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Compton Mayor Emma Sharif and Members of the City Council
205 S. Willowbrook Ave.
Compton, CA 90220

Dear Mayor Sharif and Councilmembers of the City of Compton,

I'm proud to be fighting for strong cities and good-paying careers in the California Legislature. I was elected to speak thoughtfully on behalf of all my constituents in California's 65th Assembly District, including all of the people within Compton, and ask that the City exercise caution as it prepares to consider new zoning regulations that would restrict the operation of heavy metal manufacturing within the Compton limits. While I am aware that the City of Compton certainly retains its right to regulate and restrict business operations within its own borders, I share many of the concerns about this process that have been expressed by the California Metals Coalition, a statewide group.

As you know, following the consideration of a rezoning before the Planning Commission, the City of Compton recently announced that it would consider making changes to portions of Compton where heavy manufacturing presently provides many steady jobs and local tax revenue. City action could be taken as soon as Tuesday, September 15. Respectfully, my position is that a postponement of the decision to a future meeting date would give local businesses an opportunity to meet with the city, and that deferring a decision until after a meeting has taken place would be the best course of action. I consider it important for the City of Compton to hear more from as many stakeholders as possible about the potential impacts that might take place because of motion such as this, including negative impositions on businesses who oppose the rezoning because it might force the closure of their sites.

I welcome any role I may play in facilitating a collaborative and productive process to balance Compton's local control and the preservation of businesses. Please contact District Director Maya Douglas at (562) 252-0865 with questions regarding my position. Thank you for your consideration.

Sincerely,

MIKE A. GIPSON
Assemblymember, 65th District (CA)