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**City of Paramount
Annual Financial Report of its**

**Proposition A Local Return Fund
Proposition C Local Return Fund
Measure R Local Return Fund
Transportation Development Act Article 3 Fund**

**As of and for the Years Ended June 30, 2015 and 2014
with Report of Independent Auditors**

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FINANCIAL SECTION

Report of Independent Auditors

To the Honorable Members of the City Council of the City of Paramount, California and the Los Angeles County Metropolitan Transportation Authority

Report on the Financial Statements

We have audited the accompanying financial statements of the Proposition A Local Return Fund, Proposition C Local Return Fund, Measure R Local Return Fund and the Transportation Development Act Article 3 Fund (collectively, the Funds) of the City of Paramount, California (the City) which comprise the Funds' balance sheets as of June 30, 2015 and 2014, and the related statements of revenues, expenditures and changes in fund balance for the years then ended, and the related notes to the financial statements.

Management's Responsibility for the Financial Statements

Management is responsible for the preparation and fair presentation of these financial statements in accordance with accounting principles generally accepted in the United States of America; this includes the design, implementation, and maintenance of internal control relevant to the preparation and fair presentation of financial statements that are free from material misstatement, whether due to fraud or error.

Auditors' Responsibility

Our responsibility is to express opinions on these financial statements based on our audits. We conducted our audits in accordance with auditing standards generally accepted in the United States of America and the standards applicable to financial audits contained in *Government Auditing Standards*, issued by the Comptroller General of the United States. Those standards require that we plan and perform the audits to obtain reasonable assurance about whether the financial statements are free from material misstatement.

An audit involves performing procedures to obtain audit evidence about the amounts and disclosures in the financial statements. The procedures selected depend on the auditor's judgment, including the assessment of the risks of material misstatement of the financial statements, whether due to fraud or error. In making those risk assessments, the auditor considers internal control relevant to the entity's preparation and fair presentation of the financial statements in order to design audit procedures that are appropriate in the circumstances, but not for the purpose of expressing an opinion on the effectiveness of the entity's internal control. Accordingly, we express no such opinion. An audit also includes evaluating the appropriateness of accounting policies used and the reasonableness of significant accounting estimates made by management, as well as evaluating the overall presentation of the financial statements.

We believe that the audit evidence we have obtained is sufficient and appropriate to provide a basis for our audit opinions.



Opinions

In our opinion, the financial statements referred to above present fairly, in all material respects, the respective financial position of the Proposition A Local Return Fund, the Proposition C Local Return Fund, the Measure R Local Return Fund and the Transportation Development Act Article 3 Fund of the City of Paramount, California, as of June 30, 2015 and 2014, and the respective changes in financial position for the years then ended in accordance with accounting principles generally accepted in the United States of America.

Emphasis of Matter

As discussed in Note 2, the financial statements present only the Proposition A Local Return Fund, the Proposition C Local Return Fund, the Measure R Local Return Fund and the Transportation Development Act Article 3 Fund of the City and do not purport to, and do not present fairly the financial position of the City as of June 30, 2015 and 2014, and the changes in its financial position for the years then ended in accordance with accounting principles generally accepted in the United States of America. Our opinion is not modified with respect to this matter.

Supplementary Information

Our audits were conducted for the purpose of forming opinions on each of the Funds' financial statements as a whole. The supplementary information identified in the table of contents is presented for purposes of additional analysis and is not a required part of the basic financial statements.

The supplementary information identified in the table of contents is the responsibility of management and was derived from and relates directly to the underlying accounting and other records used to prepare the Funds' basic financial statements. Such information has been subjected to the auditing procedures applied in the audit of the Funds' basic financial statements and certain additional procedures, including comparing and reconciling such information directly to the underlying accounting and other records used to prepare the Funds' basic financial statements or to the Funds' basic financial statements themselves, and other additional procedures in accordance with auditing standards generally accepted in the United States of America. In our opinion, the supplementary information is fairly stated, in all material respects, in relation to each of the Funds' basic financial statements as a whole.

