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**Subject:** Supporting Vice Mayor Andrews's proposal to providing fund to Cambodia Town, Inc.

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Good evening Mayor Garcia, Vice-Mayor Andrews, Councilmembers, city staff,

My name is Sithea San. I am the chairman of Cambodia Town, Inc. Our office is located at 2201 E. Anaheim St. in Long Beach.

I am here to speak in support of Vice-**Mayor Andrews' proposal to provide funding** in the amount of \$10,000 to Cambodia Town, Inc.

We are enormously appreciative to the vice-mayor for his continuing support to the Cambodian community. The funding will be a big help to us in fulfilling our mission which is

**Cambodia Town, Inc.'s mission is to advance the social and economic well-being of low and moderate income individuals in Long Beach by improving health access, revitalizing the neighborhood, promoting local businesses and educating the youth. CTI prioritizes the use of Cambodian culture, customs and traditions to accomplish these goals.**

2020 has been a tragic year because the COVID pandemic has caused tremendous loss to the community in terms of economic and community health, physical as well as mental health. As a nonprofit organization with no paid staff, Cambodia Town, Inc. is facing an uphill challenge in raising funds while the needs of the community are multiplying daily.

90% of our funding is used in the programs for the benefit of the local community that includes a population of diverse ethnicity, cultures and national origins.

This year we are proud to the following major accomplishments:

- 1) The Cambodia Town Relief Fund to help businesses that were affected by the civil unrest
- 2) The virtual edition of the Annual Cambodia Town Parade and Culture Festival, that raised worldwide recognition for the talents of local artists, and for Long Beach City

3) The partnership with Pacific Asian Counseling Services to provide mental health services during the pandemic

Again, on behalf of Cambodia Town, Inc. I would like to thank Vice-Mayor Andrews for being a strong champion for our community, starting in early 1980s when the first wave of Cambodian refugees arrived in Long Beach, with his fight for inclusion and equality for the Cambodian students at Wilson High School, and continuing today with his proposed funding to continue the programs that are critical to our community.

I wish you all the bests.

Thank you

Sithea San  
Chairman  
Cambodia Town, Inc.