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Anaheim City Council Urged to Fully Fund Internal Corruption Investigation

Anaheim, CA - Orange County Communities Organized for Responsible Development (OCCORD) is urging the Anaheim City Council to grant JL Group, LLC, the requested increase in the NTE amount to carry out the full scope of their investigation into internal corruption.

At the recent council meeting on February 7th, some members of the council expressed concerns about the cost of the investigation, but OCCORD believes that the investigation is a critical first step in restoring the public's trust in their local government. The findings of this investigation will play a crucial role in uncovering the layers of corruption that have plagued the city for so long.

In a recent interview, former Councilmember Dr Jose Moreno asked, "What's the price of an honest transparent government that believes and subscribes to integrity and to assuring that the people's business is done honestly? What's the price tag on that? I don't think there is one." Working families in Anaheim are in support of fully funding this internal corruption investigation, as it shows that the governing body truly values government transparency, accountability, and justice.

OCCORD also recommends revisiting a proposed 2% admissions tax on ticket sales for major entertainment venues like Disneyland and Honda Center, which was brought to the council last summer by Dr Jose Moreno. The proposed tax is estimated to generate \$55 to \$82 million for the city's general fund annually, providing the means to invest more in the city's youth and senior services, public safety, emergency response services, street and park maintenance. The tax revenue could also be used to cover the cost of the internal investigation.

The council is scheduled to discuss the NTE increase on February 28th. OCCORD urges the council to approve JL Group's request and fully fund the internal corruption investigation so that the report can be completed by July 1st. It is in the council's best interest to rebuild trust with its constituents. Join OCCORD, residents, and community leaders at 10 AM on February 27th at the Unitarian Universalist Church in Anaheim (511 S Harbor Blvd, Anaheim, CA 92805) as we call on the council to fully fund the investigation!

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