Other Reporting Required by Government Auditing Standards

In accordance with *Government Auditing Standards*, we have also issued our report dated December 16, 2015 on our consideration of the City's internal control over financial reporting and on our tests of its compliance with certain provisions of laws, regulations, contracts, and grant agreements and other matters. The purpose of that report is to describe the scope of our testing of internal control over financial reporting and compliance and the results of that testing, and not to provide an opinion on internal control over financial reporting or on compliance. That report is an integral part of an audit performed in accordance with *Government Auditing Standards* in considering the City's internal control over financial reporting and compliance.

A handwritten signature in black ink that reads "Vasquez & Company LLP".

**Los Angeles, California
December 16, 2015**

**City of Paramount
Proposition A Local Return Fund
Balance Sheets**

		June 30	
		2015	2014
ASSETS			
Cash and investments	\$	358,813	\$ 281,755
Interest receivable		233	150
Accounts receivable		-	46
Total assets	\$	<u>359,046</u>	<u>\$ 281,951</u>
LIABILITIES AND FUND BALANCE			
Liabilities			
Accounts payable	\$	58,145	\$ 59,078
Total liabilities		<u>58,145</u>	<u>59,078</u>
Fund balance			
Restricted		<u>300,901</u>	<u>222,873</u>
Total fund balance		<u>300,901</u>	<u>222,873</u>
Total liabilities and fund balance	\$	<u>359,046</u>	<u>\$ 281,951</u>

See notes to financial statements.

City of Paramount
Proposition A Local Return Fund
Statements of Revenues, Expenditures and Changes in Fund Balance

		Years ended June 30	
		2015	2014
Revenues			
Proposition A	\$	966,041	\$ 927,067
Investment income		780	606
Project generated revenue		<u>107,578</u>	<u>106,561</u>
Total revenues		<u>1,074,399</u>	<u>1,034,234</u>
 Expenditures			
Various projects		<u>996,371</u>	<u>995,419</u>
Total expenditures		<u>996,371</u>	<u>995,419</u>
Excess of revenues over expenditures		78,028	38,815
Fund balance at beginning of year		<u>222,873</u>	<u>184,058</u>
Fund balance at end of year		<u>\$ 300,901</u>	<u>\$ 222,873</u>

See notes to financial statements.

City of Paramount
Proposition A Local Return Fund
Supplementary Information
Schedule of Expenditures – Actual and LACMTA Approved Project Budget
Year ended June 30, 2015
Actual for 2014

Project Code	Project Name	2015		Variance Positive (Negative)	2014 Actual
		LACMTA Budget	Actual		
110-01	Community Level Transit	\$ 721,000	\$ 659,646	\$ 61,354	\$ 661,080
110-04	Long Beach Transit Subsidy	10,000	9,906	94	7,972
140-02	Recreation Transit	44,000	12,017	31,983	11,331
170-01	Bus Stop Maintenance	30,000	22,833	7,167	25,000
220-01	Transit Security - Bus Stops and MTA Railroad ROW Patrol	85,000	81,278	3,722	78,124
240-05	Subsidized Taxi Services	48,000	37,746	10,254	34,709
270-11	Development of Orange Line - Feasibility Study (IV)	17,000	16,433	567	11,300
480-03	Prop A Administration	200,000	156,512	43,488	165,903
Total expenditures		\$ 1,155,000	\$ 996,371	\$ 158,629	\$ 995,419

See report of independent auditors.

