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## **CALIFORNIA STATE CONTROLLER COMMENDS THE CITY OF COMPTON ON TRANSPARENCY AND PROGRESS RELATED TO AUDIT FINDINGS**

COMPTON, CA – May 2, 2019. The City of Compton is undertaking several efforts to address findings in a 2018 State Audit Report. Mayor Aja Brown, the City’s independent auditors, City Controller, Rafaela King and City Manager, Cecil Rhambo met with the State Controller’s Office April 11, 2019 to provide a comprehensive update on progress toward addressing concerns raised by the audit. The update included information on the City’s planned use of Measure P funding over five years, significant staffing and structural changes at the City’s Controller’s Office, and formal timelines for addressing each audit finding, among other audit-related items. This was the second update meeting between the City and the State Controller’s Office.

In a communication to the City, a Bureau Chief from the State Controller’s Office noted that the City’s update “...demonstrated the serious commitment by the city to improving its financial conditions, recognizing that it will take time to fully address the prior findings and problems...” The representative also applauded the city for its transparency in reporting on its finances and audit-related activities to the State.

“We are on schedule with our turnaround strategy designed to comprehensively address fiscal concerns from many years prior and implement new policies and best practices to secure our city’s financial future,” said Mayor Brown. “This is a top priority for the City and we are encouraged by the feedback from the State Controller’s Office that our team is on track. The City Council views the State’s audit as an opportunity, which has yielded the forensic assessment and cooperation needed. We are looking forward to continuing to move forward with greater fiscal strength and transparency.”

### **About City of Compton**

**Compton, also known as the “Hub City”** for its central location in Los Angeles County, is situated south of downtown Los Angeles. One of the oldest cities in the county, Compton was incorporated on 1888 with just 50 people. Today the City is home to almost 100,000 residents of diverse backgrounds, several Fortune 500 companies, a municipal airport, fire department, several retail developments, and a school district with award-winning and nationally recognized programs. Compton’s over 10 square miles is a rich mixture of industrial centers, homes, farmland and equestrian trails. The city is known for being strategically located along the Alameda Corridor, a rail passageway of 25% of all U.S. waterborne international trade, in addition to being a large industrial center for transit and distribution, business services, high technology, home and lifestyle products, metals, financial services, and textile manufacturing. For more information, visit: <http://www.comptoncity.org/>

### **About the Audit**

The City of Compton is currently addressing findings from an audit conducted by the California State Controller’s Office in 2018. The audit covered the City’s fiscal operations from July 1, 2013 to June 30, 2016 and resulted in findings expressing concerns over budget and financial practices that had been in place for decades.

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