M)

Resolve the 2012-2013 District Fiscal Audit Findings

Facilities Planning

Learning Resource Center - Approximately \$25M

Grand Opening April 15, 2014 at 2 p.m.

Infrastructure Phase 1 & 2 Project - Approximately \$46.5M

Road Improvements

New Central Plan

Central Light Improvements

Parking Lot Improvements

Campus-Wide Lighting Project

Allied Health Building Project - \$12M

New Nursing and Child Development Facility

Music Building North Wing Renovation -\$1M

Multi-Purpose Facility

Instructional Building 1 & 2 Replacement

Instructional Building 1 - \$17M

Instructional Building 2 - \$18M

Division of the State Architect (DSA) Certification

Compton Community College District Measure CC Bond funds

In November 2002, CCCD authorized the issuance of a \$100M in General Obligation Bonds.

As of June 2013, CCC has issued \$71M. In December 2013, CCC issued an additional \$16.9M totaling \$87.9M sold.

As of December 2013, the District has a total of \$12.1M available to issue.

As of June 2013, the District has \$22.7M in fund balance available for construction.

Re-established the Citizen's Bond Oversight Committee

Partnerships with the City of Compton

Promotion of the Compton Center Child Development Program in the City water bills during the month of January 2014.

Possible partnership with the City of Compton regarding the Compton Center swimming pool.

Exploring partnerships to host events and programs at the City of Compton Community Center.

In the Fall, begin discussions on a possible partnership regarding a Fire Academy at the Compton Center.

COUNCIL COMMENTS

Councilperson Galvan requested the efforts of the college to recruit professors and faculty members from the local area. Dr. Curry stated that their goal is to take the best candidate for the job of which anyone from the local community can apply.

Mayor Brown requested the application deadline for vacant positions.

#2.

Dr. Curry indicated that he would forward the information to the City Manager when the positions are announced.

Councilperson Jones expressed his appreciation for the level of partnership taking place with the City and requested an opportunity to monitor the progress and development of the Fire Academy.

Dr. Curry stated that he would issue an update by the end of this semester.

Councilperson Jones requested a list of the projects the \$87M was expended on. Dr. Curry answered that \$87M has been sold however \$22.7M is cash on hand; the remaining balance has been allocated to the Learning Resource Center (\$17M).

Councilperson Jones stated that he was impressed with the access to education based on the number of people enrolled however, he stated that it appears that the number of graduation rates is low.

Dr. Curry explained that this is an issue experienced by community colleges throughout the state of California; furthermore they have a grant through El Camino Community College which will be used to help increase graduation rates.

Councilperson Jones requested the efforts made to increase the enrollment and graduation rates among African American and Latino males. Dr. Curry announced a cohort of 30 African American and Latino male students from Compton, Centennial, Dominguez, and Paramount high schools started in Fall 2013.

Councilperson Galvan asked if the low graduation rates are also due to students transferring to four-year universities. Dr. Curry replied affirmatively, noting that some students decline not to submit their petition to graduate.

Councilperson Galvan requested the amount of the partnership agreement fee Compton Community College District (CCCD) pays to El Camino Community College (ECCC). Dr. Curry stated that CCCD previously paid \$500,000 to ECCC but the new agreement signed in May 2013 is \$50,000.

Councilperson Galvan asked if the College Board meetings are recorded. Dr. Curry stated that currently the meetings are not being filmed but it is something that they will continue to look into.

Councilperson Zurita asked Dr. Curry if they are working on a high school middle college. Dr. Curry stated that they are considering a middle college model for Compton Unified School District students and El Camino College Compton Center.

Councilperson Arceneaux asked Dr. Curry when he thinks the college will be ready for local control. Dr. Curry stated that once the eligibility application is submitted and approved by the Accreditation Commission he anticipates an 8 to 10 year process to having a fully-accredited college under Compton Community College District.

Mayor Brown commended Dr. Curry for his presentation and progress and proposed that the six year high school model incorporate some of the City's Fortune 500 companies and the focus on new manufacturing technologies.

7. POWERPOINT PRESENTATION - G. Harold Duffey, City Manager - Sheriff Contract Update

City Manager Duffey presented the following scope of services for the Sheriff Department's contract:

Deployment of Personnel

- Sheriff shall notify the City when decrease or increase in service is warranted;
- Sheriff shall seek to meet service standards 98% of the time

- New service agreement shall be signed each year by July 1
- The City may request any other additional services offered by the Sheriff
- Labor, supervision, equipment, and communication facilities as necessary
- The City can provide additional resources if it chooses to do so

Law Enforcement Headquarters (Local)

- When both parties determine headquarters-the City shall furnish its own cost
- The Sheriff shall negotiate which entity pays utilities, furnishing and office supplies
- Office facilities can be used to facilitate services outside of City boundaries as long as there is no additional cost to the City

Terms of Agreement

- July 1, 2014 - July 1, 2019 (9 months before expiration of agreement parties must meet and confer on possible renewal)

Right to Terminate

- Agreement can be terminated with or without cause by either party
- Notice must be given at least 180 calendar days before termination date

Billing Rates

- Standard rates per STAP-575 personnel form
- The City must pay no later than 60 days from invoice

Mayor Brown requested the standard procedure for paying utilities if the Sheriffs' Department is located in a City facility.

Paul Phillips, Deputy Director for the California Contract Cities Association, explained that there was a transfer agreement calling for the City to provide the facility and utilities, however this new agreement allows the City to negotiate utilities payments.

Mayor Brown thanked the Sheriffs' Department for always providing the assistance the City needs.

Councilperson Galvan asked Mr. Phillips to verify whether or not the Sheriffs' Department spent their own money to upgrade their facility.

City Manager Duffey replied affirmatively.

CITY ATTORNEY'S REPORTS

CLOSED SESSION

8. **CONFERENCE WITH LEGAL COUNSEL - EXISTING LITIGATION**, Lopez vs. City of Compton, USCD Case No. CV13-5963 Pursuant to Government Code Section 54956.9(a)

9. **CONFERENCE WITH LEGAL COUNSEL - ANTICIPATED LITIGATION**, One Potential Case Pursuant to Government Code Section 54956.9(b) (**Reagendad**)

On motion by Arceneaux, seconded by Jones, closed session for Item No. 8 was approved, by the following vote on roll call:

AYES: Council Members - Zurita, Galvan, Arceneaux, Jones, Brown

NOES: Council Members - None

ABSENT: Council Members - None

Councilperson Zurita stated that she supports the legal opinion provided by the City Attorney and asked the City Manager if he received it.

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City Manager Duffey replied affirmatively.

Mayor Brown asked the City Manager to provide clarity on the issue for the benefit of the citizens.