City of Paramount
Proposition A Local Return Fund
Supplementary Information
Schedule of Capital Assets
Year ended June 30, 2015

<u>Date Acquired</u>	<u>Description</u>	<u>Balance July 1, 2014</u>	<u>Additions</u>	<u>Deletions</u>	<u>Balance June 30, 2015</u>
2002	Challenger 16 Passenger Bus	\$ 73,350	\$ -	-	\$ 73,350
2005	El Dorado EZ Rider II (30 passenger bus)	209,276	-	-	209,276
2007	El Dorado EZ Rider - Unit 599	101,993	-	-	101,993
2008	El Dorado Aerotech - Unit 598	70,374	-	-	70,374
2009	El Dorado EZ Rider - Unit 599	200,000	-	-	200,000
2011	2010 Starcraft Allstar 25' - Unit 241	34,311	-	-	34,311
2011	2010 Starcraft Allstar 25' - Unit 242	34,311	-	-	34,311
2011	2008 El Dorado Passport	36,739	-	-	36,739
Total		\$ 760,354	\$ -	-	\$ 760,354

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**City of Paramount
Proposition C Local Return Fund
Balance Sheets**

		June 30	
		2015	2014
ASSETS			
Cash and investments	\$	1,189,134	\$ 848,231
Interest receivable		833	408
Total assets	\$	1,189,967	\$ 848,639
LIABILITIES AND FUND BALANCE			
Liabilities			
Accounts payable	\$	239,755	\$ 18,319
Total liabilities		239,755	18,319
Fund balance			
Restricted		950,212	830,320
Total fund balance		950,212	830,320
Total liabilities and fund balance	\$	1,189,967	\$ 848,639

See notes to financial statements.

City of Paramount
Proposition C Local Return Fund
Statements of Revenues, Expenditures and Changes in Fund Balance

	Years ended June 30	
	2015	2014
Revenues		
Proposition C	\$ 804,069	\$ 771,596
Investment income	2,673	1,777
Total revenues	806,742	773,373
Expenditures		
Various projects	686,850	738,113
Total expenditures	686,850	738,113
Excess of revenues over expenditures	119,892	35,260
Fund balance at beginning of year	830,320	795,060
Fund balance at end of year	\$ 950,212	\$ 830,320

See notes to financial statements.

City of Paramount
Proposition C Local Return Fund
Supplementary Information
Schedule of Expenditures – Actual and LACMTA Approved Project Budget
Year ended June 30, 2015
Actual for 2014

Project Code	Project Name	2015		Variance Positive (Negative)	2014 Actual
		LACMTA Budget	Actual		
210-09	Pedestrian Crosswalk Beacons (9434)	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -	16,194
270-10	Intelligent Transit System Study - 91/605				
	Corridor Phase II	30,000	22,010	7,990	27,000
270-12	Corridor Study (Phase V)	40,000	36,256	3,744	39,000
370-01	Railroad Crossing Pavement Lights (9533)	125,000	-	125,000	-
440-23	Arterial Street Resurfacing (9331)	-	-	-	25,598
440-24	Arterial Street Resurfacing	-	-	-	507,302
440-25	Gardendale Street Improvements (9433)	18,750	-	18,750	-
440-26	Orange Parkway Improvements (9532)	150,000	-	150,000	-
440-27	Arterial Street Resurfacing (9230)	1,020,000	525,082	494,918	-
450-01	Garfield Avenue Restriping (9436)	75,000	-	75,000	-
480-06	Prop C Administration	115,000	103,502	11,498	123,019
	Total expenditures	\$ 1,573,750	\$ 686,850	\$ 886,900	\$ 738,113

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City of Paramount
Proposition C Local Return Fund
Supplementary Information
Schedule of Capital Assets
Year ended June 30, 2015

<u>Date Acquired</u>	<u>Description</u>	<u>Balance July 1, 2014</u>	<u>Additions</u>	<u>Deletions</u>	<u>Balance June 30, 2015</u>
None		\$ -	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -
	Total	<u>\$ -</u>	<u>\$ -</u>	<u>\$ -</u>	<u>\$ -</u>

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**City of Paramount
Measure R Local Return Fund
Balance Sheets**

		June 30	
		2015	2014
ASSETS			
Cash and investments	\$	329,686	\$ 288,580
Interest receivable		176	125
Total assets	\$	329,862	\$ 288,705
LIABILITIES AND FUND BALANCE			
Liabilities			
Accounts payable	\$	153,842	\$ -
Total liabilities		153,842	-
Fund balance			
Restricted		176,020	288,705
Total fund balance		176,020	288,705
Total liabilities and fund balance	\$	329,862	\$ 288,705

See notes to financial statements.

