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CITY OF GARDEN GROVE STEVE JONES, Mayor Elect SCOTT C. STILES, City Manager OMAR SANDOVAL, City Attorney 11222 Acacia Parkway Garden Grove, California 92843

RE: NOTICE OF SOCIAL MEDIA CIRCULATION RE CITY MATTER
IN THE VIETNAMESE-AMERICAN COMMUNITY

Dear Mayor Jones, City Manager and City Attorney:

In recent months, there has been group emails, You Tube postings, web postings, radio shows and television shows regarding the subject of Site C development in the city and the Council's vote as to the trip to China. For many years, the Vietnamese-American community in Garden Grove and surrounding cities has been highly sensitive to all communist countries, because it comprises of refugees taking refuge in America from the corrupt and oppressive acts which are and were carried out by the communist party in Vietnam. Due to these acts, most of our residents are still suffering from post traumatic syndrome relating to boat escapes, prison escapes and human rights violations suffered.

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Therefore, it was no surprise to see the Vietnamese community in Orange County reacting unfavorably to staff recommendation and the Council approval of the trip to visit a China based company, SCG, which was added in as an investor to Site C development only after I have termed out of the Council. I have attached a letter from the VIETNAMESE FEDERATION OF SOUTHERN CALIFORNIA - CONG DONG NGUOI VIET QUOC GIA NAM CALIFORNIA written to Councilman Bui. Councilman Bui is the president and executive officer of this organization. I believe that the letter will speak clearly of the concerns that this organization has about this trip and of their request for the council to reconsider its vote. They simply want the council to cancel the trip to China.

On behalf of myself, I am requesting that the City admonishes councilman Bui to seize and desist from making statements that would cause the public to construe that I have voted for the Site C project knowing that the China based company was involved. Council Bui has undermined the public and put me in a bad light with the public by repeatedly making the statement that I have voted for the same Site C hotel development (only after he explained why he voted for the Council to visit China). He does not explain that the China based company only came onto the City's agenda after I have termed out of the City. In effect, councilman Bui intentionally disseminated incomplete information regarding my vote that would cause the public to believe that I did and have supported the China based company investment in the City of Garden Grove during my term as a Councilmember.

The new City Council is representative of all of Garden Grove. I request that this letter be cc'd to all council members so that the Council would concurrently and jointly apprised of this subject and the role that councilman Bui has within an organization that feels strongly against communism.

Thank you for your attention to this matter.

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Very Truly Yours,

Dina L Nguyen