City Manager Duffey explained that the City of Compton has a pension fund that was approved by the voters in 1947, of which pays for all of the retirement and health benefits for current and retired employees. In 1947 it applied to property taxes for all properties. When the state approved redevelopment in 1971, it was determined that the property tax for pensions in redevelopment areas would be treated as tax increment and therefore those property taxes started going to redevelopment. For 40 years property taxes in redevelopment areas were going toward redevelopment projects totaling \$143M of pension funds. When the governor abolished redevelopment in 2011, Los Angeles County stopped taking those pension funds in redevelopment areas and started returning those funds to the City's pension fund thereby increasing the City's pension fund. In addition to that, Los Angeles County determined that they had misinterpreted the law and declared that those pension fund monies should be going back to help diffuse the debt for redevelopment bonds; and be deposited into a redevelopment property tax trust fund as per the California Charter. As a result, he asked Los Angeles County to propose legislation to make sure that pension fund proceeds are only applied and used for the original purpose, so therefore he has been working with a legislative advocate and Senator Wright's office to bring forth legislative information to determine if the City Council wants to support that legislation.

City Attorney Cornwell reported that in October 2013, the City's auditing firm asked him if the City was entitled to the retirement tax that was currently in the community redevelopment project area. Mr. Cornwell stated that he responded by email to the auditor that according to current law, a proper occurrence is for the money to now be going, as tax increment, to the other taxing entities.

City Attorney Cornwell indicated that he was unaware of the discussions the City Manager and City Controller had with Senator Wright to compose legislation for the actions that had taken place.

Mayor Brown stated that she is just as surprised by this information as the citizens are and asked that when moving forward, if there are monumental issues impacting property taxes and pension funds public information should be given. Mayor Brown affirmed that she is not opposed to legislation moving forward but policy decisions are policy decisions and staff decisions are staff decisions.

Mayor Brown requested that any information that will impact the City be brought to the City Council so that it can be discussed with the understanding of the impacts of the entire community; there are five elected officials that represent and report to the citizens; and it is her responsibility to know about pending legislation in the City of Compton.

Councilperson Zurita stated that she does not believe any policies have been put into place on this issue and that she is grateful for a strategic counsel that has assisted the City Manager on this matter.

Councilperson Zurita maintained that legislation will be brought to the citizens when it is established.

City Manager Duffey agreed that this is a significant issue for the City. When he became aware of the matter he put forth a legislative agenda for strategic council which was adopted in July 2013 to retain the pension fund and subsequently he received a report from the City Attorney in October 2013 and another one in January 2014. Conversely, he indicated that he could not allow over half a billion dollars of the tax payers money to go towards something other than the purpose.

Mayor Brown reiterated that the citizens deserve to have information that they can reference which is protocol for any form of management or government.

Councilperson Arceneaux stated that since Compton is not the only city in this position, has the City Manager contacted and partnered with other cities so that legislation will have a more significant impact.

City Manager Duffey indicated that he would be attending a luncheon with other city managers Thursday, January 16, 2014 to further discuss this matter.

UNFINISHED BUSINESS - There was no Unfinished Business.

NEW BUSINESS - There was no New Business.

APPROVAL OF WARRANTS

10. Warrant #219455 - 1/8/14 - State Water Resources Control Board - Annual Permit Fee (7/1/13 - 6/30/14) - \$2062.00 Requested by: Water Department

On motion by Arceneaux, seconded by Jones, Warrant #219455 was approved, by the following vote on roll call:

AYES: Council Members - Zurita, Galvan, Arceneaux, Jones, Brown

NOES: Council Members - None

ABSENT: Council Members - None

COUNCIL COMMENTS

Councilperson Zurita offered the following announcements/communications:

- Public Safety Crime Prevention Town hall meeting will be held Wednesday, January 15, 2014 at Gonzales Park at 6:30 p.m.
- City Hall will be closed Monday, January 20, 2014 in observance of the Martin Luther King Jr. holiday.
- Pastor Fisher of Greater Zion Church will be hosting a Cover California Enrollment Program event Thursday, January 16, 2014 starting at 7 p.m.
- Free Mammogram Clinic will be held Wednesday April 2, 2014 at 8:30 a.m. Eligibility criteria: 40 years or older with no insurance. Registration is first come, first served. To register, please call Kiera Jo at (310) 605-5510.
- CCUNAT Anniversary Banquet will be held Friday, January 31, 2014 at the Grand Event Center in Long Beach beginning at 6:30 p.m. If you would like more information regarding this event please call (310) 537-3149 or the City Clerk.
- Attended the Senior Gala at the Dollarhide Neighborhood Center.

Councilperson Galvan offered the following announcements/communications:

- Attended the Compton Business Chamber's first meeting of the New Year; Compton 125 Committee Day of Prayer Event; and partnered with Care organization to donate 100 pairs of shoes to the Compton Unified School District.
- Maintained that he supports Councilperson Jones 100%.

Councilperson Arceneaux offered the following announcements/communications:

- Attended the Third District Town Hall meeting; and Compton 125 Committee Day of Prayer Event.

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- Third District Town Hall meeting will be held February 13, 2014 from 6 p.m. to 7 p.m. at Burrell McDonald Park.
- Invited the citizens of Compton to partner with the Compton Initiative Saturday, February 1, 2014 at the Compton Courthouse located at 200 West Compton Boulevard.

Councilperson Jones offered the following announcements/communications:

- Compton Worksource Center will be hosting a Job Fair on January 22, 2014 from 10 a.m. to 1 p.m. at 2909 East Pacific Commerce Drive. For more information call (310) 762-1101.
- Attended the Senior Gala at Dollarhide Neighborhood Center;
- Thanked Dr. Curry and Ms. Lopez for their update on the Compton Community College District.
- Asked that everyone remember the example set by Martin Luther King Jr. for all mankind.
- Asked that everyone remember Lorraine Cervantes in their prayers.

Mayor Brown offered the following announcements/communications:

- First District Clean-Up has been rescheduled for next month.
- Commented on the success of the Call to Action: Church & Non-Profit Symposium held at California State University Dominguez Hills.
- Project Restoration and Faith Inspirational Church will be hosting a training on how to serve individuals apart of the early release program on Friday, February 7, 2014 at Faith Inspirational Church. To register for this event email Mayor Brown at contactmayor@comptoncityorg.
- Prayer for Peace will be held Monday, January 27, 2014 in front of the Martin Luther King Jr. monument.
- Announced that she would be traveling to Washington D.C. as part of a mayor's delegation event.
- Notified the citizens of Compton that the Metro Service Council will be discussing potential changes in bus rates and transportation;
- Announced an upcoming Empowerment Congress training at the University of Southern California.
- Commented on the importance of the City making efforts to move forward with a cohesive community plan.

On motion by Arceneaux, seconded by Jones, the meeting was recessed at 9:24 p.m., by the following vote on roll call:

AYES: Council Members - Zurita, Galvan, Arceneaux, Jones, Brown
NOES: Council Members - None
ABSENT: Council Members - None

The City Council meeting reconvened at 10:25 p.m.