City of Paramount
Measure R Local Return Fund

Statements of Revenues, Expenditures and Changes in Fund Balance

		Years ended June 30	
		2015	2014
Revenues			
Measure R	\$	601,116	\$ 573,882
Investment income		583	492
Total revenues		601,699	574,374
Expenditures			
Various projects		714,384	430,637
Total expenditures		714,384	430,637
Excess (deficiency) of revenues over expenditures		(112,685)	143,737
Fund balance at beginning of year		288,705	144,968
Fund balance at end of year	\$	176,020	\$ 288,705

See notes to financial statements.

City of Paramount
Measure R Local Return Fund
Supplementary Information
Schedule of Expenditures – Actual and LACMTA Approved Project Budget
Year ended June 30, 2015
Actual for 2014

Project Code	Project Name	2015			2014 Actual
		LACMTA Budget	Actual	Variance Positive (Negative)	
01-005	Resurfacing Improvements on Various Neighborhood Streets (9431)	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -	\$ 370,000
01-006	Resurfacing Improvements on Various Arterial Street	180,000	153,843	26,157	-
01-007	Resurfacing Improvements on Various Neighborhood Streets	450,000	493,543	(43,543)	-
08-004	Fund Administration	75,000	66,998	8,002	60,637
Total expenditures		\$ 705,000	\$ 714,384	\$ (9,384)	\$ 430,637

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City of Paramount
Measure R Local Return Fund
Supplementary Information
Schedule of Capital Assets
Year ended June 30, 2015

<u>Date Acquired</u>	<u>Description</u>	<u>Balance July 1, 2014</u>	<u>Additions</u>	<u>Deletions</u>	<u>Balance June 30, 2015</u>
None		\$ -	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -
	Total	<u>\$ -</u>	<u>\$ -</u>	<u>\$ -</u>	<u>\$ -</u>

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City of Paramount
Transportation Development Act Article 3 Fund
Balance Sheets
Pursuant to Public Utilities Code Section 99234

		June 30	
		2015	2014
ASSETS			
Cash and investments	\$	-	\$ 13,680
Interest receivable		-	9
	Total assets \$	-	\$ 13,689
LIABILITIES AND FUND BALANCE			
Liabilities			
Accounts payable	\$	-	\$ 13,689
	Total liabilities	-	\$ 13,689
Fund balance			
Restricted		-	-
	Total fund balance	-	-
	Total liabilities and fund balance \$	-	\$ 13,689

See notes to financial statements.

City of Paramount
 Transportation Development Act Article 3 Fund
Statements of Revenues, Expenditures and Changes in Fund Balance
 Pursuant to Public Utilities Code Section 99234

	Years ended June 30	
	2015	2014
Revenues		
Intergovernmental allocations:		
Article 3	\$ 36,055	\$ 44,268
Investment income	-	28
Total revenues	36,055	44,296
Expenditures		
Construction/maintenance	36,055	44,296
Total expenditures	36,055	44,296
Excess of revenues over expenditures	-	-
Fund balance at beginning of year	-	-
Fund balance at end of year	\$ -	\$ -

See notes to financial statements.

City of Paramount
Transportation Development Act Article 3 Fund
Supplementary Information
Schedule of Transportation Development Act Allocation for Specific Projects
Pursuant to Public Utilities Code Section 99234
Year ended June 30, 2015

Project Description	Program Year	Totals to Date		Unexpended Allocations	Project Status
		Allocations	Expenditures		
Local Allocations:					
Sidewalk repairs	2015	\$ 36,055	\$ 36,055	\$ -	Completed
Totals		<u>\$ 36,055</u>	<u>\$ 36,055</u>	-	
Fund balance at beginning of year				-	
Fund balance at end of year				<u>\$ -</u>	

See report of independent auditors.

