As of January 3, 2020, Woodlawn Memorial Park ("Woodlawn") is an unlicensed and unregulated cemetery that is privately owned. The City of Compton ("City") has no authority over Woodlawn and is legally prohibited from assuming its operations, including any maintenance of the property.

- The City is working alongside Assemblymember Mike Gipson and the Cemetery and Funeral Bureau of the California Department of Consumer Affairs to find both short-term and long-term solutions to the challenges faced by Woodlawn.

- Under current state law, the City cannot acquire Woodlawn and operate it as a municipal cemetery due to its size, which exceeds that which is permitted to be owned by a municipality.

- If you have a prepaid interment agreement with Woodlawn and would like to have those arrangements transferred to another cemetery, you may contact the State Department of Consumer Affairs at the following:
  
  o State Cemetery and Funeral Bureau: (916) 574-7870
  o State Department of Consumer: (800) 952-5210 or email fb@ca.gov

- If you have any other questions concerning any rights you may have concerning Woodlawn, you may contact an attorney who specializes in cemeteries and funerals to provide you with guidance.

- For those interested in gaining access to Woodlawn to visit friends and loved ones who are buried there, or to participate in volunteer community clean-up efforts, you may contact Celestina Bishop by email at onesectionatatimeorg@gmail.com or at 323-840-9737. Please note that the City of Compton is not responsible for or formally affiliated in any way with these activities or the individuals organizing these activities.