ROLL CALL

Council Members Present: **Zurita, Arceneaux, Brown**
Council Members Absent: **Galvan, Jones**

REPORT OUT OF CLOSED SESSION

City Attorney Cornwell reported out that the entire City Council met in closed session regarding conference with legal counsel - existing litigation - Lopez vs. City of Compton, USCD Case No. CV13-5963. A vote was taken, and it was unanimously decided to enter into a towing agreement for a dismissal in this matter pursuant to California Government Code Section 54956.9(a).

ADJOURNMENT

On motion by Zurita, seconded by Arceneaux, the meeting was adjourned at 10:26 p.m., by the following vote on roll call:

AYES: **Council Members - Zurita, Arceneaux, Brown**
NOES: **Council Members - None**
ABSENT:**Council Members - Galvan, Jones**

City Clerk of the City of Compton

Mayor of the City of Compton

JANUARY 21, 2014

The City Council meeting was called to order at 5:51 p.m. in the Council Chambers of City Hall by Chairperson Aja Brown. The Pledge of Allegiance and Moment of Silence ceremonies were also led by Chairperson Aja Brown.

ROLL CALL

Council Members Present: **Zurita, Galvan, Arceneaux, Jones, Brown**

Council Members Absent: **None**

Other Officials Present: **C. Cornwell, A. Godwin, G. H. Duffey**

INTRODUCTION OF SPECIAL GUESTS

Mayor Brown recognized Compton Superior Court Judge Kelvin D. Filer in the audience.

PUBLIC COMMENTS ON AGENDA ITEMS AND NON-AGENDA MATTERS

Thomasina Johnson, Compton resident, appealed to the City Council to pledge a reward for any information leading to the person or persons that took the life of her best friend Tauruson McMillan.

Mayor Brown cordially invited Ms. Johnson to join the City in their efforts to curtail violence in the City of Compton.

Councilperson Arceneaux directed the City Manager to explore the viability of posting a reward for the arrest and conviction of the individual(s) that committed this heinous crime.

Councilperson Zurita proposed the use of the City's billboards to post the reward.

Pamela Adell, Tauruson McMillan's partner, recounted the moments before Mr. McMillan's death and further implored the members of the City Council to assist her in finding the person(s) responsible for his murder.

Muhammad Martinez, former member of the Black Panther Party, journalist, and community activist, stated that he is planning to bring families and members of the community that were present during the time Councilperson Jones denied soccer playing at Kelly Park. He went on to ask that Councilperson Jones verify whether or not he earned his doctorate degree.

Maria Villa Real, Compton resident and President of the Latino Chamber of Commerce, declared that Mr. Acevedo is no longer the Vice President of the Latino Chamber of Commerce due to his lack of support for the organization and erratic behavior during their meeting held January 6, 2014 at Careerlink.

Benjamin Holifield, Compton resident, recited the fatal accidents he saw at Dwight and Compton Boulevard and Acacia and Oleander Avenue. He indicated that his heart was heavy and proposed that the City build youth centers and bowling alleys. He also suggested that the City designate a memorial wall for all of these occurrences instead of allowing memorials to be posted throughout the City.

Mike Madani, Compton resident, requested the person in charge of testing the City's water quality and if it has proven that the City's water supply is poisonous. He questioned when and how the water is tested and mentioned that he would ask the Health Department to conduct a survey. Furthermore, he indicated that he would also ask state officials to conduct an audit and investigation on the City's water supply, its sources, expenditures and charges, and how it relates to the City Manager and his administration.

Councilperson Arceneaux informed Mr. Madani that the City of Compton purchases 50% of its water from the Metropolitan Water District and pumps the other 50% from the City of Compton; the water is tested once or twice a week with a report available in the Water Department.

#2.

City Manager Duffey also noted that the City is required to conduct a report annually on the City's water quality which is then mailed out to the residents in their water bills. Mr. Duffey added that he would check to see if the report is available on the City's website and that copies be available in City Hall.

Mayor Brown also cited the town hall meeting scheduled for the month of February which will explain the ins and outs of the City's water system, where the water comes from, who has what water, what the City pays for the water it pumps, and what that means for the citizens of Compton.

Mr. Herbert, Compton resident, petitioned the City Council to make available public restroom facilities at the MLK Transit Center for patrons utilizing the Metro Blue Line Compton Station.

Mayor Brown notified the citizens of Compton that the Blue Line and Metro Transit will be investing over one billion dollars into the Blue Line transit system for renovations and improvements.

Carolyn Stokes, Compton resident, stated that she was promised last year by the City Manager that lights and cameras would be installed along Long Beach Boulevard to brighten the area. She further asked that Councilperson Jones and Councilperson Arceneaux work diligently together to establish preferential parking in her neighborhood.

Mayor Brown notified Ms. Stokes that the process for establishing preferential parking in her neighborhood is to start a petition with her neighbors.

Gwen Dickinson, Compton resident, voiced a concern for people riding their horses at night in the Richland Farms community.

Councilperson Arceneaux concurred with Ms. Dickinson and asked that the City Manager address this issue immediately before someone is killed.

Juanita Wilson, VFW Post 5394 Ladies Auxiliary, cordially invited the elected officials to attend the VFW Post 5394 Black History Month program to be held February 8, 2014 from 1 p.m. to 5 p.m. Donations are \$10 for adults and \$5 for children 12 years and under. If you would like more information on this event please call (310) 638-8848.

Michael Turner, Compton resident, thanked the City Council for getting the trees trimmed on his street. He went on to commend the Sheriffs' deputy and paramedics from Fire Station No. 2 for their compassionate attention to the man that died in the 99 Cent Store parking lot and his son. He further complimented Councilperson Zurita on the lighting at Gonzales Park and stated that he would love to see the fabricated restroom facilities in the parks as was previously suggested during a prior City Council meeting.

Joyce Kelly, Compton resident, thanked the Compton Fire firefighters for positively responding to wild fires any time they are needed. She indicated that she felt for the pain of the women expressing their feelings towards the loss of their loved one and maintained that it could have been prevented if plans were brought to fruition by City Attorney Cornwell and Mayor Brown. She went on to reference last week's City Council meeting and maintained that it goes against the City Charter when any of the elected officials try to dictate to the City Manager. She asserted that it takes all five of them to tell him what to do and urged them to think about the way they treat the City Manager and the citizens of Compton. Furthermore, she affirmed that the Kelly Park situation did happen, but also stated that Councilperson Galvan could not comment on it because he was not here.

Lynn Boone, Compton resident, petitioned the City Council to install surveillance cameras throughout the City instead of asking that residents report crime and suspicious activity. She argued that no crimes have been solved by the Sheriffs' Department and that the presentation on their contract did not consist of any details. She urged the citizens to call the City Clerk's Office and request a copy of Resolution # 23,897 and insisted that the agreement for the City Manager is from September 2013 and that the City of Compton will be responsible for his entire PERS.

Lee Wax, Coalition of Compton Unions, maintained that it serves no purpose for the unions that are in the Coalition to answer every negative comment that is made about them; they serve the employees and citizens of Compton. He challenged everyone to take a positive approach towards change in the New Year because the fighting and arguing last year did not move the City any further.