NOTE 1 SUMMARY OF SIGNIFICANT ACCOUNTING POLICIES

Fund Accounting

The operations of the Proposition A Local Return Fund (PALRF), Proposition C Local Return Fund (PCLRF), Measure R Local Return Fund (MRLRF) and Transportation Development Act Article 3 Fund (TDAA3F) (collectively, the Funds) are accounted for in separate sets of self-balancing accounts that comprise their assets, liabilities, fund balance, revenues and expenditures.

PALRF and PCLRF represent 25% and 20%, respectively, of the ½ cent Proposition A and ½ cent Proposition C sales taxes which are distributed to the jurisdictions within Los Angeles County based on population and must be used exclusively for transportation related programs and projects.

MRLRF is derived from 15% of a county-wide ½ cent sales tax which is distributed to the jurisdictions within Los Angeles County based on a per capita basis and must be used exclusively for transportation purposes.

Transportation Development Act Article 3 Fund (TDAA3F) is pooled with other City monies in the Special Revenue Fund. The Special Revenue Fund accounts for the City's share of the Transportation Development Act Article 3 allocations which are legally restricted for specific purposes.

Basis of Accounting

PALRF, PCLRF, MRLRF and TDAA3F are accounted for using the modified accrual basis of accounting whereby revenues are recognized when they become both measurable and available to finance expenditures of the current period and expenditures are generally recognized when the related fund liabilities are incurred.

Budgets and Budgetary Accounting

The budgeted amounts presented in this report for comparison to the actual amounts are presented in accordance with accounting principles generally accepted in the United States of America.

Unrealized Gain (Loss) on Investments

In accordance with GASB Statement No. 31, *Accounting and Financial Reporting for Certain Investments and External Investment Pools*, local governments are required to use fair value (instead of amortized costs) for financial reporting purposes. As a result of such implementation, the City recognizes the unrealized gain (loss) on investments.

NOTE 2 ANNUAL FINANCIAL STATEMENTS

The financial statements reflect only the financial position and results of operations of the PALRF, PCLRF, MRLRF and TDAA3F, and do not purport to, and do not present fairly the City's financial position as of June 30, 2015 and 2014, and the changes in its financial position for the years then ended in accordance with accounting principles generally accepted in the United States of America.

NOTE 3 PROPOSITION A AND PROPOSITION C LOCAL RETURN COMPLIANCE REQUIREMENTS

The Proposition A Ordinance requires that Local Return (LR) funds be used exclusively to benefit public transit. Expenditures related to fixed route and paratransit services, Transportation Demand Management, Transportation Systems Management and fare subsidy programs that exclusively benefit transit are all eligible uses of Proposition A LR funds. Proposition A LR funds may also be traded with other Jurisdictions in exchange for general or other funds.

The Proposition C Ordinance directs that LR funds also be used to benefit public transit, as described above, but provides an expanded list of eligible project expenditures including Congestion Management Programs, bikeways and bike lanes, street improvements supporting public transit service, and Pavement Management System projects. Proposition C LR funds cannot be traded.

In accordance with *Proposition A and Proposition C Local Return Program Guidelines*, funds received pursuant to these guidelines may only be used for Proposition A and Proposition C Local Return approved programs. See accompanying Compliance Matrix.

NOTE 4 MEASURE R LOCAL RETURN COMPLIANCE REQUIREMENTS

The Measure R Ordinance specifies that LR funds be used exclusively for transportation purposes.

In accordance with *Measure R Local Return Program Guidelines*, funds received pursuant to these guidelines may only be used for Measure R Local Return approved programs. See accompanying Compliance Matrix.

