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Mr. David A. Wilson, Director of Finance and Technology Services
City of West Hollywood
8300 Santa Monica Boulevard
West Hollywood, CA 90069

Dear Mr. Wilson:

Subject: 2016-17 Annual Recognized Obligation Payment Schedule

Pursuant to Health and Safety Code (HSC) section 34177 (o) (1), the City of West Hollywood Successor Agency (Agency) submitted a Recognized Obligation Payment Schedule for the period July 1, 2016 through June 30, 2017 (ROPS 16-17) to the California Department of Finance (Finance) on February 8, 2016. Finance has completed its review of the ROPS 16-17.

Based on a sample of line items reviewed and application of the law, Finance made the following determinations:

- Item Nos. 9 and 12 – Bond Fees totaling $3,500. It is our understanding the Agency erroneously omitted the funding request for the July 1, 2016 through December 31, 2016 (ROPS A period). Per discussion with Agency staff, funding requested from Redevelopment Property Tax Trust Fund (RPTTF) for the ROPS A period should be $1,750 for Item No. 9 and $1,750 Item No. 12. As a result, the total RPTTF funding requested for enforceable obligations has been increased by $3,500.

- Item Nos. 37 and 38 – Bond Fees Reserves totaling $3,500 are not allowed. It is our understanding the amounts requested are in anticipation of the January 1, 2017 through June 30, 2017 (ROPS B period) RPTTF distribution shortfall. Since the ROPS B period distribution has not yet occurred, the anticipated shortfall is not an enforceable obligation and is not eligible for funding.

- The administrative costs claimed are within the fiscal year administrative cap pursuant to HSC section 34171 (b) (3). However, Finance notes the oversight board has approved an amount that appears excessive, given the number and nature of the other obligations listed in the ROPS. HSC section 34179 (i) requires the oversight board to exercise a fiduciary duty to the taxing entities. Therefore, Finance encourages the oversight board to apply adequate oversight when evaluating the administrative resources required to successfully wind-down the Agency.

Except for the items denied in whole or in part, Finance is not objecting to the remaining items listed on your ROPS 16-17. If you disagree with Finance's determination with respect to any items on your ROPS 16-17, except for those items which are the subject of litigation disputing Finance's previous or related determinations, you may request a Meet and Confer within five

business days of the date of this letter. The Meet and Confer process and guidelines are available at Finance's website below:

http://www.dof.ca.gov/redevelopment/meet_and_confer/

On the ROPS 16-17 form, the Agency reported cash balances and activity for the period of July 1, 2015 through June 30, 2016. Finance performs a review of the Agency's self-reported cash balances on an ongoing basis. Be prepared to submit financial records and bridging documents to support the cash balances reported upon request. If it is determined the Agency possesses cash balances that are available to pay approved enforceable obligations, HSC section 34177 (l) (1) (E) requires these balances to be used prior to requesting RPTTF.

The Agency's maximum approved RPTTF distribution for the reporting period is $5,005,946 as summarized in the Approved RPTTF Distribution Table on Page 4 (See Attachment).

ROPS distributions will occur twice annually, one distribution for the ROPS A period, and one distribution for the ROPS B period based on Finance's approved amounts. Since Finance's determination is for the entire ROPS 16-17 period, the Agency is authorized to receive up to the maximum approved RPTTF through the combined ROPS A and B period distributions.

On the ROPS 16-17 form, the Agency was not required to report the estimated obligations versus actual payments (prior period adjustment) associated with the July 1, 2015 through December 31, 2015 period (ROPS 15-16A). The Agency will report actual payments for ROPS 15-16A and ROPS 15-16B on the ROPS 18-19 form pursuant to HSC section 34186 (a) (1). A prior period adjustment will be applied to the Agency's future RPTTF distribution. Therefore, the Agency should retain any difference in unexpended RPTTF.

Please refer to the ROPS 16-17 schedule used to calculate the total RPTTF approved for distribution:

http://www.dof.ca.gov/redevelopment/ROPS

Absent a Meet and Confer, this is Finance's determination related to the enforceable obligations reported on your ROPS for the period July 1, 2016 through June 30, 2017. This determination only applies to items when funding was requested for the 12-month period. Finance's determination is effective for this time period only and should not be conclusively relied upon for future ROPS periods. All items listed on a future ROPS are subject to review and may be denied even if it was not denied on this ROPS or a preceding ROPS. The only exception is for items that have received a Final and Conclusive determination from Finance pursuant to HSC section 34177.5 (i). Finance's review of Final and Conclusive items is limited to confirming the scheduled payments as required by the obligation.

The amount available from the RPTTF is the same as the amount of property tax increment available prior to the enactment of the redevelopment dissolution statutes. Therefore, as a practical matter, the ability to fund the items on the ROPS with property tax is limited to the amount of funding available to the Agency in the RPTTF.

Please direct inquiries to Kylie Oltmann, Supervisor, or Nicole Prisakar, Lead Analyst at (916) 445-1546.

Sincerely,

for

JUSTYN HOWARD
Program Budget Manager

cc: Mr. John Leonard, Revenue Manager, City of West Hollywood
Ms. Kristina Burns, Manager, Department of Auditor-Controller, Los Angeles County

Attachment

Approved RPTTF Distribution For the period of July 2016 through June 2017				
	ROPS A Period	ROPS B Period		Total
Requested RPTTF (excluding administrative obligations)	805,632	3,950,314		4,755,946
Requested Administrative RPTTF	250,000	0		250,000
Total RPTTF requested for obligations on ROPS 16-17	**1,055,632**	**3,950,314**	**$**	**5,005,946**
Adjustment to Agency Requested RPTTF	3,500	0		3,500
Adjustment to Agency Requested Administrative RPTTF	0	0		0
Total RPTTF adjustments	**3,500**	**0**	**$**	**3,500**
Total RPTTF Requested	809,132	3,950,314		4,759,446
Denied Items				
Item No. 37	(1,750)	0		(1,750)
Item No. 38	(1,750)	0		(1,750)
	(3,500)	0		(3,500)
Total RPTTF authorized	**805,632**	**3,950,314**	**$**	**4,755,946**
Total Administrative RPTTF authorized	**250,000**	**0**	**$**	**250,000**
Total RPTTF approved for distribution	**1,055,632**	**3,950,314**	**$**	**5,005,946**