Reverend Charles Brown, Compton 125 Committee, recognized the Mayor and City Council and citizens for coming out and supporting the Color of Love Jazz Festival held over the weekend. Reverend Brown announced the upcoming Compton Community College District and Urban Youth Baseball Academy “2nd Annual Community Day” event to be held Saturday, February 1, 2014 from 8 a.m. to 4 p.m. The event will include: baseball clinics, a health and community fair, Battle of the Bands competition, Fullerton and Compton College season opener baseball game, and special celebrity guests. He went on to invite the citizens to participate in the Community Historical Tour to be held February 8, 2014. All attendees are asked to meet at 600 North Alameda at 10 a.m.

CONSENT AGENDA

APPROVAL OF MINUTES

1. DECEMBER 17, 2013 - Approved.

END CONSENT AGENDA

REGULAR AGENDA

CITY MANAGER’S REPORT

2. REQUEST TO SCHEDULE A PUBLIC HEARING FOR CONSIDERATION OF A PROPOSED ORDINANCE REGULATING THE PLACEMENT OF DONATION BOXES

On motion by Arceneaux, seconded by Jones, the public hearing was scheduled for February 4, 2014 at 6:00 p.m., by the following vote on roll call:

AYES: Council Members - Zurita, Galvan, Arceneaux, Jones, Brown

NOES: Council Members - None

ABSENT: Council Members - None

CITY ATTORNEY’S REPORTS

CLOSED SESSION

3. CONFERENCE WITH LEGAL COUNSEL - ANTICIPATED LITIGATION
Two (2) Potential Cases
Pursuant to California Government Code Section 54956.9(b)
4. CONFERENCE WITH LEGAL COUNSEL - EXISTING LITIGATION
Porter v. City of Compton, LASC Case No. BC494071
Pursuant to California Government Code Section 54956.9(a)

On motion by Arceneaux, seconded by Jones, closed sessions were approved, by the following vote on roll call:

AYES: Council Members - Zurita, Galvan, Arceneaux, Jones, Brown

NOES: Council Members - None

ABSENT: Council Members - None

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On motion by Zurita, seconded by Arceneaux, the meeting was recessed to closed session at 6:48 p.m., by the following vote on roll call:

AYES: Council Members - Zurita, Galvan, Arceneaux, Jones, Brown

NOES: Council Members - None

ABSENT: Council Members - None

The City Council meeting reconvened at 9:06 p.m.

REPORT OUT OF CLOSED SESSION

City Attorney Cornwell reported that council met in closed session regarding conference with legal counsel - anticipated litigation - two potential cases pursuant to California Government Code Section 54956.9(b). There was no reportable action taken.

As it relates to the second case regarding conference with legal counsel - existing litigation - Porter vs. City of Compton, LASC Case No. BC494071 pursuant to California Government Code Section 54956.9(a). There was no reportable action taken.

UNFINISHED BUSINESS - There was no Unfinished Business.

NEW BUSINESS - There was no New Business.

COUNCIL COMMENTS

Councilperson Zurita offered the following announcements/communications:

- Congratulated former Compton resident, Stanford graduate and Seattle Seahawks cornerback Richard Sherman on his success in making it to the Super Bowl; also congratulated Kevin Bledsoe on the expansion of his BBQ business in the new Inglewood Forum.
- Thanked the residents, City employees, and Sheriffs' officials that actively participated in the Public Safety Crime Watch meeting.
- Attended the Martin Luther King Jr. Freedom Day parade with Assemblyman Isadore Hall II and other elected officials.
- Pastor Michael Fisher of Greater Zion Church will be saying a prayer on behalf of Tauruson McMillan's family on Monday, January 27, 2014 at 6:30 p.m. at 130th and Wilmington Boulevard.
- Trees will be trimmed in the First District during the week of February 3-7, 2014. For more information on the tree trimming schedule please call the Public Works Department.
- Free Mammogram Clinic will be held Wednesday, April 2, 2014.

Councilperson Galvan offered the following announcements/communications:

- Attended a Regional Revival Service hosted by Victory Outreach Church; Grand Opening for Lorena Market; Cancer Fund Raiser for young Juan Diaz (310) 350-3535.
- Recognized Seattle Seahawks cornerback Richard Sherman for his accomplishments on and off the field.
- Requested a water fountain at Cesar Chavez Park; recognized Street Superintendent Charles Nelson and his staff for cleaning up the alley behind Ms. Thomas' home.
- Announced that he would be sponsoring a shoe giveaway for nine elementary schools.

- Wished Ms. Cervantes a speedy recovery.
- Compton Business Chamber of Commerce will be hosting a Retirement Luncheon for Sheriff Lee Baca Thursday, February 6, 2014 at 12 p.m. at the Banquet Hall located at 2201 North Long Beach Boulevard.
- Recognized TLC Tree Trimming Company for cutting the trees in the Second District last week.

Councilperson Arceneaux offered the following announcements/communications:

- Announced that she would be issuing a report about the Third District's tree trimming schedule next week.
- Recognized the accomplishments of Richard Sherman and Jeron Johnson, the grandson of longtime resident Larnell Johnson who is also on the Seattle Seahawks football team and attended Dominguez High.
- Third District Community Town Hall meeting will be held Thursday, February 13, 2014 at Burrell McDonald Park from 6 p.m. to 7 p.m.
- A Black History Month program will be held Saturday, February 15, 2014 at Burrell McDonald Park from 11 a.m. to 2 p.m.
- Compton Initiative will be in the Third District on Saturday, February 1, 2014 from 7 a.m. to 12 p.m. Volunteers are asked to meet at the Compton Courthouse. A light breakfast and lunch will be provided.
- Quarterly Compton Creek Clean Up will be held Saturday, March 1, 2014 from 8 a.m. to 12 p.m. Volunteers are asked to meet at Raymond Street Park. Lunch will be served.

Mayor Brown offered the following announcements/communications:

- Wished Brabra Keyes a Happy Birthday and Ms. Cervantes a speedy recovery.
- Recognized Compton's delegation at the Empowerment Congress held at the University of Southern California.
- CCUNAT will be hosting their First Anniversary Banquet to be held January 31, 2014 at the Grand Event Center in Long Beach. If you would like more information on this event please call (310) 537-3149.
- Compton's Water Town hall Forum will be held February 28, 2014. The location and time will be announced at the next City Council meeting.
- Attended the Southern Baptist Ministers Council with Councilperson Jones and received a recognition award from the clergy.
- Announced that she would be traveling to the White House in Washington D.C. this week to participate in the U.S. Conference of Mayors event; and asked that the citizens pray that the City of Compton is designated a 'Promise Zone.'

Mayor Brown out at 9:35 p.m.

