



City of Huntington Park Press Statement

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City of Huntington Park's Response to the Proposed Audit of the City by the Joint Legislative Audit Committee

Huntington Park, CALIF. (Thursday, April 29, 2021) - The City of Huntington Park's City Council approved a resolution condemning California State Assemblyman Reggie Jones-Sawyer for his false and misleading statements concerning the City of Huntington Park. The City is also seeking action from the California State Assembly to censure and condemn Assemblyman Jones-Sawyer for reckless and ethnically biased conduct relating to his recent statements made before the California State Legislature.

As a result, the City Council unanimously voted and directed staff to send a letter to the Chairman and members of the California Joint Legislative Audit Committee to provide evidence-based context, highlighting that this is a politically motivated effort against the City and its residents.

"I have always supported a State audit to reinforce our City's commitment to transparency and accountability, not for political gain. An audit should not be requested as a political ploy. It should be conducted to reinforce public trust and transparency," said Mayor Graciela Ortiz.

The letter provides a point-by-point summary backed by irrefutable information about the City's information breach, previous audits, and the City's ongoing commitment to good governance.

Regardless of the motivation behind this audit, the City will provide all information requested by the State in good faith, and to comply in the most expedient manner.

The City of Huntington Park and its' officials are disappointed in Assemblyman Jones-Sawyer's comments and actions. In a time when our country is healing from a political divide, Assemblyman Jones-Sawyer is continuing to deepen the wound in our democratic system. It is his fiduciary duty to represent the people of our district with honor. Rather than focusing on increasing resources for the community, he focuses on spreading false and unverifiable statements. He consistently turned his back on our community and the entire assembly district to satisfy his Machiavellian whims.

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