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Mayor Emma Sharif (esharif@comptoncity.org) and Members of the Compton City Council *(Submitted by Email)*
City of Compton
205 S. Willowbrook Avenue
Compton, CA 90220

RE: Opposition to General Plan Amendment 23-001 / Zoning Text Amendment 25-001 for 9/15/2026 Vote

Dear Mayor Sharif and Members of the City Council:

Advanced metal manufacturing jobs in Compton are the only path to the middle-class for many residents. With wages averaging $80,000/year, plus health care benefits, advanced metal manufacturing provides generational upward mobility. The California Metals Coalition (CMC) is the state's largest trade association serving the advanced metal manufacturing sector. Statewide this sector employs over 350,000 workers, including many in Compton.

CMC, and its members, were only made aware of Compton's proposed changes to the City's General Plan and zoning last month. CMC member companies with business licenses in Compton receive ongoing notices from the city, but did not receive written notice of these proposed zoning activities.

We deserve a clear understanding of why we were not engaged, and why those most directly affected did not have a meaningful opportunity to participate. Over the last two weeks, our office has left voice messages and sent emails to the Compton Planning Department that were never returned.

The city of Compton will vote on September 15th on proposed zoning decisions that will result in the elimination of advanced metal manufacturing companies that have prospered for decades. Compton fathers, mothers, second generation, and even third generation residents will lose their jobs.

CMC asks the Mayor and City Council to **VOTE NO** against the Compton 2045 proposal on September 15th. Please direct staff to have a transparent and open dialogue with the impacted advanced metal companies in Compton. Your decision, and city staff, will be deciding our fate.

Sincerely,

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