Councilperson Jones offered the following announcements/communications:

- Attended a breakfast honoring the life of Martin Luther King Jr. hosted by Southern California Coalition of Unions; 26th Annual Empowerment Conference held at the University of Southern California; Southcoast Interface Council Inter-Cultural Celebration recognizing the life of Martin Luther King, Jr.

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- Recognized Compton City employees for the great work they do to make Compton a great place to live.
- Asked that residents to lift up and remember Lorraine Cervantes and Irma Reyes in their prayers.

Meeting Adjournments

Imamu Baraka, Community Activist

ADJOURNMENT

On motion by Jones, seconded by Galvan, the meeting was adjourned at 9:40 p.m. in memory of **Imamu Baraka**, by the following vote on roll call:

AYES: Council Members - Zurita, Galvan, Jones, Arceneaux

NOES: Council Members - None

ABSENT: Council Members - Brown

City Clerk of the City of Compton

Mayor of the City of Compton

February 4, 2014

TO: THE HONORABLE MAYOR AND CITY COUNCIL MEMBERS

FROM: CITY MANAGER

SUBJECT: A RESOLUTION OF THE CITY COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF COMPTON DIRECTING THE CITY MANAGER TO WORK WITH THE CITY'S LEGISLATIVE CONSULTANT (STRATEGIC COUNSEL, PLC) TO SEEK LEGISLATIVE REMEDY TO THE DIVERSION OF REVENUES FROM THE VOTER APPROVED RETIREMENT PENSION LEVY.

SUMMARY

The Council will consider approving a resolution directing the City Manager to work with the City's legislative consultant, Strategic Counsel PLC, in seeking legislative remedy to a problem facing this and other California cities – the diversion of revenues from a voter approved tax levy. This report is not seeking authorization for additional funding.

BACKGROUND

In 1947, the voters of Compton by a two-third margin approved a proposition to amend their City Charter to allow the City to enter into a contract with the State Employees' Retirement System and to levy a tax "sufficient to meet all obligations of the City to the State Employees' Retirement System" due and unpaid or to become due during the ensuing fiscal year.

This special ad-valorem property tax (pension levy) was assessed (up to .50 per \$100 of assessed value, currently at .45 of \$100 per assessed value) on the property in the City's General Area and was paid into its Retirement Account. The ad-valorem tax increases property taxes above the 1% limit established by the California Constitution. The ad-valorem or pension levy is listed as a separate item on a property owner's annual property tax statement.

In 1971, the City of Compton designated its first Redevelopment Project Area. The designation of a project area reduced the City's General Area and diminished revenue to the City's Retirement Account. However, Pension Levy proceeds were still generated in the Redevelopment Project Areas, but counted as tax increment and used for Redevelopment projects. The foundation for this change is based on Article 16, Chapter 16 of the California Constitution, which allows tax increment to pay for Redevelopment Bonds and obligations, and to

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invest in new projects. The City of Compton exercised its right to commit proceeds from the Pension Levy to secure Redevelopment Bonds.

STATEMENT OF THE ISSUE

Revenue generated from the voter-approved special tax should not be used for any other purpose. Utilizing the revenue for another purpose violates the voter's intent in originally approving the parcel levy in 1947. However, the aforementioned California law allows the levy tax in redevelopment areas to be treated as redevelopment funds, even if the revenues are not needed to pay Redevelopment Bond obligations.

The designation of Redevelopment Project Areas in Compton led to pension levy funds being used for other than their original purpose. In the years from 1982-2011 more than \$140,000,000 in pension levy funding went to the Redevelopment Agency and not for its original purpose. Property tax revenues generated in the City's General Area were sufficient to fund the City's Retirement Account without the tax increment generated in the Redevelopment Project areas. However, the City's pension expenditures now require the additional money generated from the pension levy in the Redevelopment Project Areas.

FINANCIAL IMPACT

Without all revenue generated from the pension levy (General Area and Redevelopment Area), the Retirement Account will have a deficit of \$3,000,000 or more per year, beginning this fiscal year. The deficit in this year's pension levy proceeds will be absorbed by use of the current \$14,000,000 fund balance.

The Retirement Account fund balance may be able to support the annual shortfalls for more than five years, assuming the City does not experience dramatic rate increases. However, the choices beyond that period would involve increasing the taxpayer burden, or asking the City's employees to share a cost that the voters have already guaranteed in perpetuity.

RECOMMENDATION

Staff recommends that the Council adopt the attached Resolution directing the City Manager to work with the City's legislative consultant for a remedy to this diversion of Pension Levy proceeds.

G. HAROLD DUFFEY
CITY MANAGER

RESOLUTION NO. _____

A RESOLUTION OF THE CITY COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF COMPTON DIRECTING THE CITY MANAGER TO WORK WITH THE CITY'S LEGISLATIVE CONSULTANTS TO SEEK LEGISLATIVE REMEDY TO THE DIVERSION OF THE VOTER APPROVED RETIREMENT PENSION LEVY.

WHEREAS, in 1947 the voters of the City of Compton approved a measure to allow the City to enter into a contract with the State Employees' Retirement System; and

WHEREAS, in 1947 the voters of the City of Compton also approved a measure (Pension Levy) to levy a tax to meet all obligations of the City to the State Employees' Retirement system; and

WHEREAS, in 1971 the City of Compton designated its first Redevelopment Project Area; and

WHEREAS, the City of Compton exercised its right to commit proceeds from the Pension Levy to secure Redevelopment Bonds to allow development to occur; and

WHEREAS, in the years from 1971-2011 more than \$140,000,000 in Compton Pension Levy funding went to the Redevelopment Agency; and

WHEREAS, the City's pension expenditures now require all revenues generated from the Pension Levy; and

WHEREAS, without all revenue generated from the Pension Levy, the City's Retirement Account will have a deficit of \$3,000,000 in fiscal year 2013/14 and will sustain a deficit each year thereafter; and

WHEREAS, the City of Compton has contracted with the firm Strategic Counsel PLC to advocate on its behalf with state legislators; and

WHEREAS, the City Council included in the legislative priorities set for Strategic Counsel PLC on July 23, 2013 legislation for the protection of the Pension Levy; and

WHEREAS, there are more than 10 similarly situated cities in Los Angeles County that will have pension funds diverted and used for other than the original purposes as voted on by their constituencies; and

WHEREAS, the City Council recognizes the need to recover the Pension Levy funds to honor the intent of the voters of Compton.

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

SECTION 1. That the Mayor is requested to work with Mayors and political leaders in other affected Cities to seek legislative remedy to the diversion of Pension Levy funds.

SECTION 2. That the City Manager is directed to work with the City's legislative advocate, Strategic Counsel PLC, and with other affected cities to seek legislative remedy to the diversion of Pension Levy funds.

SECTION 3. That the City’s legislative advocate, Strategic Counsel PLC, is requested to develop and implement a strategy to generate sufficient support to allow success in the City’s efforts, by working with the City’s representatives in the California State Senate and the State Assembly .

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

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

ADOPTED this _____ day of _____, 2014.

