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January 21, 2010

Mr. Murray Nelson
Upper Hurstville Security District
1104 Webster Street
New Orleans, Louisiana 70118

Dear Mr. Nelson:

Provided within are the details of the recent denial of the Upper Hurstville Security District request for approval from the State Bond Commission (SBC) to call an election to continue your security fee. And, to explain instructions provided by the State Bond Commission in order to call an election prior to the expiration of your fee on December 31, 2010.

October 15, 2009, the first submission of resolutions was made to the City Council for their approval to call an election.

October 23, 2009, the certified resolution was forwarded to the State Bond Commission with application for approval.

Approximately two days later, notification from the Bond Commission was received that there were technical errors contained within the resolutions and corrections with Council re-certification were required.

Corrections were made and reviewed by the City Attorney's office with subsequent submission to the City Council (November 5, 2009) in anticipation of the SBC's November 17, 2009 meeting for the November 6, 2009 meeting for the February 6, 2010 election.

The re-certified resolution was hand delivered on November 11, 2009 to the SBC.

Approximately two days later, the SBC notified the City that estimates of revenue expected to be generated from the fees or millages would have to be included in the resolutions. Unfortunately, there was not going to be another City Council Meeting in time to re-certify the resolutions prior to the SBC's November 17, 2009 meeting. We explained the dilemma to the staff of the SBC and were told verbally the resolutions could be considered for the March 6, 2010 election.



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We continued, based on the advice of the SBC staff to make corrections and re-certify the resolutions with a target of gaining approval for the March 6, 2010 election.

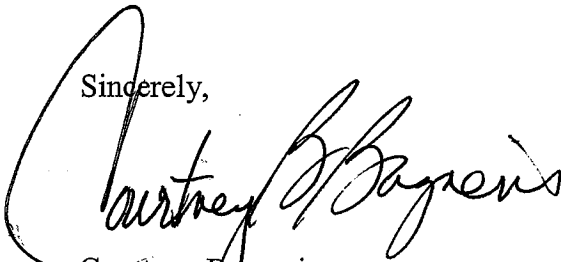
We were later notified by the SBC that because your district stipulates in its enacting legislation that the renewal of the fee must be done on a mayoral primary, the State Legislature would have to amend your legislation to allow the renewal to be voted upon at any general election. This would allow your district to gain SBC approval and voted upon before year end and prevent interruption of the Upper Hurstville Security District fee.

We have sought every possible avenue to resolve the matter in another manner; however, the SBC has confirmed that these are the only steps that can be taken to ensure there will not be an interruption of your fee.

Please understand that I will work with you and your members to correct this matter to the satisfaction of the residents of the Upper Hurstville Security District.

Should you need any additional information, please do not hesitate to contact me at 504-658-8630.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in black ink that reads "Courtney Bagneris". The signature is written in a cursive style with a large, looping initial "C".

Courtney Bagneris
Asst. Chief Administrative Officer

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Cc: Brenda G. Hatfield, Ph.D.
Hon. Shelley Midura