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**VIA E-MAIL AND FIRST CLASS MAIL**

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Re: **City of Garden Grove Willowick Golf Course**

Dear Ms. Sukhija-Cohen:

I am in receipt of your October 7, 2019 correspondence and the petition filed against the City of Garden Grove seeking to enjoin the City from selling the Willowick Golf Course. As stated in the City's previous correspondence, the Surplus Land Act currently only applies to "land ... that is determined to be no longer necessary for the agency's use." (Gov't Code § 54221(b)). The Act does not currently require that a city first declare land "surplus" in order to dispose of it. Government Code § 37350 otherwise gives cities broad authority to dispose of their real property. Your claims to the contrary are without basis under the current law.

To further reiterate from our previous correspondence, City staff is not in a position to make a recommendation to the City Council regarding the proposals it has received for disposition of the Golf Course. Your letter indicates that action could be taken on this matter by October 14, 2019. This is not the case. In the City's previous correspondence, we indicated that staff would need at least four (4) more weeks to finish reviewing the proposals, but we did not indicate when that review would translate into a recommendation for action to the City Council. No such recommendation or action by the City Council is imminent.

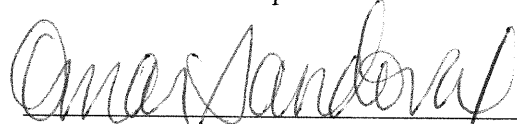
Indeed, the date for any action by the City Council is now indefinitely on hold given the Legislature's recent passage of AB 1486. This bill would substantially amend the Surplus Land Act. If signed by the Governor, the Act would require cities to declare land either "surplus land" or "exempt surplus land" before disposing of that land. This amendment will apply to all future dispositions, unless a city has entered into a contract for disposition prior to September 30, 2019, or the property is sold prior to January 1, 2020. This is a fundamental change in the Surplus Land Act. As you know, the City did not enter into a contract for disposition of the Golf Course prior to September 30, 2019, and as stated above, the Council will not consider any disposition prior to January 1, 2020. Thus, if AB 1486 becomes law, the City will comply with its new requirements. Further, if it becomes law, AB 1486 will also render the petition moot.

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For the foregoing reasons, there is no basis for your client to seek injunctive relief.

Respectfully,

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A handwritten signature in cursive script, reading "Omar Sandoval", written over a horizontal line.

OMAR SANDOVAL  
Garden Grove City Attorney

cc: Scott C. Stiles, City Manager  
Lisa Kim, Assist. City Manager/Economic & Community Dev. Dir.