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Honorable Alita Godwin, City Clerk
205 S. Willowbrook
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RE: Use of Council Chambers – Community Candidate Forum

Madam City Clerk,

This writing is to request an agenda item for the Compton Chamber of Commerce to use the Council Chambers on Saturday, March 16, 2019 from 10am to 4pm. An immediate agenda item is requested, so that Candidates may be contacted, and the appropriate advertising and preparation is set in order.

As you are aware, there are two District seats open (District 1 and District 4) beginning July 1, 2019. The election for these districts is scheduled for April, 2019.

The Compton Chamber of Commerce, in past years, have presented the Candidates vying for the respective seats to the community via the conduit of Candidate Forums.

As an organization whose mission is to advocate for business and economic development, the Compton Chamber of Commerce has a keen interest in knowing what is happening in government. But it goes deeper. The Chamber is made up of citizens who live and work in the area. This is their home; and as such, our members want to know who their elected officials are and where they stand on issues that affect us all.

Candidate Forums are obligatory ventures of all Chambers; and have been a part of the history of the City and Chamber since its inception. The Compton Chamber have utilized the Council Chambers to ensure that all stakeholders (businesses, residents, property owners, and others) are informed as to the Candidates' identity, platform, and service to the community.

As such, the Compton Chamber utilizes the Council Chamber so that all stakeholders will be allowed to view ALL candidates either live or through recorded means.

Your prompt assistance in getting this item placed on the agenda is greatly appreciated.

Serving,
Dr. Lestean M. Johnson, President
Compton Chamber of Commerce