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Via Electronic Mail

Mayor Sam Liccardo and City Councilmembers
200 East Santa Clara Street
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Re: Second Amendment to City-Generated Tow Services
COUNCIL AGENDA: 06/25/19; FILE: 19-532; ITEM: 4.2

Dear Mayor Liccardo and City Councilmembers:

Hopkins & Carley represents the six towing companies that are parties to Agreements for City Generated Tow Services:

Alongi Brothers, Inc.
Century Tow
City Towing, Inc.
Courtesy Tow Services, Inc.
Matos Auto Towing & Transport
Motor Body Company, Inc.

These six companies have formed an association called San Jose Towers for the purpose of working collaboratively with the City to resolve problems with the towing operations as identified by the report of the City Auditor and described by City staff and Councilmembers in memos issued in consideration of the audit. Jerry Strangis is their designated representative and is authorized to speak on their behalf.

I am submitting this letter on behalf of the six companies in support of the staff recommendations to negotiate and execute a Second Amendment to the Agreements for City-Generated Zone Tow Services and to set citywide tow rates at an amount not to exceed those of the California Highway Patrol.

The six companies recognize that the current system under the existing contracts is resulting in inadequate services for the people of San Jose and that service levels need to be improved. The companies acknowledge that our residents desire and deserve well-run, responsive partners to help remove problem vehicles from our city streets. The companies are aware of the need for timely responses when it comes to towing abandoned or junk vehicles.

The six companies are prepared to engage through their association with the City in a process to amend the existing agreements to deal with the problems.

While there are many issues to be dealt with and the six companies do not necessarily agree with all the elements of the staff's terms and conditions and revisions, there is much common ground among the companies and the City. That common ground will provide a basis for working collaboratively for a successful outcome to be embodied in a Second Amendment.

To help resolve any issues that cannot be agreed upon with the staff, we suggest this matter be kept in the work plan for the Transportation and Environment Committee for periodic review.

Sincerely,

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