MAYOR OF THE CITY OF COMPTON

ATTEST:

CITY CLERK OF THE CITY OF COMPTON

STATE OF CALIFORNIA
COUNTY OF LOS ANGELES
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, signed by the Mayor, and attested by the City Clerk at a regular meeting thereof held on the _____ day of _____, 2014.

That said resolution was adopted by the following vote:

AYES: COUNCIL MEMBERS -
NOES: COUNCIL MEMBERS -
ABSENT: COUNCIL MEMBERS -
ABSTAINS: COUNCIL MEMBERS -

CITY CLERK OF THE CITY OF COMPTON

PROPOSAL TO
THE CITY OF COMPTON
SUBMITTED BY



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PROPOSAL FOR LEGISLATIVE ADVOCACY SERVICES FOR 2013/14

Public policy in California takes shape within an intricate and fluid web of competing interests, a complex bureaucratic structure, and a Legislature with a fast-paced operating culture. Strategic Counsel has an intimate knowledge of the public policy framework and how the process impacts Compton's interests.

Approximately 5,000 bills move through the California Legislature every session. This makes it difficult for entities that have interests before the Legislature to get the attention of legislators. Also, because legislators are term limited, they are under great pressure to get legislation passed quickly in order to have a track record of success on which to base a run for higher office. This fast pace requires the City to be prepared to move quickly on issues that arise in the legislative process. What may seem like relatively minor provisions in legislation debated by the 120 state legislators and decided upon by the Governor in Sacramento, can have far reaching impacts on City operations and services.

Obviously of importance to the City is careful review of, and advocacy surrounding, the State's budget allocations to municipalities. Strategic Counsel would continue to seek opportunities for state funding through the annual state budget of either pilot projects or ongoing state programs that would benefit the City. Strategic Counsel would also continue to be the City's eyes and ears in Sacramento, seeking opportunities to support proposals that help Compton achieve its objectives or to oppose those that stand in the way.

Without the kind of experienced, well-connected and respected representation that a firm like Strategic Counsel can bring, Compton faces the prospect of missed opportunities that could otherwise have helped achieve the City's overall goals and specific objectives.

THE FIRM

Strategic Counsel PLC is a rare, interdisciplinary firm that uniquely blends legal and lobbying expertise with strong public policy outreach and strategic communications capabilities. To be successful in today's environment, clients need advisors who understand their goals and share their passion for success. In addition to excelling in the court room and board room, Strategic Counsel has built its position as a leader in the law and public policy arena by having a regular presence before the many local governments and state agencies spread throughout California and by working closely with our clients to develop and implement targeted plans aimed at addressing their legal needs, goals and objectives.

Strategic Counsel's interdisciplinary approach in the areas of law, advocacy and communications is a result of the firms that formed it. McClain-Hill Associates, the state's leading woman-owned law firm known for its strength in strategic policy development with an emphasis on municipal, land use and environmental, corporate and administrative law, and The Advocacy Group, a prominent Sacramento-based, full-service governmental advocacy and publications company, joined forces in 2005. In doing so, they brought together a potent blend of business, regulatory

and legislative experience, political savvy and highly effective relationships within government and the media.

Our clients have included municipal entities, Fortune 500 companies, emerging companies, and public and private real estate developers. Their needs are unique and complex, so our approach is comprehensive. Incorporating advocacy and communications expertise with our principal legal practice areas, Strategic Counsel is building alliances, building support and success for our clients.

With offices in Los Angeles and Sacramento, Strategic Counsel has retained the lean, nimble structure of a boutique firm. The firm partners with its clients and leverages the resources of its professionals to produce outstanding results. Additionally, the firm uses available technology to stay abreast of recent legal, policy, and political developments in the specific areas of representation relevant to its clients in order to render timely and useful advice and services.

LEGISLATIVE ADVOCACY SERVICES

Strategic Counsel's role as Compton's legislative representatives will be to keep track of the fast-paced state policy discussions and actions and to keep the City informed as to how they impact the City along with an assessment of how the City can impact policy in return. Beyond simply informing Compton about what is happening in Sacramento, we would guide the City as to its best positions on policies that impact it and communicate its views and wishes to law makers. The firm is committed to the proposition that lobbying is a two-way street. Besides advocating the City's interests, we would endeavor to familiarize it with the perspectives of the public policy makers shaping their issues; an appreciation of which is a key component for achieving success. Strategic Counsel will continue to provide legislative advocacy and state regulatory compliance and tactical approach services to the City of Compton for 2013-2014. As a full-service lobbying, state regulatory and legislative advocacy firm, Strategic Counsel's services on behalf of the City includes:

- State Administration Regulatory compliance and advice
- Legislative Bill Identification
- Bill Drafting
- Bill Analysis and Background Research
- Consulting on Position Determination
- Bill Tracking
- Evaluation/Analysis of Amendments
- Amendment Drafting
- Lobbying Individual Legislators and Staff through One-On-One Meetings
- Testifying Before Legislative Committees
- Organizing Lobbying Efforts of City and Allied Organizations
- Preparing Background Materials to Support a Client's Position
- Working with/Lobbying State Agency Officials and Staff
- Lobbying the Governor and his Staff

LEGISLATIVE RELATIONSHIPS WITH MEMBERS OF RELEVANT COMMITTEES

Cities must navigate a range of legislative and regulatory issues that impact their ability to serve their residents, local businesses, and other community stakeholders. Beyond the local government and fiscal committees, the committees that oversee public safety and transportation issues, along with a host of other matters including gaming, energy and commerce, and the environment, must also be monitored to effectively promote and protect the City's interests. Strategic Counsel's lobbyists, strategists, and other professionals have significant relationships with the Chairs and members of each of these committees and can successfully engage these members to advance the City of Compton's priorities.

In addition to our relationships with the members themselves, the firm has strong relationships with the key committee and legislative staff members that influence local government and fiscal policy in Sacramento. The power and influence of committee consultants in shaping policy outcomes cannot be overestimated. Mel Assagai, who at one time was the most senior staff member in the State Senate, continues to mentor and relate to individual staffers, many of whom he played a role in hiring at the beginning of their careers. Moreover, as a part of its community service and outreach mission, members of the firm support legislative staff-sponsored programs offering scholarships to young people of color throughout the state making it possible for them to participate in leadership development training in Sacramento. In short, our firm has placed a premium on cultivating and sustaining legislative staff relationships based on trust and camaraderie as part and parcel of our effort to enhance our ability to influence public policy in the state capital.

LOBBYING STYLE

As new legislators arrive in Sacramento, often with little experience in legislative policy, it is critical to build and leverage relationships to shape policies and opinions that affect your priorities. ***Strategic Counsel takes a hands-on approach to lobbying that is characterized by creating and maintaining strong relationships with legislators and key staff.*** We have, collectively, over sixty years of legislative experience that gives us the benefit of long relationships with influential legislators and public officials as well as strong relationships with legislative leaders, most of whom we knew before they began their legislative careers.