NOTE 5 TRANSPORTATION DEVELOPMENT ACT COMPLIANCE REQUIREMENTS

In accordance with *Public Utilities Code Section 99234*, funds received pursuant to this Code's section may only be used for activities relating to pedestrians and bicycle facilities. See accompanying Compliance Matrix.

NOTE 6 CASH AND INVESTMENTS

The PALRF, PCLRF, MRLRF and TDAA3F cash and investment balances were pooled with various other City funds for deposit and investment purposes. The share of each fund in the pooled cash account was separately maintained and interest income was apportioned to the participating funds based on the relationship of their average monthly balances to the total of the pooled cash and investments.

Please refer to the City's Comprehensive Annual Financial Report (CAFR) for a full description of risks relating to cash and investments.

NOTE 7 PROJECT GENERATED REVENUE

Project generated revenue under PALRF for the years ended June 30, 2015 and 2014 consisted of the following:

	2015		2014
Shuttle fares	\$ 98,573	\$	97,772
Taxi vouchers	4,915		4,656
College transit	4,090		4,133
	\$ 107,578	\$	106,561

NOTE 8 TRANSPORTATION DEVELOPMENT ACT ARTICLE 3 FUND REVENUE ALLOCATION

The revenue allocation for the years ended June 30, 2015 and 2014 consisted of the following:

	2015		2014
FY 2013/14 allocation	\$ -	\$	44,268
FY 2014/15 allocation	36,055		-
	\$ 36,055	\$	44,268

NOTE 9 TRANSPORTATION DEVELOPMENT ACT ARTICLE 3 FUNDS RESERVED

In accordance with TDA Article 3 (SB821) Guidelines, funds which will not be spent during the fiscal year have been placed on reserve in the Local Transportation Fund (LTF) account with the County Auditor-Controller to be drawn down whenever the funds become eligible for a specific project and an approved drawdown request is received by LACMTA.

For FY 2014/15, any TDA Article 3 funds left on reserve for FY 2010/11 or prior, are subject to lapse if not claimed by the City by June 30, 2015. There were no funds that lapsed in FY 2014/15. As of June 30, 2015 and 2014, the City has no funds on reserve.

NOTE 10 SUBSEQUENT EVENTS

The City has evaluated subsequent events through December 16, 2015, the date the financial statements were available to be issued, and concluded that no events have occurred that require disclosure in or adjustments to the financial statements.

**Report of Independent Auditors on Internal Control over Financial Reporting and
on Compliance and Other Matters Based on an Audit of Financial Statements
Performed in Accordance With *Government Auditing Standards***

**To the Honorable Members of the City Council of the
City of Paramount, California and the
Los Angeles County Metropolitan Transportation Authority**

We have audited, in accordance with the auditing standards generally accepted in the United States of America and the standards applicable to financial audits contained in *Government Auditing Standards* issued by the Comptroller General of the United States, the financial statements of the Proposition A Local Return Fund, the Proposition C Local Return Fund, the Measure R Local Return Fund and the Transportation Development Act Article 3 Fund (collectively, the Funds) of the City of Paramount, California (the City) as of and for the year ended June 30, 2015, and the related notes to the financial statements, and have issued our report thereon dated December 16, 2015.

Internal Control over Financial Reporting

In planning and performing our audits of the Funds' financial statements, we considered the City's internal control over financial reporting (internal control) to determine the audit procedures that are appropriate in the circumstances for the purpose of expressing our opinions on the Funds' financial statements, but not for the purpose of expressing an opinion on the effectiveness of the City's internal control. Accordingly, we do not express an opinion on the effectiveness of the City's internal control.

A *deficiency in internal control* exists when the design or operation of a control does not allow management or employees, in the normal course of performing their assigned functions, to prevent, or detect and correct, misstatements on a timely basis. A *material weakness* is a deficiency, or a combination of deficiencies, in internal control, such that there is a reasonable possibility that a material misstatement of the entity's financial statements will not be prevented, or detected and corrected on a timely basis. A *significant deficiency* is a deficiency, or a combination of deficiencies, in internal control that is less severe than a material weakness, yet important enough to merit attention by those charged with governance.

Our consideration of internal control was for the limited purpose described in the first paragraph of this section and was not designed to identify all deficiencies in internal control that might be material weaknesses or significant deficiencies. Given these limitations, during our audits we did not identify any deficiencies in internal control that we consider to be material weaknesses. However, material weaknesses may exist that have not been identified.



Compliance and Other Matters

As part of obtaining reasonable assurance about whether the City's Proposition A Local Return Fund, Proposition C Local Return Fund, Measure R Local Return Fund and Transportation Development Act Article 3 Fund financial statements are free from material misstatement, we performed tests of its compliance with certain provisions of laws, regulations, contracts, and grant agreements, noncompliance with which could have a direct and material effect on the determination of financial statement amounts. However, providing an opinion on compliance with those provisions was not an objective of our audits, and accordingly, we do not express such an opinion. The results of our tests disclosed no instances of noncompliance or other matters that are required to be reported under *Government Auditing Standards*.

Purpose of this Report

The purpose of this report is solely to describe the scope of our testing of internal control and compliance and the results of that testing, and not to provide an opinion on the effectiveness of the entity's internal control or on compliance. This report is an integral part of an audit performed in accordance with *Government Auditing Standards* in considering the entity's internal control and compliance. Accordingly, this communication is not suitable for any other purpose.

A handwritten signature in black ink that reads "Vaqueria & Company LLP". The signature is written in a cursive, flowing style.

Los Angeles, California
December 16, 2015

COMPLIANCE SECTION

Report of Independent Auditors on Compliance

To the Honorable Members of the City Council of the City of Paramount, California and the Los Angeles County Metropolitan Transportation Authority

Report on Compliance

We have audited the compliance of the City of Paramount, California (the City) with the Proposition A and Proposition C Local Return Guidelines, Measure R Local Return Guidelines, Transportation Development Act Article 3, and the Los Angeles County Metropolitan Transportation Authority's Funding and Allocation Guidelines for Transportation Development Act Article 3 Bicycle and Pedestrian Funds (collectively, the Guidelines) for the year ended June 30, 2015.

Management's Responsibility

Management is responsible for the City's compliance with the Guidelines.

Auditors' Responsibility

Our responsibility is to express an opinion on the City's compliance based on our audit. We conducted our audit of compliance in accordance with the auditing standards generally accepted in the United States of America; the standards applicable to financial audits contained in *Government Auditing Standards*, issued by the Comptroller General of the United States; and the Guidelines. Those standards and the Guidelines require that we plan and perform the audit to obtain reasonable assurance about whether noncompliance with the compliance requirements referred to above that could have a direct and material effect on the Proposition A Local Return Program, Proposition C Local Return Program, Measure R Local Return Program, and Transportation Development Act Article 3 Program occurred. An audit includes examining, on a test basis, evidence about the City's compliance with those requirements and performing such other procedures as we considered necessary in the circumstances.

We believe that our audit provides a reasonable basis for our opinion on compliance with the Guidelines. However, our audit does not provide a legal determination of the City's compliance with the Guidelines.

Opinion

In our opinion, the City of Paramount, California complied, in all material respects, with the compliance requirements of the Guidelines for the year ended June 30, 2015.



Report on Internal Control over Compliance

Management of the City is responsible for establishing and maintaining effective internal control over compliance with the compliance requirements referred to above. In planning and performing our audit of compliance, we considered the City's internal control over compliance to determine the auditing procedures that are appropriate in the circumstances for the purpose of expressing an opinion on compliance, but not for the purpose of expressing an opinion on the effectiveness of internal control over compliance. Accordingly, we do not express an opinion on the effectiveness of the City's internal control over compliance.