We employ a scientific, fact-based approach to all of our work but also recognize the importance of being positive, engaging, and respectful toward everyone in the process. Whether they are veterans or newcomers, we leave them with a sense of our high regard for their views and their work. ***In addition, we have a special advantage with the longer serving and most influential senior staff, since our Director of Government Affairs was Chief of Staff to the state's most powerful senator – Senate President pro Tempore David Roberti – when many of them were hired or promoted to their current posts.*** These lengthy, mutually respectful relationships enhance our ability to assess and influence the legislative landscape facing our clients' proposals.

With respect to our clients' sponsored bills, we develop a plan for taking the multiple, repetitive steps necessary to succeed, describe those steps to our clients, and engage vigorously in pursuit

of our goals. Specifically, we identify the legislative matter on which we need to work and then begin determining its viability by consulting with legislative staff and policy committee consultants with experience in the policy area of our legislation.

We then consider whether the measure is best advanced by a member of the District's legislative delegation or a more expert chair or member of the relevant policy committee. We would consult with the District's representatives on legislation impacting the district, but we are especially careful to ensure that the local district representatives are "signed off" on legislation whose impact is limited to the District. Once we have consulted with them, we might seek their assistance in lining up the best author of a bill (if not a member of the delegation). ***Ensuring that the various legislative stakeholders – the local legislative delegation, policy committee staff who will write the analysis, and staff of the Legislature's leaders – are familiar with our goals and objectives provides us with a foundation for our effort.***

Moreover, when it seems wise to do so, we will meet with the Governor's Staff to get their sense of his potential reaction to legislation. Advice from the Governor's Office can help shape our measure and gives us a sense of what to expect at the end of the process.

In securing an author among the legislators we determine who would best carry our legislation, which is a critical step and one we take very carefully. We weigh his or her skill, reputation, and creativity to help us move the measure through both houses.

Having secured an author, we meet with all the members or their staff of the policy committees hearing the bill. These meetings help us explain our purpose and also persuade their staff of our measure's worth, and we treat these meetings as both consultations and advocacy. We are careful to answer all of their questions if we can do so immediately or later if further research is required. Regardless of whether we've met with the legislators themselves or their staff, we leave them with the assurance that we have a high regard for their views, advice, and reactions to our bill. We also work very closely with the author to produce a presentation before policy and fiscal committees that work to their strengths, and we recommend witnesses who are grounded in the nature of our legislation and whose temperament will work well in a legislative committee setting.

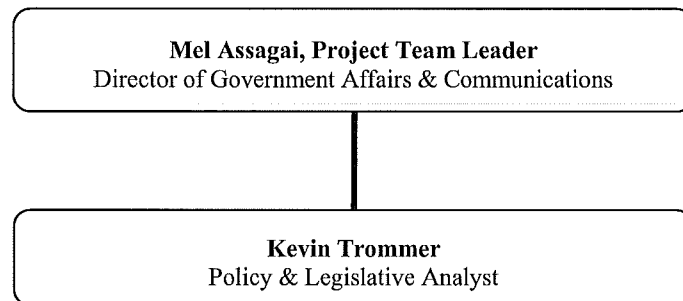
We also produce very informative literature to share with and leave behind in the offices we visit. Often it is this literature on which committee consultants rely in analyzing our measures. Perhaps the most important material conveying our clients' positions are contained in the author's "support" letters to the committees hearing our bills. These letters detail in a readable, but substantive manner why our legislation is important and merits support. Besides these means of communicating our clients' positions, we issue Assembly and Senate "Floor Alerts" that are delivered to every member of the house in question. Finally, in this part of the process, we prepare "Request for Signature" letters to the Governor urging him to sign our measures into law. In addition, we prepare similar letters for others wishing to support our position. We seek support from other stakeholders as well as individuals and groups interested in the legislation in question. Building a consensus around the need and reasonableness of our legislation is an important part of our advocacy.

Finally, we gauge when it is best advised to have our clients make office visits with us to meet legislators and staff to provide first-hand comments and testimony. Clients are often best equipped to convey the importance of the measures lobbied on their behalf. And, while we provide thorough preparatory discussions with them before meetings and committee testimony, we believe their personal presentations can be strongly supportive of all the other work engaged in by Strategic Counsel.

Throughout the process, we keep clients informed of our progress and the next steps. We also offer advice on amendments proposed by others and guidance as to how best to respond. Since all measures will be opined upon by a group of stakeholders in the policy area of our legislation, we reach out to them early to gauge their views, assess their willingness to support or their opposition, and help them understand our goals. If we know early on that a particular group will oppose our measure, we acquaint all the stakeholders of that fact and continuously seek to remove that opposition as our measure moves forward. We know that unaddressed opposition can be the basis of a Governor's Veto if it reaches his desk with the particular issue unresolved. We lobby with the understanding that the quality of information, the relationships we have with members and staff, and our reputation for excellence are all part of our successful advocacy effort and are reflected in our low-key but effective approach to lobbying.

In summary, we use all of our intellectual, experiential, and relationship resources, as well as the impact of our clients' presence in Sacramento to ensure that we impact the Legislature in the most dynamic manner for our clients.

INDIVIDUAL BIO'S OF CITY OF COMPTON LOBBYING TEAM



Mel Assagai, Director of Government Affairs & Communications

Considered one of Sacramento's most effective legislative advocates, Mel Assagai leads the firm's government affairs and communications practice. He leverages his unique ability to create and manage strategies that address constantly changing public policies and opinions to aid clients in business, industry and government. Mr. Assagai is recognized for his talent in legislative research and planning, bill tracking, public relations, coalition building and PAC management. For sixteen years, Mr. Assagai has successfully represented a wide range of public and private organizations, businesses, and individuals before the California State Legislature and

government agencies. He built his considerable expertise in government and politics while working as chief lobbyist and senior executive for governmental affairs for the State Bar of California and as chief of staff and press secretary to California Senate President pro Tempore David Roberti. In recognition of his unwavering commitment to civic and professional organizations, Mr. Assagai has received numerous awards. Sacramento Magazine selected Mr. Assagai as one of its "Best and Brightest" and both the California Assembly and the California State Senate recognized his achievements. Mr. Assagai currently serves on the Board of Directors for the Greater Sacramento Urban League and on the California State University President's Advisory Board. Mr. Assagai is an active member of the Sacramento Metropolitan Chamber of Commerce, where he sits on the Workforce Development Committee, as well as the Sacramento Black Chamber of Commerce.