A deficiency in internal control over compliance exists when the design or operation of a control over compliance does not allow management or employees, in the normal course of performing their assigned functions, to prevent, or detect and correct, noncompliance on a timely basis. A *material weakness in internal control over compliance* is a deficiency, or a combination of deficiencies, in internal control over compliance, such that there is a reasonable possibility that material noncompliance will not be prevented, or detected and corrected, on a timely basis. A *significant deficiency in internal control over compliance* is a deficiency, or a combination of deficiencies, in internal control over compliance that is less severe than a material weakness in internal control over compliance, yet important enough to merit attention by those charged with governance.

Our consideration of internal control over compliance was for the limited purpose described in the first paragraph of this section and was not designed to identify all deficiencies in internal control over compliance that might be material weaknesses or significant deficiencies. We did not identify any deficiencies in internal control over compliance that we consider to be material weaknesses. However, material weaknesses or significant deficiencies may exist that have not been identified.

The purpose of this report on internal control over compliance is solely to describe the scope of our testing of internal control over compliance and the results of that testing based on the requirements of the Guidelines. Accordingly, this report is not suitable for any other purpose.

A handwritten signature in black ink that reads "Vaqueria & Company LLP".

Los Angeles, California
December 16, 2015

**City of Paramount
Compliance Matrix
Year ended June 30, 2015**

Compliance Requirements	In Compliance		Questioned Costs	If no, provide details and management response.
	Yes	No		
A. Proposition A and Proposition C Local Return Funds				
1. Timely use of funds.	X		None	
2. Expenditures approved before being incurred.	X		None	
3. Expenditures did not exceed 25% of LACMTA's approved budget.	X		None	
4. Administrative expenses are within the 20% cap.	X		None	
5. All on-going and carryover projects were reported on Form B.	X		None	
6. Annual Project Summary Report (Form B) was submitted on time.	X		None	
7. Annual Expenditure Report (Form C) was submitted on time.	X		None	
8. Cash or cash equivalents are maintained.	X		None	
9. Accounting procedures, record keeping and documentation are adequate.	X		None	
B. Measure R Local Return Fund				
1. Funds were expended for transportation purposes.	X		None	
2. Funds were used to augment, not supplant, existing local revenues being used for transportation purposes unless there is a funding shortfall.	X		None	
3. Signed Assurances and Understandings on file.	X		None	
4. Separate Measure R Local Return Account was established.	X		None	
5. Revenues received including allocations, project generated revenues and interest income was properly credited to the Measure R Local Return Account.	X		None	

**City of Paramount
Compliance Matrix
Year ended June 30, 2015**

Compliance Requirements	In Compliance		Questioned Costs	If no, provide details and management response.
	Yes	No		
B. Measure R Local Return Fund (Continued)				
6. Funds were expended with LACMTA's approval.	X		None	
7. Expenditure Plan (Form One) was submitted on time.	X		None	
8. Expenditure Report (Form Two) was submitted on time.	X		None	
9. Timely use of funds.	X		None	
10. Administrative expenses are within the 20% cap.	X		None	
11. Fund exchanges were approved by LACMTA.				Not applicable.
12. A separate account was established for Capital reserve funds and Capital reserve was approved by LACMTA.				Not applicable.
13. Recreational transit form was submitted on time.				Not applicable.
C. Transportation Development Act Article 3 Fund				
1. Timely use of funds.	X		None	
2. Expenditures were incurred for activities relating to pedestrian and bicycle facilities and amenities.	X		None	

EXIT CONFERENCE

An exit conference was held on December 16, 2015 with a City of Paramount representative. Those in attendance were:

Vasquez and Company LLP representatives:
Marialyn Salvador – Audit Manager
Cynthia Villamin – Audit Supervisor

City of Paramount representative:
Clyde Alexander – Senior Accountant
Karina Lam Liu – Finance Director

Matters discussed:

Results of the audit disclosed no significant compliance or financial statement issues.

A copy of this report was forwarded to the following City of Paramount representatives for comments prior to the issuance of the final report:

Karina Lam Liu – Finance Director
Clyde Alexander – Senior Accountant



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