Kevin Trommer, Policy & Legislative Analyst

The most recent addition to the Strategic Counsel Team, Kevin Trommer is responsible for tracking legislation, researching the impacts of legislation clients and assisting in representing the City's interests in Sacramento. His extensive academic background has provided him with the tools to critically weigh and assess diverse, competing proposals to arrive at the most effective policy solution. Mr. Trommer, through his studies, has intimate knowledge of the fields of economics, developmental strategies, state and local government structures, and public policy. In addition to his legislative duties, Mr. Trommer monitors, coordinates, and provides outreach through various social media platforms on behalf of the firm and its clients. Prior to his work with Strategic Counsel, Mr. Trommer was an advocacy intern with the Libertarian Party of California, is a Member of Pi Sigma Alpha Political Science Honor Society and has been involved with the YMCA's Youth Model Legislature & Court Program, Youth and Government. Mr. Trommer earned his bachelor's degree in Political Science with an emphasis in Comparative Politics from the University of California, Los Angeles (UCLA), graduating Cum Laude and with honors in 2011 with a minor in African Studies.

COMMUNICATION WITH CLIENTS

Navigating the policy and legislative environment requires both patience and quick response to urgent issues, and successful advocacy requires a partnership between the client and the advocacy firm. Working together, we can effectively communicate the City's story and positions to the Legislature and the Governor's Office and make sure that other legislative stakeholders appreciate Compton's role in shaping public policy. To ensure that our clients' priorities and influence is enhanced in this fast-paced environment, Strategic Counsel utilizes all forms of communications tools to inform, engage and gain feedback from clients. Our communication strategy is grounded in our strong belief that our ability to leverage relationships, policy, and influence is only gained through open communication with our clients. Which of the following tools we use depends upon whether a formal report or a quick telephone call or e-mail would better serve our purposes. The objective underlying whatever communication method used is our commitment to ensuring that the client is thoroughly informed, that our recommendations are clear and that client's questions are answered. To that end, we communicate with our clients utilizing the following platforms:

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- Telephone communications
- E-mail correspondence
- Presentation to the Council
- Legislative reports on pending education issues, political landscape and education initiatives
- In-person meetings

Strategic Counsel can be relied upon to offer insightful political advice and assessments of how changes in the political environment impact the City's goals and objectives as well as the media strategies and communications tools needed to promote those efforts. The firm will also devise a solid strategic program for Compton, identify the major strengths and weaknesses, and formulate key messages to effectively guide the City through the political and public policy decision-making process.

We will continue to count on the City's commitment to working collaboratively towards defining and communicating important objectives and legislative priorities.

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Legislative advocacy services are traditionally payable on a monthly basis. We propose that the previous terms and conditions be retained in our 2013/2014 contract, including compensation, in the amount of \$9,000.00 per month.

CLIENT LIST

- Navistar, Inc.
- Chevron Corporation
- ECEworks! Career Development Policy Project (funded by First Five Los Angeles)
- Los Angeles County Education Foundation, Inc.
- City of Compton
- Compton Unified School District
- Electrification Leadership Council
- California Association of Urban League Executives
- Sacramento Black Chamber of Commerce

Attachment A

Compton City Council Legislative Agenda July 2013

Infrastructure:

- Seek California Department of Transportation support for:
 - Funds for Street Repair/Repaving in the City of Compton
 - Funds for Highway repairs and upkeep on highways in City of Compton
 - Funds for installation of street lights in City of Compton
 - Engage California Department of Transportation for improved beautification of on-ramps and off-ramps within City of Compton.
- Seek Federal declaration of the Alameda Corridor as Critical Infrastructure by the Office of Emergency Services.
- Seek State/Federal support for funding to remove the Rosecrans Bridge
- Seek MTA policies on Blue Line Safety/Grading Issues and Community Offset Costs.
- Seek State policy on charging tolls interstate commerce traveling through Compton.
 - Compensate population for noise, and wear & tear.
- Seek State support for mitigation of environmental impacts associated with high density cargo transportation.
- Seek State Watershed/Stormwater Retention and Cleanup Funds
- Seek funding for road repairs from Gateway Cities (part of \$8 billion held in trust by Gateway Cities Association).

Utilities:

- Seek policies that lower water rates
 - Bond Rate Negotiations/I-Bank Refinancing
 - Rules on lowering bonds and structure of bond process

Public Safety:

- Seek State support for education, training, housing, and services for ex-offenders.
 - Determine how to retrain and reacclimate returning ex-offenders
 - Determine correlation with an increase with Shootings, Graffiti, Homicides, & Crime
- Seek accreditation and restoration of the Compton Fire Academy
 - Stress training of minority firefighters & engage firefighter unions.
- Seek State support in deploying California Highway Patrol Officers in Compton .

Economic Development:

- Pursue legislative & regulatory options for economic development and sustainable, “smart growth”, communities including focus on brownfield cleanup, parks, environmental enhancement & remediation, and support for City contracts for State facilities.
- Seek State and private businesses support for financial access to capital by City of Compton (GO-Biz, BOA, Chase, Wells Fargo, etc.)
- Seek State support for a small business forum while engaging in outreach for business advocacy groups in Compton by Strategic Counsel.
- Request State action to cleanup Compton Corporation Yard (purchased by RDA from City, State should clean using RDA funds).
- Requesting State’s rescission for Compton to repay \$4.2 million for park.
- Engage Department of Finance for removal and redesign of an abandoned apartment complex on Alondra owned by the former Compton RDA (state should fix or level & redesign complex since they have the RDA funds).

Parks and Recreation:

- Focus on renovating/expanding parkland and green space
 - Alondra Regional Park – Money was reallocated at the last minute.
 - Gonzalez Stadium
 - Look at park space per resident
 - Frame as combating Childhood Obesity in Urban areas
- Seek designation of Jackie Robinson Field as a historic landmark as well as funds for its restoration.

Municipal Issues:

- Seek State policy for retaining City’s 0.045% Parcel Tax that funds City Retirement plans.
- Seek State contracting for vacant City of Compton facilities and land.
- Engage California Energy Commission on the feasibility of using Proposition 39 funds to retrofit existing or construct new facilities for the City.
- Identify Grant Opportunities for the City

Health & Wellness:

- Seek State support for Homeless/Mental Health Care Costs.
 - Due to realignment many mentally ill individuals are being released and are living as homeless within the City limits.
- Seek State support for a vision and eyeglass clinic located in the City of Compton.

- Engage the City of Compton in Affordable Care Act signups by engaging non-profit groups already in process of signing individuals up and determining whether the City can directly promote Affordable Care Act insurance signups.

RESOLUTION SIGN-OFF FORM

DEPARTMENT: City Management

RESOLUTION TITLE: A RESOLUTION OF THE CITY COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF COMPTON DIRECTING THE CITY MANAGER TO WORK WITH THE CITY’S LEGISLATIVE CONSULTANT (STRATEGIC COUNSEL, PLC) TO SEEK LEGISLATIVE REMEDY TO THE DIVERSION OF THE VOTER APPROVED RETIREMENT PENSION LEVY.

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Public Works:	When contracting for Engineering Services.
City Attorney:	When contracting for legal services; contracts that require City Attorney’s review.
Controller/Budget Officer:	Amending Budget; appropriating and/or transferring funds; adding and/or deleting positions; any resolution having account numbers.
Asst. City Manager/OAS:	All personnel actions.

